

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District held on Friday, 02 October 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor P Ward (Cathaoirleach), Councillors T Durkan, A Farrelly, A Feeney, P Hamilton, N Ó Cearúil, B Weld and B Wyse.

Apologies: Councillors P McEvoy and D Fitzpatrick.

**Officials Present:** Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr S Aylward (District Engineer), Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr B O’Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms AM Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms O Talbot (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

**CM01/1020**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The Cathaoirleach conveyed Councillor McEvoy’s and Councillor Fitzpatrick’s apologies as they were unable to attend the meeting that day and stated Councillor Fitzpatrick’s motions and questions listed on the agenda would fall. He stated that Councillor McEvoy had given permission in writing for Councillor Weld to move his motions on his behalf.

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 04 September 2020 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District and minutes of the annual meeting held on Friday, 04 September 2020 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**CM02/1020**  
**Matters Arising**

**CM34/0920**

**Invitation to Kildare County Childcare Committee**

Councillor Feeney stated that Ms McNamara, Chief Executive Officer, Kildare County Childcare Committee could not attend to give a presentation to the members as she did not have updated information from Pobal. She asked if a copy of the invitation issued to Ms McNamara could be forwarded to Pobal in order that the members could receive up to date information on the provision of childcare facilities throughout the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. It was agreed by all members present that a copy of the invitation issued to Ms McNamara be forwarded to Pobal.

**CM07/0920 CM12/0720 CM16/0720**

**Footpath and Cycle Lanes - Celbridge Road**

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update on the design for the footpath and cycle lanes on the Celbridge Road.

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- Mr McCormack in the Traffic Section was dealing with the matter.
- A consultant had been appointed the previous day.
- It was hoped to have a design by the end of Quarter 4, 2020.

**CM22/0720 Double Yellow Lines and Stop Lines, Lawrence Avenue**

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update in relation to the installation of double yellow lines and stop lines on Lawrence Avenue.

The following points were raised by the members:

- If the design work was progressed by November what was the next step.
- What was the latest update in relation to Beaufield and Newtown Road.

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- The council were waiting on the National Transport Authority (NTA) to approve the proposals for Lawrence Avenue.
- The Traffic Section would be working on designs for Beaufield and Newtown Road.
- Proposals for lining work to be carried out in Maynooth had been sent to the NTA the previous Thursday and the council was waiting approval from them.

**CM07/0720**

**Relocation of Bus Stop South-East of Windmill Cross, Derrinturn**

Councillor Wyse asked if there was any update in relation to relocating the bus stop in Derrinturn. The District Engineer stated that Mr McCormack in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department was dealing with the matter but as far as he was aware the relocation of the bus stop had been approved.

**CM07/0320 CM02/0720**

**Cois na Móna Estate**

Councillor Farrelly welcomed the report stating that the Cois na Mona Estate had been included on the 2021 list of estates for progressing to taking in charge status and he thanked the Development Control Section for same.

**CM03/1020**

**Municipal District Road Works**

The District Engineer stated a report had been circulated to the members providing an update on works which had been undertaken prior to and since their September meeting and also details of future planned works.

**CM04/1020**

**Newtown Hall, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council outline what procedures and processes the residents of Newtown Hall, Maynooth can take, legal or otherwise, and what supports are available from the council to achieve a satisfactory completion of the significant work still outstanding in this estate?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council could not proffer legal advice to the residents. The taking in charge legislation was set out in Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993. However, there was no timeframe in the legislation by which the developer must have the site development works completed to a taking in charge standard. The Development Control Officer of Kildare County Council continued to proactively engage with the developer to achieve the aim of completing the estate to a taking in charge standard. The completion of Newtown Hall, Maynooth remained the responsibility of the developer.

The report was noted.

**CM05/1020**

**Section 38 Proposed Improvement Works/Shuttle System, Butterstream Bridge**

The members considered under the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 Proposed Improvement Works/Shuttle System at Butterstream Bridge on the Millicent Road, Clane, Co. Kildare.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present that the Section 38 Proposed Improvement Works/Shuttle System at Butterstream Bridge on the Millicent Road, Clane, Co. Kildare be approved.

