

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 04 December 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, P McEvoy, N Ó Cearúil, B Weld and B Wyse.

Apologies: Councillor D Fitzpatrick.

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr J McGowan (Senior Engineer) Mr S Aylward (District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr D McDermott, Ms S Fitzpatrick, Mr Mark McLoughlin, Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officers), Ms O Talbot (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

CM01/1220

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders for ten minutes to facilitate an in committee meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee which was taking place.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for ten minutes until 10:10 a.m.

CM02/1220

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 06 November 2020 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 06 November 2020 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/1220

Matters Arising

CM08/1120

Anti-Skid Surface at Timahoe T-Junction

Councillor Weld stated that the local people in Timahoe were not happy with the report which was issued at the November meeting and asked if there was any further update in relation to traffic calming measures at the junction. The District Engineer stated that funding for works had been sought under the Low-Cost Accident Scheme. Councillor Weld asked if it was a given that funding would be granted and works would be completed in 2021. Mr McGowan stated that he did not foresee an issue with securing funding.

CM09/1120

Replacement/Installation of Bins in Kilmeague Village

Councillor Weld stated that only one bin was being sought and members of the community had committed to emptying it themselves.

The District Engineer stated that representatives from the Municipal District Office had met with the Environment Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and representatives from the Environment Section and the provision of bins was a matter for the Environment Section. Councillor Weld asked if the Environment Section could provide a report for the January meeting.

CM28/1020

Fly Tipping/Litter Dumping

Councillor Ward informed the members that Mr Kavanagh was arranging for a briefing on illegal dumping to be given to them in January.

CM31/1020

Location for Community Centre Maynooth – Briefing on the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

Councillor Durkan asked if there was an update in relation to discussions to be held with the members in relation to the Draft Local Area Plan (LAP) for Maynooth.

The District Manager informed the members that that a briefing was scheduled to be arranged but a date had not yet been confirmed. She stated that she had liaised with the Director of Service and the Senior Executive Officer in Planning in relation to confirmation of a date for the briefing.

CM04/1220

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 November meeting and also details of future planned works.

Councillor Farrelly asked when the works at Butterstream Bridge on the Millicent Road would be completed and the District Engineer stated that the Municipal District Office was waiting for the contractor to finish the works.

CM05/1220

LPT Expenditure 2020

Mr McDermott informed the members that funding of €15,000 for Community Gardens and Markets had not been drawn down. It was suggested by the members that community groups not registered with the Public Participation Network (PPN) be encouraged to do so.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by all members present that the unspent €15,000 LPT 2020 funding for Community Gardens and Markets be carried forward to 2021. The 2020 and 2021 funds to be advertised through the PPN and applications invited in early 2021.

Mr McDermott informed the members that funding of €10,000 for the Men's and Women's Sheds had not been drawn down.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by all members present that the unspent €10,000 LPT 2020 funding for the Mens' and Women's Sheds be carried forward to 2021. As the Men's and Women's Sheds were not currently operational that they be notified of the decision to carry

forward funding to 2021. Both 2020 and 2021 funds to be divided equally between the 6 current Men's and Women's Sheds within the municipal district in early 2021.

CM06/1220

LPT Schedule of Works 2021

All members present agreed that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation for 2021 should be carried forward and listed as an item on the January agenda.

Resolved It was agreed by all members present that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation for 2021 be carried forward and listed as an item on the January agenda.

CM07/1220

Unspent 2020 LPT Funds

The members considered the transfer of all unspent 2020 LPT funds into 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by all members present that the transfer of all unspent 2020 LPT funds into 2021 be approved.

CM08/1220

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 8 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Footpath Outside the Church of Ireland, Kilmeague

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld. That the council undertake to carry out works outside the Church of Ireland in Kilmeague to include provision for a parking space for a hearse with a "dished" footpath.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office installed the new footpath at

this location to remove the dangerous surface and provide a continuous pedestrian link between the two existing footpaths and safe access to the bus stop. The road layout did not allow adequate width for parking outside the church nor was there any legal parking previous to the footpath installation.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was felt the older people and people with disabilities using the church should be facilitated with a dished footpath.
- It was felt the path did not comply with the Disability Act 2005.
- Could provision be made for the hearse to park outside the church when funerals were taking place?
- The Church of Ireland were seeking to make a deputation to the members in relation to the footpath and this was something that could be avoided if there was some sort of compromise with the footpath.
- It was requested that the District Engineer revert to the members at their February meeting with a plan for works on the footpath.
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.

The District Engineer stated the he would look at the possibility of installing a dished kerb on the footpath.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Farrelly that the report be noted and that the District Engineer revert to the members at their February meeting with a plan for works on the footpath and that this item remain on the progress report.

CM09/1220

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 9 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Signage in Staplestown Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld. That the council erect improved signage in Staplestown Village with particular reference to slowing the traffic and 'awareness' of the National School in the village.

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 a number of school areas which required improvement works in relation to traffic safety. Consultants had been appointed to prepare a plan for 3 schools in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District and it was hoped to extend this scheme to other locations in 2021, subject to available funding. These plans would identify proposals and enable the Municipal District to seek funding for installation of same. Staplestown National School had been identified as a location for consideration in 2021.

