

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 03 July 2020 at 10:30 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, D Fitzpatrick, P Hamilton, P McEvoy, N Ó Cearúil, B Weld and B Wyse.

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr S Aylward (District Engineer), Mr G Halton (Senior Executive Officer), Mr M Kenny (Senior Planner), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary).

CM01/0720

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 05 June 2020 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday, 05 June 2020 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM02/0720

Matters Arising

CM07/0320 Cois na Móna Estate

Councillor Farrelly thanked the council for their work to date in relation to Cois na Móna Estate and queried liability and timeframes. The District Manager suggested that the matter be discussed later in the meeting when a representative from the Building and Development Control Section was present.

CM06/0321 Taking in Charge of Grace's Park Housing Estate

Councillor Wyse noted that approximate costings of €82,000 had been identified to bring the estate to taking in charge standard and asked that the matter be discussed with the Building and Development Control Department later in the meeting.

The Meetings Administrator clarified that Ms Barrett had been called to another meeting and therefore would be unable to attend. She stated that the members comments would be forwarded to the Building and Development Control Section for response.

CM03/0720

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer updated the members on works undertaken since the last update which included approximately 15km of restoration improvement works and approximately 27km of restoration maintenance (surface dressing) works at various locations in the municipal district.

He outlined the planned works to be undertaken in the coming months which included restoration improvement works and restoration maintenance works at the following locations:

Restoration Improvement (overlay)

- R148 Moyvalley – Broadford
- R415 Allen Church
- R415 Hill at New Footpath – Funded by Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
- L2007 Straffan Village
- L5049 New Road Straffan
- R148 Church Street Kilcock
- R414 Lullymore

Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)

- L1021 Corkeragh
- R148 Kilcock to Maynooth

The District Engineer informed the members of general works which were planned and identified the following projects that he was aware were ongoing or upcoming:

- Irish Water Works Clane – The contractor is continuing along the Prosperous Road. Some works due from the pumping station to Alexander Bridge.
- Irish Water Works Maynooth – Contractor completed works on 06 June. Expecting to return in August to complete the permanent road reinstatement
- M4 overlay – Contractor is continuing the works
- Glenveagh Properties – Improvement works at Branganstown complete

CM04/0720

Capital Programme 2021-2023

The District Manager informed the members that it was an opportunity for them to examine the projects in the capital programme and identify other projects they may have. She explained how the process worked noting that the current round of levies were more or less allocated and confirming that within her own Directorate, funding had been allocated to the Bawnogues project, playgrounds and libraries.

Councillor McEvoy asked for consistency in the way the Capital Programme was presented noting that some projects were broken down by Local Electoral Areas and others by municipal district and suggested bundling projects together by municipal district in the report. He stated that if one approach was used it would assist the members in providing feedback information to the public.

The District Manager informed the members that not all aspects of the report could be grouped noting that Parks projects could be, however Roads projects could not.

Councillor Wyse queried if development levies received in Allenwood would be used for works in Allenwood.

The District Manager stated that it was not possible to focus it down to that level noting that Recreation, Amenity and Community was the only area that could be broken down. The District Manager informed the members that the Capital

Programme would form the draft 2021/2023 programme unless there were other projects to be added.

Councillor Farrelly queried how the process worked if the members had different projects they wished to have included in relation to the Roads Department. The District Manager advised that if a member wished to make a submission they could send it to the Director of the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and send a copy to the Head of Finance.

In response to a question from Councillor Feeney, the District Manager confirmed that a Community Centre in Maynooth could be put forward to be consideration for inclusion. She stated that it would be placed towards the end of the Capital Programme unless the council were successful in obtaining funding from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund.

CM05/0720

Finance Committee Annual Report

The members noted the Finance Committee Annual Report.

CM06/0720

Update on the Royal Canal Greenway

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Royal Canal Greenway was at detailed design stage. The scheme was currently awaiting direction from the National Transport Authority to proceed to tender.