**CM06/1020**

**Parking Bye-Laws for Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the Parking Bye-Laws for Maynooth be re-examined with input from residents and businesses.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the making or review of a Parking Bye-Law was a statutory public consultation process under S36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 where a Draft for Parking Bye-Laws was placed on public display for a minimum period of 4 weeks with an additional 2 weeks for submissions. Any member of the public, including residents and businesses were entitled to make a submission on the Draft Parking Bye-Laws. All submissions were considered by the elected members and it was the elected members who adopted the Parking Bye-Laws based on consideration of all submissions and reports. Parking Bye-Laws would be reviewed in accordance with priority and date of adoption or commencement of the last Parking Bye-Laws, depending on limited resources and finances.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was suggested the Parking Bye-Laws for Maynooth be reviewed to ensure the current Bye-Laws were fit for purpose for Maynooth.
- Residents who did not own a car currently had no parking permits and there were no exceptions for elderly residents' relatives visiting them.
- Should the pay parking finish at 5:00p.m instead of 6:00 p.m.?
- Was pay parking on Saturdays good for businesses?
- It was agreed by all members present that a review of the Parking Bye-Laws for Maynooth be carried out.

The District Manager stated that it was not possible to carry out a review for a part of a Bye-Law and it was a lengthy process but stated she would ask the Parking Section to look into it.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Gearúil, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present that the report be noted and a review of the Parking Bye-Laws for Maynooth be carried out and the District Manager to convey the members comments to the Parking Section.

### **CM07/1020**

#### **Yellow Box at Churchview Lawns**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council install a yellow box outside Churchview Lawns in Prosperous.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the introduction of yellow box areas was limited to locations where traffic flow through junctions was affected, for example if traffic coming from the junction turning right was causing a back up through the junction and consequently preventing flow through the junction. They were not provided to allow egress/access to a housing estate except where queuing traffic caused excessive delays. This location had been observed on numerous occasions at differing times and no issue with traffic accessing or egressing the housing estate was observed. The introduction of a yellow box at this location was unwarranted.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was requested that a formal assessment be carried out given the fact that the residents felt a yellow box outside Churchview Lawns was warranted.
- Was there a yellow box at the location previously?

The District Engineer confirmed the following:

- A review of road lining and signage procedures was currently being reviewed by the council.
- The Municipal District Office had assessed the location and the introduction of a yellow box was unwarranted.
- The purpose of a yellow box was to help with traffic movement on regional roads and they were not provided to solely allow entrance/exit to housing estates.
- Consistency nationally in relation to road signage policy was required and it was best practice that the council ensured that policy was consistent countywide.

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

#### **CM08/1020**

##### **Speed Limit Signs on the L5053**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council move the speed limit signs on the L5053 which links the R148 at Pikes Bridge to the R405 Celbridge Road as follows: move the signs further down the road from the Ballygoran side and to the other side of the bridge to improve visibility and safety.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that speed limit signs were located at the transition zone between speed limits. Their locations were determined by the Speed Limit Bye-Laws. The movement of the signs as proposed would not comply with the Bye-Laws. Kildare County Council was currently carrying out a County Speed Limit Review which was the legal process for the adopting of speed limits and as part of this process the council was reviewing the L5053 which linked the R148 at Pikes

Bridge to the R405 Cellbridge Road. The location of the speed limit signage on the L5053 was satisfactory.

Councillor Feeney welcomed the report and stated that the section of road referred to was very dangerous.

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

### **CM09/1020**

#### **Flashing Orange Right Turn Arrow at Meadowbrook – Straffan Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council install a flashing orange right turn arrow at the Meadowbrook-Straffan Road traffic lights in Maynooth to indicate to motorists that they can proceed when there is no on-coming traffic.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a 6-aspect signal head controlled the right turn movement from the Straffan Road onto the Meadowbrook Link Road – this meant that this movement was fully controlled i.e. road users could only proceed when they got a green signal. The reason why the traffic signal designers recommended this signal arrangement rather than a 5-aspect signal head (which allowed traffic to proceed right in gaps in traffic when it was safe to do so) was due to the presence of the bus turning bay – and opposing bus movements and also the distance right turners had to travel from the Straffan Road onto the Meadowbrook Road to clear the junction. A 6-aspect controlled movement was considered safer at this location. The Traffic Management Section would monitor and review the operation of the signals and this particular location.