Councillor Weld stated that a number of people had made complaints in relation to traffic speeding and drivers not being aware of the location of the National School and asked if the matter could be prioritised.

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

CM10/1220

Traffic Calming Measures in Straffan Wood Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council install traffic calming measures to reduce the speed of traffic in the Straffan Wood Estate, Maynooth.

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 Municipal District Office had examined this estate and was satisfied that there were appropriate traffic calming measures in the estate. There were tabletop ramps at the junctions, perceived ramps and the road geometry did not allow for speed. The Municipal District Office had included this area on the list of locations for a traffic survey to be undertaken to ascertain if there was an issue with speeding.

Councillor Feeney stated that the speed survey was welcome and stated she hoped its outcome together with the implementation of Jake's Law would help alleviate the issue. She stated that in the meantime she would bring the matter before the Joint Policing Committee (JPC).

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and Councillor Feeney to bring the matter in relation to speeding issues at Straffan Wood Estate, Maynooth before the JPC.

CM11/1220

The Cathaoirleach requested that items 34 and 35 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 34:

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Statistics

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council provide an update on all Strategic Housing Development (SHD) pre-planning discussions and/or applications for 2020 at all of the various stages within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to include granted, refused, possible variations to currently granted planning permissions and applications which went to judicial review.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that Year to date, 7 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications had been submitted to An Bord Pleanála for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

Details as follows:

4 applications submitted for consultation (Stage 2):

- Teresa Monaghan: 265 units at Boycetown, Kilcock. Lodged on 22 May 2020, recommendation was for further consideration on 16 October 2020.
- Westar: 313 units via Brooklands Estate, Capdoo, Clane. Lodged on 29 July 2020, reasonable application basis decided on 29 October 2020.
- Cairn Homes: 193 units at Dunboyne Road, Maynooth. Lodged on 28 August 2020.
- Cairn Homes: 349 units to replace 81 units previously permitted at Mariavilla,

Maynooth. Lodged on 27 October 2020.

3 applications submitted for final decision (Stage 3):

- Westar: 305 units via Brooklands Estate, Capdoo, Clane. Lodged on 14 November 2019, refused on 11 March 2020.
- Ladas Property: 120 units at Mill Street, Maynooth. Lodged on 03 December 2019, refused on 30 March 2020.
- Rycroft: 345 units at Boycetown, Kilcock. Lodged on 06 March 2020, granted on 20 August 2020.

There was one judicial review in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District at present which related to a development at Baltreacy, Donadea. It was lodged on 24 July 2020 and was ongoing.

The following points were raised by the members:

- If the members had advanced notice of applications it would give them more time to look over the relevant Local Area Plan (LAP) and the County Development Plan in relation to land zoning.
- It was essential that the proposed development did not impact negatively on the residents already living in the area.
- Concerns were raised in relation to one particular application which might not have completed with the criteria for a SHD application.
- It was requested that once the council received a SHD application it was listed as an item on the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting agenda.

The District Manager stated that she would check with the Planning Section once they initially received a SHD application if it was possible to list it on the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting agenda at that point.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the District Manager to check with the Planning Section once they initially received a SHD application if it was possible to list it as an item on

the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting agenda to give the members more time when making their submissions on the applications.

Item 35:

SHD Planning Applications

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council set out its legal position in relation to any granted SHD planning applications which materially contravenes either the County Development Plan (CDP) or the relevant Local Area Plan (LAP) in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that every Strategic Housing Development (SHD) decision was examined on its merits and on a case by case basis. However, Section 3 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, which provided a definition for SHD, stated that where a proposed development materially contravened the relevant Development Plan or Local Area Plan (LAP) in relation to the zoning of land, then it did not constitute a SHD and the provisions of the Act of 2016 did not apply. However, Section 5(6) of the same Act clarified that this only related to zoning and the Act provided that the Board might grant permission for a SHD proposal even where it would materially contravene the relevant development plan **other** than in relation to the zoning of land.

Section 5(6) stated:

“(6) Where the proposed strategic housing development would materially contravene the development plan or local area plan, as the case may be, other than in relation to the zoning of the land, then the statement provided for the purposes of subsection (5)(b)(i) shall indicate why, in the prospective applicant’s opinion, permission should nonetheless be granted, having regard to a consideration specified in section 37(2)(b) of the Act of 2000.”

The following points were raised by the members:

- The members had received emails inviting their submissions for the County Development Plan (CDP) review, the Draft LAP's for Maynooth, Kilcock and Clane and it was felt that council staff did their best to achieve what was best for the county.
- It was reiterated that building of houses was favoured but developments needed to be incorporated into the existing landscape.
- It was felt the vast amount of work carried out on LAP's voted on by the members was not recognised when considering SHD applications.
- It was requested that the Planning Section write to An Bord Pleanála seeking clarification on a particular site in Kilcock where a SHD application was made where the site should not have qualified for a SHD application.