The District Manager updated the members on the Royal Canal Greenway. She stated that there were a number of different authorities dealing with the 84kms that ran through Longford, Westmeath, Meath, Kildare and Dublin, noting that Kildare County Council were working on two sections and confirming that the Maynooth to Moyvalley section was close to completion.

In relation to the Maynooth to Leixlip section, the District Manager informed the members that it was more difficult as the Part 8 approved by the members was for a width of three metres however the NTA (National Transport Authority) had asked that the width be reconsidered to four metres but that the council's engineers had said that it was not possible to do so. She confirmed that a meeting with the NTA was arranged for the following week but as the NTA was the funding authority and as no alternative funding was available, the project could not proceed without a resolution to the issue.

The District Manager informed the members that all counties had agreed to contribute to a marketing budget for the Royal Canal Greenway stating that signage would be uniform and that it was hoped to employ a marketing consultant to carry this out.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that the discussions with the NTA were a concern and asked if the members could be given an update following the meeting with the NTA.

An update on the position on the other side of the county boundary was also requested.

Councillor McEvoy stated that Teresa Murray former County Councillor had allocated LPT funding to the marketing on the Royal Canal Greenway and asked if discussions on exploratory development with businesses had taken place.

Councillor Wyse stated that the owners of Fureys Bar had not been consulted on the layout and informed the members that there were scramblers using the route and asked that these issues be raised at the meetings with the NTA.

The District Manager confirmed that she would seek an update from Waterways Ireland on the section of the Royal Canal Greenway from Dublin.

In relation to marketing, she stated that both LEO and Kildare Fáilte had been involved in identifying what training was required for businesses in the area surrounding the Barrow Blueway and confirmed that the same model could be used

for the Royal Canal Greenway. She also informed the members that Waterways Ireland had agreed to provide information sessions.

CM07/0720

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

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That this Municipal District Committee write to the National Transport Authority requesting the immediate relocation of the Dublin bound bus stop, south-east of Windmill Cross in Derrinturn (Stop No. 104721), to the footpath on the north-western side of the cross.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that with their agreement, the Transportation Department would write to the National Transport Authority as requested.

Councillor Wyse stated that this bus stop was very dangerous as there was nowhere to stand however there was no issue with the bus stop on the other side of the road.

Councillor Weld stated that the members had been given a commitment by the former District Engineer and a base had been installed however this was over two years ago and he noted that anyone with a disability would find the situation at the bus stop particularly dangerous.

The District Engineer stated that he would relay the members comments in relation to the two bus stops to the team liaising with the NTA. The members requested that the item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and the item remain on the progress report and that the District Engineer relay the members comments in relation to the two bus stops to the team liaising with the NTA.

CM08/0720

Road Infrastructure in Clane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That in light of the significant disruption in Clane due to Irish Water works, the council develops a plan to address a deficit in road infrastructure in Clane, including the Northern section of the ring road and the upgrade of Alexandra Bridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Irish Water works should include for the restoration of the road network to its original condition. The council does have a plan for the provision of road infrastructure in Clane under the objectives of the Clane Local Area Plan. However, the progress of these objectives was governed primarily by the availability of resources. Once a financial model for delivery was identified, engineering resources could be prioritised to deliver projects.

Councillor Farrelly stated that he had received calls and emails regarding the recent comprehensive works completed in Clane and noted that the project had highlighted a lack of options for people in Clane if the road was closed as they had to travel 20 minutes through Prosperous as an alternative.

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update on a bypass for Alexandra Bridge.

Councillor McEvoy informed the members that Alexandra Bridge was a preserved structure therefore a bypass would be suitable as opposed to an upgrade of the bridge itself and stated that an emphasis on walking and cycling was required. The members asked that the item remain on the progress report and an update be provided in relation to the bypass of Alexandra Bridge.

In response to a question from Councillor Fitzpatrick, the District Engineer stated that works in Clane would be completed in two weeks.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the report be noted and the item to remain on the progress report and an update be provided in relation to the bypass of Alexandra Bridge.