Councillor Feeney welcomed the report and stated that any help to assist the traffic flow at this location was positive news.



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

### **CM10/1020**

#### **Cycle Lanes and Footpaths on the Moyglare Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the improved cycle lanes and footpaths on the Moyglare Road be marked to delineate between cycle lane and footpath.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Cycle Manual did not recommend the use of line marking on a shared facility to delineate between the 'walking side' and the 'cycling side' as it gave cyclists an incorrect sense of a dedicated cycle space. Even with good signage, pedestrians frequently disregard these lines and would walk or stand on the cycling side. The council, therefore, did not propose to introduce line markings on the new shared facility at Moyglare Road in Maynooth.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Numerous complaints had been received from the residents in relation to the dangers pedestrians were experiencing trying to dodge cyclists on the Moyglare Road.
- The situation would worsen with the opening of the two new schools on the Moyglare Road and it was requested that the council investigate the matter to see what works could be done.
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.

The District Engineer stated that he was aware of the situation and he would relay the member's comments to the Road's Design Section.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted, the District Engineer convey the member's comments to the Roads Design Section and this item remain on the progress report.

### **CM11/1020**

#### **Roads and Junctions at the Maynooth Education Campus**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton. That the council ensures all possible measures are taken to ensure roads and junctions in the vicinity of the Maynooth Education Campus are completed in advance of full campus opening.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section and the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office were liaising with the contractor and ARUP Consulting Engineers on the design and construction details on the works being carried out. A road safety audit stage 3 would be carried out on the completed works in day and night time hours.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Councillor Hamilton asked for the members support for the Roads, Planning Section and the Development Control Section to prioritise the completion of the Moyglare exit to the Maynooth Campus.
- 1,700 additional students travelling to the campus would increase the volume traffic.
- What impact would the connection of the Maynooth Orbital Route to the back of Moyglare Road have on the Maynooth Campus?

The District Engineer stated that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety were working with the planner in relation to access/exits of the Maynooth Education

Campus and stated he would ask the relevant team in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department for an update in relation to the connection of the Maynooth Orbital Route to the back of the Moyglare Road.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the report be noted and the District Engineer ask the relevant team in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department for an update in relation to the connection of the Maynooth Orbital Route to the back of the Moyglare Road.

#### **CM12/1020**

##### **Children at Play Signs St. Brigid's Terrace, Robertstown**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That 'Children at Play' signs be installed at appropriate locations in St. Brigid's Terrace, Robertstown.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Speed Limit Review was ongoing and would determine if the estate should have a speed limit of 30km/hr. If this was the case the introduction of slow zone signage would be required which included the Children at Play Signs.

Councillor Wyse stated that he hoped the Speed Limit Review would implement 30km/hr speed limit for housing estates.

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

**CM13/1020**

**Public Bus Stops on the R407**

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that Councillor McEvoy had given Councillor Weld permission to move his motion and all members agreed.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council approach the National Transport Authority (NTA) on the need for public bus stops on the R407 near the Business Park, Clane.

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 if the members were in agreement, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would make a written request to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to consider installing a bus stop at this location in consultation with licensed bus service providers.

It was agreed by all members present that the council write to the NTA asking them to consider installing bus stops on the R407 near the Business Park in Clane.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by all members present that the report be noted and the council write to the NTA asking them to consider installing bus stops on the R407 near the Business Park in Clane.

**CM14/1020**

**Junction of Penwell Lodge and the Courtown Road (R1125)**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council liaise/contact the relevant developer to progress the completion of the junction of Penwell Lodge and the Courtown Road (R1125), in particular the completion of the street lights, the removal of old traffic lights pillars and also to receive an update on what future works they plan to complete on Penwell Lodge.