CM09/0720

Issues at Ballinafagh Lake

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council address significant issues in the vicinity of Ballinafagh Lake, Prosperous, including but not limited to illegal and dangerous parking.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the enforcement of illegal parking was the responsibility of the Gardaí and Section 55 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 made it an offence for a person to park a vehicle in a position as to be likely to cause danger to other persons.

Councillor Farrelly stated that residents in Ballinafagh were suffering because of illegal parking and some have had their walls damaged. He also stated that the lake itself was being destroyed by litter and fires were being lit in the area. Councillor McEvoy suggested that the matter be discussed at the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District JPC meeting and also asked if Kildare Fáilte could include Ballinafagh Lake and all local amenities in the “leave no trace” campaign.

Councillor Farrelly acknowledged the members comments and noted that the council had a role to play in providing signage.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and the matter to be discussed at the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District JPC meeting.

CM10/0720

Parking Problems in Donadea Forest Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld. That in view of the serious parking problems at the entrance and around the perimeter of Donadea Forest Park, is it possible that a "Parking Byelaw" be implemented and "Double Yellow Lines" be installed to combat the difficulties local residence are experiencing.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the enforcement of illegal parking was the responsibility of the Gardaí and Section 55 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 makes it an offence for a person to park a vehicle in a position as to be likely to cause danger to other persons. Following an onsite meeting with Coillte and the Gardaí the following approach was agreed;

- Coillte to arrange the replacement of the outdated barrier system with a new cashless more user-friendly system. This is expected to be completed within 3 months.
- Coillte in conjunction with Kildare County Council to install physical measures to deter illegal parking.
- Coillte to introduce additional no parking signage.
- The Gardaí to engage in a public engagement and enforcement program to include the issuing of fixed notices.
- Coillte to run a social media campaign to encourage use of the carpark.
- Kildare County Council to review in 6 months with Coillte and the Gardaí to investigate if the measures have been successful. If not the introduction of double yellow lines would be considered.

Councillor Weld stated that he was happy with the report on the condition that Coillte implemented what they promised and he expressed his appreciation to the District Engineer and An Garda Síochána. He asked that if the measures outlined in the

report were not successful, that in six months time the introduction of double yellow lines be considered.

Councillor Durkan suggested that when Coillte were running any social media campaigns, they advertise the €40 a year membership fee available for visiting any Coillte sites.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and Kildare County Council to review the matter in 6 months and examine if the measures had been successful, and if not the introduction of double yellow lines to be considered.

CM11/0720

School Streets Initiative in Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council investigates the possibility of piloting a School Streets Initiative in Maynooth whereby access for vehicles is restricted during drop off and collection times of the school, and there is enforcement by the council of illegal parking on footpaths and cycle lanes.

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 the council was currently undertaking a pilot scheme for the 'School Street' initiative at two locations in the county: - Athy and Monasterevin, serving 4 primary schools and 1 secondary school in total. As the pilot scheme has commenced, it would be beneficial to evaluate the outcome of the current initiative before adding other locations. Schools around the county may be included in any future plans to roll out the initiative following assessment of the Athy and Monasterevin Schemes.

Councillor Feeney stated that it was great to hear this pilot scheme for the 'School Street' initiative in Athy and Monasterevin was currently being undertaken and

queried the timeframe for the evaluation on the outcome of the initiative to be completed. She stated that people should be encouraged to walk and cycle. She also suggested that the matter be discussed at the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District JPC meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the members be given a timeframe for the evaluation on the outcome of the 'School Street' initiative in Athy and Monasterevin to be completed and the matter be discussed at the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District JPC meeting.

CM12/0720

30km/hr Zones around Primary Schools in Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council introduces temporary 30km/hr zones around primary schools in Maynooth, as has already been done for some rural schools in the county.

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 at present, the council had no plans to install periodic speed limit controls around primary schools in Maynooth. However, as part of the current County Speed Limit Review, which was the legal process for the adopting speed limits, the council would review the Speed Limits as mentioned.