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 Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section had contacted the developer, Glenveagh to get an update on the completion of the signalised works at the Penwall Lodge/Mollyware Street Junction, the installation of the MOVA loops and the removal of the existing pedestrian crossing at this location. Future works at Penwall Lodge would be completed by the developer, Glenveagh in accordance with their planning conditions. Kildare County Council had no plans or funding in place to carry out any additional works at Penwall Lodge.

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

### **CM15/1020**

#### **Traffic Calming and Access Measures at Ticknevin National School**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld. That the council give a timeline in relation to the proposals for traffic calming and access measures at Ticknevin National School.

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 the Municipal District Office had identified this location as requiring further investigation. It was envisaged that subject to available resources a proposal should be forthcoming in Quarter 1, 2021.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was disappointing that the proposed works would not now be forthcoming until Quarter 1, 2021.
- Had any progress been made with the fencing at the Ticknevin School?

The District Engineer stated that resources were currently occupied on NTA works which had to be carried out. He stated that the fencing at the school had been erected two weeks earlier.

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

### **CM16/1020**

#### **Weight Restrictions on the R415**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld. That the council confirm if there are weight restrictions on the R415 with particular reference to the two bridges i.e. Bond bridge (Derrymullen Bridge) and Skew Bridge.

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 there were no weight restrictions on these bridges.

The following points were raised by the members:

- A large volume of trucks were using the R415 i.e. via Bond Bridge and Skew Bridge.
- A number of houses were developing structural defects because of the impact of the super trucks on route to the dump.
- This part of road was previously subject to weight restrictions in the 1960's – when were the weight restrictions lifted?
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report and further investigations be carried out in relation to when the previous weight restrictions were lifted which were in place in 1960.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Wyse that the report be noted, further investigations be carried out in relation to when the previous weight restrictions were lifted which were in place in 1960 and this item to remain on the progress report.

**CM17/1020**

**Speeding on the Dublin Road, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm if it is aware of the persistent speeding on the Dublin Road, Maynooth and what measures it is taking to address this problem?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office was not aware of any issues of speeding on this section of road.

The report was noted.

**CM18/1020**

**Electronic Speed Tracker and/or ramps in Silken Vale Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council confirm if it has plans to revisit the possibility of installing an electronic speed tracker and/or ramps in Silken Vale Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue had been investigated previously and no intervention was warranted. The Municipal District Office would add this item to the list of locations requiring speed surveys. This would determine if any interventions were warranted.

The report was noted.

**CM19/1020**

**Speeding on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan. Can the council confirm what measures can be implemented to reduce speeding on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this section of roadway had a speed limit of 50km/hr with footpaths and kerbing installed, limiting the road width and there was a driver

feedback sign installed, all to discourage speeding. The Municipal District Office did not propose any further measures on this road. If there was a persistent issue it should be referred to An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

The report was noted.

#### **CM20/1020**

##### **Footpath from Newtown Village to the GAA Club**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan. Can the council confirm if a footpath from Newtown Village to the GAA club can be added to the National Transport Authority (NTA) project list?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the installation of a footpath and public lighting from Newtown Village to the GAA Club had been conditioned to be provided under Planning Permission 11/629. As the requested footpath was conditioned to be provided by the developer, it was not proposed to include this location for funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The report was noted.

#### **CM21/1020**

##### **Safety Measures at Clocha Rince National School**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the council confirm what is the projected timeline for completion of the safety measures at Clocha Rince National School, Clogherinkoe, which include the fixing of the special speed limit signs and new road markings?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a contractor had been appointed to renew the line marking with an anticipated completion date of the end of October 2020.

New periodic speed signage had been received and installation of same would be completed in due course.

The report was noted.



**CM22/1020**

**Speed Reduction Measures on New Road, Allenwood North**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
Can the council confirm if it has assessed the potential for signage or other speed reduction measures on the final 100 metres of New Road, Allenwood North, where this local road meets the R403?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office had looked at the road and the provision of requested measures was unwarranted.

The report was noted.