Councillor Feeney stated that 30km/hr zones around primary schools in Maynooth should be introduced and a marker should be set for safety around schools.

A discussion ensued amongst the members and concerns were raised in relation to the following matter:

- The length of time waiting for the County Speed Limit Review to be complete

- The need to introduce a 30km/hr speed limits around Schools, Creches and Housing Estates
- Jakes Law

The District Manager stated that she would ask the Director of Services for the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department to attend the September 2020 meeting and discuss the matter with the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Hamilton that the report be noted and the Director of Services for the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department to attend the September 2020 meeting.

CM13/0720

New Cycle Lanes and Footpaths on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That a full update be given on the provision of new cycle lanes and footpaths on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the following report was provided to members at their meeting in January 2020 and was the current position regarding this possible future project.

“The proposal can be added to the list of projects to be considered. Please note the prioritisation of projects will be examined as resources become available for additional projects. There are no spare resources at present”.

Councillor Durkan stated that he was disappointed with the report as he was given reason to believe there had been some movement and queried if there had been progress.

The District Manager informed the members that she understood that the Director of Services for the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would be able to provide a positive update.

Councillor Durkan asked that the item remain on the progress report for discussion with the Director of Services for the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department at the September 2020 meeting .

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and the item to remain on the progress report. The matter to be discussed with the Director of Services for the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department at the September 2020 meeting.

CM14/0720

Update on Kilcock Ring Road

Councillor Durkan requested and the members agreed that his motion, item number 13 on the agenda, be adjourned to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting to be held on 04 September 2020.

CM15/0720

Review of Number of bins in Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council carry out a review on the number of bins in Maynooth and the possibility of installing more throughout the town.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was currently no capacity in the resources or budget to allow any expansion in the Street Sweeping/Cleaning programme.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that during the pandemic, a shortage of bins throughout the town had been identified and an increase in people leaving rubbish at the side of the bin. He stated that there was a need to examine where bins were located in Maynooth.

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

CM16/0720

Provision for Walking and Cycling in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council formulates an ongoing report on approaches to improve the provision for walking and cycling in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District, particularly in light of the impacts of Covid-19.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority had identified that in many cities and towns across Ireland, there was likely to be a need to review current street arrangements in order to address the new circumstances arising from social distancing requirements and altered travel patterns. Types of changes that may have to be considered include:

- Widening of footpaths to facilitate queuing outside shops and enable social distancing;
- Potential pedestrianisation of some streets where necessary and feasible to accommodate social distancing, particularly where this supports business activities;
- Potential one-way systems to create space for footpath widening;
- Altering traffic signal times to reduce pedestrian waiting/crowding plus the automatic activation of some pedestrian phases in order to aid pedestrian movement and to minimise contact with signal push buttons;
- Providing additional temporary facilities for cyclists; and

The National Transport Authority propose that councils take some road space from vehicles and give it to cyclists. This is not a problem provided it does not increase congestion in the towns.

In general, there are two aspects to the motion: -

- (i) Identify, through the SPC, potential policy issues re reduction of traffic movements (as noted in the motion in the context of a county wide approach)
- (ii) Specific proposals for identified locations - members should identify proposals to the Municipal District Engineer.

It is understood that the National Transport Authority & DTTaS intend to issue a draft policy document in this regard in the near future.

Finally, the public will require to be consulted with respect advancing any proposal.

Councillor McEvoy stated that he would like to see more emphasis on walking and cycling noting that they were the most sustainable modes of transport and the council were responsible for its delivery.

Councillor Hamilton supported the motion noting the need to separate the covid response from the change Councillor McEvoy was seeking in the motion. Councillor McEvoy confirmed that he was seeking a permanent approach but suggested using the covid response as a way to kick it off.

The District Manager stated she would relay the members comments to the Director of Services for Roads for the matter to be address at a further meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and the members comments to be relayed to the Director of Services for Roads for the matter to be address at a further meeting.

CM17/0720

Inspection of Completed Road Projects

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That going forward, the council inspects completed road projects in the municipal district to ensure compliance with the required landscaping works, as numerous projects have been completed with the landscaping works incomplete or unsatisfactory.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District inspects all works post completion to ensure all works are completed to an appropriate standard before any payment is sanctioned, Perhaps with shortage/turnover of staff in recent years some projects may have been overlooked.

Councillor Ward agreed to liaise further with the Municipal District Engineers office and arrange a site visit with them if necessary.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the report be noted and Councillor Ward to liaise further with the Municipal District Engineers office to arrange a site visit with them if necessary.

CM18/0720

Potholes and General Disrepair on Church Street, Kilcock

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council make good and repair the numerous potholes and general disrepair on Church Street, Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as advised, this section of road was included in the

Restoration Improvement works for 2020. The works had been tendered and a contractor was due on site in August.

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

CM19/0720

Mobility Plans for Social Distancing

The committee agreed to consider items number 18, 19 and 23 of the agenda together.

Item number 18 – Question Councillor Hamilton

Can the council confirm what steps are being taken to introduce mobility plans protecting space for public transport users and to provide additional space to meet increased cycling and walking demand called for by the National Transport Authority, in the municipal district including accessing the emergency infrastructure funding offer to local authorities from the National Transport Authority?

Item number 19 – Question Councillor Hamilton

Can the council confirm what measures are being taken to address key congestion points for pedestrians and cyclists to support safe distancing in the towns and villages of the municipal district as volumes increase in the easing of lock-down and in preparation for the changing patterns from the return to school and university in September/October?

Item number 23 – Question Councillor Ó Cearúil

Can the council confirm if it has looked at ways to ensure social distancing throughout the town of Maynooth with Maynooth University due to return in September?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority had identified that in many cities and towns across Ireland, there was likely to be a need to review current street arrangements in order to address the new circumstances arising from social

distancing requirements and altered travel patterns. Types of changes that may have to be considered include:

- Widening of footpaths to facilitate queuing outside shops and enable social distancing;
- Potential pedestrianisation of some streets where necessary and feasible to accommodate social distancing, particularly where this supports business activities;
- Potential one-way systems to create space for footpath widening;
- Altering traffic signal times to reduce pedestrian waiting/crowding plus the automatic activation of some pedestrian phases in order to aid pedestrian movement and to minimise contact with signal push buttons;
- Providing additional temporary facilities for cyclists; and

The National Transport Authority propose that councils take some road space from vehicles and give it to cyclists. This is not a problem provided we do not increase congestion in the towns.

In general, there are two aspects to the question: -

- (i) Identify, through the SPC, potential policy issues re reduction of traffic movements (as noted in the question in the context of a county wide approach)
- (ii) Specific proposals for identified locations - members should identify proposals to the Municipal District Engineer.

It is understood that the National Transport Authority & DTTaS intend to issue a draft policy document in this regard in the near future.

Finally, the public will require to be consulted with respect advancing any proposal. The report was noted.

CM20/0720

Overhanging Trees on Killina Bank and River Road, Allenwood South

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council provide an update on the maintenance plan for the trees overhanging the public roads on Killina Bank and River Road in Allenwood South?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that under section 70 of the Roads Act 1993 the maintenance of trees rests with the landowner. Under this section the owner must take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree or hedge or other vegetation on the land was not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road. If the councillor has particular trees in mind, please let the Municipal District office know so they can be inspected, and the Local Authority may serve a notice on the owner to address the issue. This can only be done during the tree felling season as dictated by the Wildlife Act.

The report was noted.

CM21/0720

Prioritising Road Projects in the Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council outline the process of prioritising road projects, should funding become available to address same in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that roads projects were prioritised on an annual basis based on a combination of the following;

- 1.The availability of a funding stream to achieve specific goals within the 8 phases of most projects.
- 2.The capacity of available engineering resources.
3. Managerial prioritisation as follows.