**CM23/1020**

**Issues at a Playground in a Housing Estate**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the council considers solutions for the ongoing issues at a playground in a housing estate in the municipal district (details provided).

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Kildare County Council's Housing Department operated a Tenancy Liaison Service to address breaches of tenancies. As the current issue related to actions in a public area it was as such a matter for the An Garda Síochána.

The District Manager stated that if Councillor Durkan provided her with full details of the issues in the playground/area she would relay the information to the relevant sections in the Housing and the Planning and Strategic Development Departments.  
**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and Councillor Durkan to provide full details of the issues to the District Manager to relay the information to the relevant sections in the Housing and the Planning and Strategic Development Departments.

**CM24/1020**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 28 be taken next. All the members agreed.

**Derrinturn Graveyard**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That the decision to designate a section of Derrinturn Graveyard as a Lawn Cemetery be reviewed, and public consultation with the local community take place as part of that review.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that when plans were being drawn up to extend the cemetery in Derrinturn to provide for an additional c.600 burial plots , environmental enhancements and associated works, it was on the basis that the extension would be a lawn cemetery. No distinction was made between different areas of the extension. These plans were publicly advertised at the time (August – September 2014), including notices in local press and radio, as part of a statutory Part 8 process and were adopted by council members in 2015. Public consultation formed part of this process. Subsequently, the council introduced Cemetery Bye-Laws (in 2018) which stipulated that, *“where any cemetery or part of a cemetery, has been provided and developed as a lawn type cemetery, no kerbstones/footstones of any description will be permitted under any circumstances.”*

Signage in the cemetery grounds at Derrinturn clearly outlined the conditions with regard to kerbstones etc in a lawn cemetery. With the cemetery extension in use, there was a requirement to act in compliance with the conditions of the scheme and Bye-Laws introduced by the council.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was asked if the Cemetery Bye-Laws could be reviewed/surveyed.

- The current Bye-Laws were working well and the majority of people favoured them so why change them.
- If Bye-Laws were made and adopted following public consultation and approved by the members they should not be surveyed/reviewed on foot of a minority request.
- It was very difficult to reverse the layout once a lawn cemetery was designed and in operation.
- It was felt that the people should be allowed to have their voice heard by way of a survey/review.
- The majority of the members were not in favour of a survey/review.

Mr O’Gorman stated that a lot of effort had gone into the making of the Cemetery Bye-laws in 2018 and stated lawn type cemeteries required less maintenance.

The Cathaoirleach asked Councillor Wyse if he wished to put his motion to the floor for a vote or if he wished to withdraw it. Councillor Wyse stated that he wished to withdraw his motion.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by all members present that the report be noted and the motion be withdrawn.

#### **CM25/1020**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 24 be taken next. All the members agreed.

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

Ms Hunted stated that a report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and asked if anyone had questions.

The following points were raised the members:

- The progression of work with Prosperous Town Park was great news and there was great excitement amongst the community.
- Reports of people entering the park site when it was closed was a concern.

- Was there any update in relation to installing an art piece in the park and getting the young people in the community involved in same?
- Are the installation of gates going ahead and what was the timeframe for them?
- Was there a timeframe for the Part 8 for Harbour Field?

Ms Hunt confirmed the following points:

- The Arts Officer had confirmed that the funding for the art piece was in place for Anne Street, Prosperous.
- The installation of gates would be going ahead in addition to all details as per the Part 8 for Prosperous Town Park.
- Gateways would be installed in Kilcock first and then Prosperous in 2021.
- In relation to the Part 8 for Harbour Field, the council were waiting for a letter of consent from Waterways Ireland.

#### **CM26/1020**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 25 be taken next. All the members agreed.

#### **Prosperous Town Park**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council prioritises the installation of wheelchair accessible equipment in the playground as part of the new Prosperous Town Park Development.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the approach taken by Kildare County Council in accordance with emerging local authority principles, was towards universal design with an emphasis on natural play, flexibility of use, and simple and intuitive use options. Kildare County Council was providing play elements which encouraged use by children of all abilities, and provided opportunities for all children to join in socially with others through a range of accessible play activities and

settings within the playground. The council was able to extend the playground area, due to the reduction in car parking in accordance with Part 8 planning permission and had incorporated a wheelchair accessible roundabout into the overall layout.