On an annual basis, usually in the period between January and March (depending on the confirmation of DTTaS, National Transport Authority or other funding), the previous year's list of priority projects is reviewed. The schemes which need to be carried through construction or are a council priority are naturally continued with. Then, other projects from the previous year are examined to clarify if they are to be carried through. The normal approach is to continue these projects through the phases but sometimes a project will need to be discontinued due to funding circumstances, political outlook, failure to achieve planning approval, environmental constraints, the existence of higher priority schemes or the reduction in available engineering resource. The available engineering resources are set against the projects and additional schemes can be taken on if capacity allows. The order of priority is set out for the entire list and this sets the goals for the year. Clearly circumstances can change during the year and re-programming may need to take place. However, transitioning between projects leads to a period of lesser production, so the Roads and Transport Directorate tries to maintain a smooth flow of work throughout the year. Additional projects are added as resources become available.

The report was noted.

CM22/0720

Double Yellow Lines and Stop Lines, at Lawrence Avenue and Maynooth Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council provide an update on the status and timeline for the reinstatement of road markings, namely double yellow lines and stop lines, at Lawrence Avenue and Maynooth Park since resurfacing works in 2018?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office would investigate what needed to be replaced and arrange for same to be replaced in the next two months. The report was noted.

CM23/0720

Plans to Clear Surface Water Drainage Networks

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.
Can the council confirm if there are plans to clear surface water drainage networks from blockages following road opening works in Clane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Road Opening License was conditioned to ensure the contractor cleans all surface water networks post the works.

The report was noted.

CM24/0720

Signage/Enhancement Works on the Key Primary Routes into Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can the council update this municipal district on the time frames for the works to commence and be completed, on the signage/enhancement works on the key primary routes into Kilcock?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that following from the Town Health Check funding had been made available for the provision of town identity signs on main roads into Kilcock. The identity associated with Kilcock was not yet formed and part of the funding would be used to engage with the residents of Kilcock to create a suitable identity for the town that could be used on signage and enhancement works approaching Kilcock. It was intended to carry out this consultation when it was safe to carry out public consultation at a suitable location. The consultation will be carried out in two stages, to identify concepts and to agree final design. It was hoped to carry out the consultation phase over the summer and be in a position to construct the gateways, subject to sites being available, towards the end of the year.

The report was noted.

CM25/0720

Invitation to the Head of Coillte

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.
That the Head of Coillte be invited to attend a municipal district meeting to discuss Donadea Forest Park.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that this was a matter for the members.

Councillor Weld stated that Donadea Forest Park received 150,000 visitors a year noting that there were ongoing issues at the location. He welcomed the members support in relation to the matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all the members that an invitation issue to the Head of Coillte to attend a municipal district meeting to discuss Donadea Forest Park.

CM26/0720

Cleaning of the Wall around Donadea Forest Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council provide a progress report on the cleaning of the walls around Donadea Forest Park?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Heritage Officer met with Coillte and local councillors last week. Coillte expected to be commissioning a survey of the walls this summer. The members would be informed of progress regarding the matter.
The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach, with the agreement of the members decided to take item 31 on the agenda next and return to item 28, 29 and 30 on the agenda later in the meeting.

CM27/0720

An Bord Pleanála's decision PL09.306943

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy. Can the council confirm that following An Bord Pleanála's decision PL09.306943, including provision for a link road, is there an update on agreeing details of the road design and the delivery of the public elements of the infrastructure?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that to date, there was no agreement on the final design of this link road and the delivery of the public elements of the infrastructure at Capdoo Clane. The council's Roads Planning Section in liaison with the Municipal District Engineer would engage fully with the consulting engineers for the Developer when this information was submitted for approval.

On a point of clarification, Councillor McEvoy stated that there was an appeal against the decision and highlighted the fact that An Bord Pleanála failed to notify Kildare County Council when this application was made.

The report was noted.

CM28/0720

Bottle Banks in the Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council confirm the number of bottle banks available to the public in the municipal district, how often they are cleaned and the criteria for installation?