Councillor Farrelly stated that due to the great work by members of the community, former elected members, the current Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee and council officials marvellous work had been done and great results had been achieved.

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

### **CM27/1020**

#### **County Development Plan (CDP)**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council update members on the progress on points PR1, PR11, and PR15 of the County Development Plan (CDP) with regard to Prosperous?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that: PR 1: The members were advised that the Planning Section was engaging with landowners/potential developers on an ongoing basis regarding the development of appropriately located and serviced lands within settlements across County Kildare and would continue to do so in order to provide new residential developments at suitable locations.

PR 11: Traffic Management Plans/Studies were being programmed into annual work plans across each of the settlements in County Kildare on a needs basis, in line with the settlement hierarchy identified in Table 3.3 of the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2017-2023 (as varied), as resources allowed.

PR 15: The objective to provide for a cycle network in the town was supported by the CDP. However, its provision was subject to appropriate funding, which had not yet become available. The council would continue to identify suitable funding mechanisms to deliver a safe and suitable cycle network in the town.

The report was noted.

**CM28/1020**

**Fly Tipping/Litter Dumping**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council provide an update as to the increased levels of fly tipping/litter dumping experienced in this municipal district during the recent months, their efforts to tackle this issue and whether they consider the current fines/deterrents appropriate to the scale of this problem.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the council was compiling some statistics on the level of fly tipping in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District in recent months and would share this information with the councillors when available. In relation to the second part of the notice of motion, on the spot fines were not issued for serious littering incidents as the council believed that the fine (of €150) was an insufficient penalty in such cases. Instead, it was council policy to commence legal proceedings with a view to the maximum fines possible being imposed by the court. Where the council found material that was illegally dumped and could establish the identity of the offender, a prosecution would issue. This approach was reflected in the Draft Litter Management Plan which was currently under consideration by the Environment and Water Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

Councillor Ward asked if the Environment Section could meet with the members to discuss the Draft Litter Management Plan. Mr O’Gorman stated he would arrange a meeting with the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the Environment Section arrange a meeting with the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee to discuss the Draft Litter Management Plan.

**CM30/1020**

**Courtown Little/Laragh Kilcock**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.  
Can the council provide an update on any recent meetings with the Office of Public Works (OPW) in relation to the flooding works in Courtown Little/Laragh Kilcock and a timescale going forward for these works?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the council was considering the option of including the Courtown Little area as part of a wider study in the Lyreen catchment. It was hoped that this study could be carried out as part of the preliminary design stage of the Maynooth Flood Relief Scheme. This would be subject to agreement from the Office of Public Works (OPW) and input from both the OPW and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The Maynooth Flood Relief Scheme was one of the schemes listed for Kildare in the OPW Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP) and was adopted by the council in July 2018. The council was currently progressing the schemes in the FRMP on a priority basis.

The report was noted.

**CM31/1020**

**Community Centre for Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
That the council provide a Community Centre for Maynooth.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Feeney.

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the provision of an additional community facility for Maynooth came through the public consultation (for the Harbour Field) as an objective that the community in Maynooth would very much support and prioritise. At present there was no Kildare County Council capital funding available

for this project but the council would pursue all funding opportunities available to it so that this objective could be realised.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Maynooth Town needed a community centre and it was felt the town had fallen behind the level of residential growth.
- It was essential the location of the site was right for the town and should allow for future growth of the town.
- Input from the Planning Department when reviewing the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) was requested.

A separate query was also raised as to when the current community space in Maynooth would be reopened.

The District Manager confirmed the following points:

- She agreed with the members that a community space was needed in Maynooth.
- The Part 8 for Harbour Field was almost ready.
- The council had liaised with the KWETB and would also liaise with other public bodies to examine the possibility of using/reusing public facilities.
- A discussion with the Planning Department was warranted to see if it was possible to zone a piece of land when reviewing the Maynooth LAP.
- The Social Infrastructure Audit (to be conducted by the Forward Planning Section) would provide an audit of the existing social and community facilities and feed into the discussion around the Maynooth LAP.
- The Public Realm Team could look at finding a suitable location.