A report was received from the Environmental Awareness Officer informing the members that in the municipal district, the council had recycling banks at Broadford, Clane (GAA and Supervalu), Dag Welds, Kilcock (Tesco and GAA), Maynooth (KCC carpark beside Glenroyal, Aldi and Tesco) and Staplestown GAA. All sites were emptied by the contractor at least once a week, most sites were emptied twice. In addition, the council's environment crew attend all the sites twice weekly, and more often if required. The criteria for obtaining sites was varied. In some cases, the council approaches site owners (such as GAA clubs) and gets permission. In

other cases (supermarket car parks) the sites are conditioned at the planning stage. Sites need to be accessible for servicing and also not cause a noise nuisance for local residents. The council monitors developments as there is a need for additional sites in the county. In the municipal district in question, the councillor will be aware that villages like Prosperous, Allenwood and Derrinturn, amongst others, do not currently have recycling banks. It should be noted that glass tonnages have doubled or trebled at all sites this year, and this increase is likely to remain the norm for some time to come-hence a greater need for sites and capacity. If any councillors are aware of possible sites in the Municipal District, they might inform the Environment Section.

The report was noted.

CM29/0720

Condition of the trees in Staplestown Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can this council be provided with a tree surgeon's report on the condition of the trees in Staplestown Cemetery?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that a tree survey had been undertaken at the cemetery. The required works would be arranged by the Environment Overseer subject to budget availability.

Councillor Weld sought clarification on who was responsible if one of the trees fell and damaged a headstone.

The District Manager stated that she would follow up with the Environment Department following the meeting.

The report was noted.

CM30/0720

Additional Litter Collections and Dog Fouling Measures

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council confirm if any additional litter collections and dog-fouling measures have been put in place due to increased numbers in public spaces resulting from Covid-19 restrictions?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the municipal district did not have any additional resources to allocate to the street cleaning and litter collection services. The council are maintaining the schedule but are responding to incidents promptly when they arise.

The report was noted.

CM31/0720

Playground in Derrinturn

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That any public spaces suitable for the construction of a playground in Derrinturn are identified and provided as a report for the September meeting of this municipal district, with a view to the elected members seeking feedback from local residents on same.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there were no public spaces in Derrinturn suitable for a playground. Therefore, we are dependent on co-operation with other community organisations to identify a suitable space for a playground in the village.

Councillor Wyse asked if there was an option in the budget to purchase land if a suitable site was identified and stated that he had an area in Trinity Crescent in mind. The District Manager stated that the purchasing of a site was an additional cost that would not have been factored in however this could be examined in terms

of what the cost would be. She stated that doing this would most likely put it further back in the capital programme and confirmed that normally the money was used for the playground itself and not normally used to purchase land.

Mr Wallace stated that he was not in favour of playgrounds in Housing Estates due to the volume of traffic entering the estate confirming that he previously had to remove a playground from an estate.

He stated it was unfortunate that Carbury GAA and Derrinturn Parish had concerns in relation to a suitable space for a playground in the village and hoped that both organisations would reconsider. He confirmed that the only way to deliver a playground in Derrinturn at the moment was through co-operation with other community organisations.

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

CM32/0720

Planting of Wildflower Verges

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council will communicate with Residents' Associations throughout the municipal district and inform them of the benefits of planting wildflower verges, how to plant them and general best practice information.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there were numerous online sources which provide information in relation to establishing wildflower meadows. Pollinators.ie and wildflowers.ie were two such sites. The Parks Section does not have the capacity to undertake this work.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that the purpose of his motion was to increase biodiversity. He also highlighted the cost saving opportunities for residents associations. Councillor Ó Cearúil asked that the two online sources outlined in the report be circulated to residents associations.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the report be noted and the two online sources outlined in the report be circulated to residents associations.

CM33/0720

Community Based Facilities and Services for People with Learning Challenges

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That with an ongoing need for community-based facilities and services for people with learning challenges in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District, that the council identify opportunities to collaborate with service providers to identify needs and supportive policies.