The District Manager suggested a meeting with the Planning and Strategic Development Department in relation to the review of the Maynooth LAP together with a discussion on the Social Infrastructure Audit which would be beneficial in helping decide on the best way forward.



In relation to the existing community space in Maynooth the District Manager undertook to check with the Facilities Section and to provide the members with an update as soon as possible.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the report be noted, the District Manager to check with the Facilities Section in relation to the possibility of reopening the community space in Maynooth, an in committee meeting to be arranged with the Planning and Strategic Development Department and the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee in relation to the review of the Maynooth LAP, discussion on the Social Infrastructure Audit Report and this item to remain on the progress report.

### **CM32/1020**

#### **Use of Glyphosate**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton. That the council give an update on the progress made in this municipal district in the reduction of glyphosate use over this summer and other methods including reduced mowing that support our natural environment and biodiversity.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the trialling of the pilot sites would end in late October. A follow up survey of the original submitters (online questionnaire which was carried out) was to be undertaken at that stage to inform the evaluation process. The results could be made known late 2020.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Different mowing practices had been trialled this summer involving less mowing and more growing and communities had understood and accepted the reasoning behind it.
- When would results of the pilot trial survey be known?

- Budget plan would be looked at in October was it possible to get survey results sooner rather than later?

Mr Wallace stated that the contract would terminate at the end of October and he would revert to the members in November with results.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the Parks Section revert to the members with the survey results of the pilot trials in November.

### **CM33/1020**

#### **Suitable Council Lands for a Dog Park in Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm if they have suitable council lands in Maynooth for a dog park for the town?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there were no suitable lands at present available for a dog park but the inclusion of one as part of the development plan for the Carton Avenue amenity lands could be considered as part of the preparation of a masterplan for them.

The report was noted.

### **CM34/1020**

#### **Provision of Age Friendly Car Parking Spaces**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council confirm if the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District could be a pilot area for the provision of Age Friendly Car Parking Spaces in support of the Kildare Age Friendly Strategy 2019-2021?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department was very supportive of the provision of Age Friendly car parking spaces and could confirm that two Age Friendly parking bays were designated in the Clane Parking

Bye-Laws 2017 on Main Street Clane. These were designated in consultation with the Age Friendly Officer in the Community and Cultural Development Department and it was being rolled out across the county.

Councillor Farrelly asked if the two age friendly parking spaces in Clane were currently accessible and Mr Dunne stated that he would check with the relevant team and revert to Councillor Farrelly.

The report was noted.

### **CM35/1020**

#### **Trees and Hedging Greenfield Drive**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council confirm if the trees and hedging along the boundary fence of Greenfield Drive with Mullan Park, will be retained?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the landscape plan submitted by the developer indicated that the hedgerow was to be retained.

The report was noted.

### **CM36/1020**

#### **Use of Glyphosate**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council confirm what plans are in place to continue the experimentation and progress in the reduction of glyphosate use and other methods including reduced mowing that support our natural environment and biodiversity and other new approaches for the next 6-9 months?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the tender for grass cutting on lands under the Park Section's remit on a county wide basis from 2021-2024 took into account the potential to expand the maintenance types trialled in 2020 and other measures to reduce the use of chemicals. Following the evaluation of the trialling of the pilot sites

in late 2020 a programme of works would follow for the 2021 grass cutting season (March to October). The programme would take into consideration the reduction of chemical usage and mowing where feasible while providing quality open space for public use.

The report was noted.

### **CM37/1020**

#### **Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting**

The District Manager stated that a separate statutory meeting to discuss the Draft Budgetary Plan for 2021 needed to be arranged.

**Resolved** on the agreement of the District Manager and all members present that the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting for the Maynooth Municipal District Committee be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday 16 October 2020.

The meeting concluded.