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

A report was received from the Community & Cultural Development Department informing the members that this matter would be forwarded to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) for assessment and for examination regarding engagement with service providers in the municipal district.

Councillor McEvoy stated that this matter fell in with developing support and needs throughout the county.

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

CM34/0720

Allenwood Playground

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council provide an updated timeline for the revised Allenwood Playground Part 8 process, given the expected delay to timelines previously given in March?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that it was hoped to have advertise the Part 8 for Allenwood Playground by the end of October 2020.

Councillor Wyse asked if it was not just a case of using the previous Part 8 document and updating the design and queried why it was taking until October to advertise it.

Mr Wallace stated that the reports had to be adjusted to match the new site noting that work had to be undertaken on other projects also and confirmed that it would be revisited as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CM35/0720

Population Growth Figure for Maynooth

The committee agreed to consider items number 28 and 30 of the agenda together.

Item number 28 – Question Councillor Durkan

Can the council confirm what is considered to be a responsible population growth figure for Maynooth over the next 11 years?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was required under the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) to align the County Development Plan (CDP) with the hierarchy of plans i.e. National Planning Framework and its associated Implementation Roadmap and the EMRA Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy which set out revised transitional population projections for County Kildare

to 2026 and 2031 and guidance in relation to the implementation of same. Variation No.1 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 adopted by Council on 09 June sets out revised population allocations for the town of Maynooth to 2023 based on the 10.9% growth which equates to ca.1,800 persons between 2020-2023. It should be noted that the designation of towns within each settlement type of the hierarchy together with the % allocation of the county growth targets will be reviewed in early 2021 as part of the full review of the CDP at which stage the projected population growth from 2023-2029 will be identified.

Item number 30 – Question Councillor Ó Cearúil

Can this council get an exact figure on the future projected increase in population for Maynooth due to the passing of the variation to the County Development Plan?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that table 3.3 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as varied 09 of June 2020) sets out revised population targets in accordance with the NPF Roadmap and RSES for County Kildare.

Councillor Durkan queried when a final figure would be available from EMRA.

Councillor Ó Cearúil queried if a conversation had taken place with Maynooth University in relation to potential growth.

Mr Kenny stated that there was no final date and confirmed there was a meeting scheduled for that month. In response to Councillor Ó Cearúil's query, he stated that the council had met with the university and St Patrick's College in the past and confirmed that they would be engaging with them in relation to the development of the lands for the betterment of the town.

The report was noted.

CM36/0720

Maynooth Local Area Plan Process

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can the council set out the full process involved in the run up to and during the various stages of adopting the Maynooth Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that Section 18, 19 and 20 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) sets out the procedure for preparing, publishing, consulting and adopting Local Area Plans.

There are two key phases in the process of making a local area plan:

- A non-statutory background data gathering process, where data and information (evidence) essential to preparing the local area plan is assembled including information on population, employment, economic development, physical and social infrastructure, heritage, flood risk assessment, engagement with statutory and non-statutory bodies etc.; and
- The statutory process – as set out in the legislation referenced above with its various elements of statutory notices, public consultation, publication of a draft LAP, an amended draft and the adopted plan.

The statutory local area plan process takes a minimum of approximately 18 weeks to complete, from the date on which the draft plan is placed on public display up to a maximum of 35 weeks allowing for amendments to a draft local area plan.

All of these elements of the process are informed by the statutory Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and most recently the requirement for Infrastructural Assessment (Appendix 3 of the National Planning Framework) processes in addition to the Social Infrastructure Audits carried out to inform the future potential requirements in this regard.

It should be noted that it is a Regional Policy Objective (RPO 4.35) of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy that Kildare and Meath County Councils should prepare a cross boundary Joint Local Area Plan to provide a co-ordinated planning framework for the Maynooth area. “*The Joint LAP shall identify a boundary for the*

plan area, strategic housing and employment development areas and infrastructure investment requirements and promote greater co-ordination and sequential delivery of serviced lands for development”.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.