The District Manager stated that if the Councillor provided details the Planning Section would investigate the matter further.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the report be noted and details of a SHD application for a particular site in Kilcock be submitted by Councillor Durkan to the Planning Section in order that they could investigate the matter further.

CM12/1220

The Cathaoirleach requested that items 32 and 33 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 32:

Housing Transfer Applications

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council inform the members of the number of housing transfer applications submitted in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District in the past five years?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that information in relation to housing transfer applications was not stored by municipal district and was unfortunately not available at present. There were 305 valid transfer applications received in Kildare since 01 January 2016.

Councillor Feeney asked how many of the transfer applications were successful given that some cases were mutual transfer requests and other cases involved medical issues. Ms Fitzpatrick stated she would get a member of staff to contact Councillor Feeney to discuss the matter.

The report was noted.

Item 33:

Vacant Housing List

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward. Can the council provide a comprehensive report in respect of the current vacant housing list in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that units (details provided), Kilcock suffered severe fire and structural damage of varying degrees in Quarter 4, 2019. Following an investigation by An Garda Síochána and forensics, the units were released back to Kildare County Council. Demolition and making safe works were carried out and all three properties were secured with shutters.

In early 2020 consultant engineers were engaged to carry out engineering services along with another five fire damaged units on behalf of Kildare County Council. These works had progressed through 2020 and assessment and preparation of a tender package for the units at (details provided) began in Quarter 4, 2020. It was expected that this project would be tendered in Quarter 1, 2021, with works completed in Quarter 4, 2021.

The report was noted.

CM13/1220

The Cathaoirleach requested that items 6 and 17 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 6:

Improvements at Junctions Along Haul Routes

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That with An Bord Pleanála's refusal for the expansion of the Drehid Waste Management Facility, the council review the reports which outlined improvements at junctions along the haul routes with the view to planning a rolling programme of improvements.

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 improvement works required at junctions along the haul routes would most likely require land purchase. A specific funding source and staffing resources would also need to be identified to design and deliver these improvements. Given the substantial funding required, it was unlikely that any of the locations would comply with the terms of the Low-Cost Accident Scheme.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was requested that the members receive a briefing in relation to outlined improvement works at junctions along the haul routes.
- There were two-three junctions in particular where the members had been told they had to wait for An Bord Pleanála's decision before works could be planned.
- A report had previously been prepared by Mr Walsh in the Traffic Management Section.
- Could the whole process be looked at again?
- There had been a major increase in traffic volumes through Allenwood and Prosperous.

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

Item 17:

Roads Improvement Strategy

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council prepare a roads improvement strategy to identify the works needed to improve the safety of junctions in this municipal district.

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 improvement works required at the junctions would most likely require land purchase. A specific funding source and staffing resources would also need to be identified to design and deliver these improvements. Given the substantial funding required, it was unlikely that any of the locations would comply with the terms of the Low-Cost Accident Scheme.

The following points were raised by the members:

- A detailed strategy on dealing with road junctions was requested.
- Increased accidents at junctions was a concern and news on improvements at the junctions would be welcomed.
- Did the Roads Section apply for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in relation to carrying out improvement works at the junctions.
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Mr McGowan raised the following points.

- Out of the five haul routes approximately 10% of them related to junctions.
- Improvement works for Dagweld's Junction had been priced at €1.1 million.
- Land acquisition, public lighting, road widening and implementation of traffic calming measures would be required.

- Funding required would be in the region of €1 million to have works completed.
- The District Engineer could look at carrying out works on the smaller junctions under the Low-Cost Accident Scheme.
- If the members provided a list of the junctions Mr McGowan would give them to the Roads Design Team to provide design and costings.
- This was a separate issue to the Drehid expansion as the money from that project would be for road widening.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and Mr McGowan to liaise with the Roads Design Team in relation to design and costings for the list of junctions and convey the member's comments to the Traffic Management Team and this item to remain on the progress report.

CM14/1220

Relocation of Public Street Light 10 on the R403

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council relocate the public streetlight 10 on the R403, Kilcock Road, Clane from the middle of the footpath.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the lighting column at this location had been relocated.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed the report.

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

CM15/1220

Speeding Issues on the Moyglare Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council erect LED speed signs on the Moyglare Road to tackle constant speeding.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the Councillor could identify the location the Municipal District Office would undertake a traffic survey at this location to ascertain if there was a speeding issue. If an issue was detected proposals would be developed in line with Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy and implemented subject to available funding.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated the following:

- It was a matter which could be raised at the Joint Policing Committee (JPC).
- Mr Keogh, the Road Safety Officer needed to be approached with a view to getting the message across to increase public awareness on the dangers of speeding.
- The section of road from Moyglare Abbey to the Secondary Schools and at the entrance to Mariavilla were of particular concern.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Farrelly that the report be noted and a traffic survey be carried out on the Moyglare Road.

CM16/1220

Traffic Calming Measures from Carton Avenue into Carton Demesne

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council introduce speed calming measures at the crossing from Carton Avenue into Carton Demesne on the Dunboyne Road e.g. pedestrian crossing or ramps.

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 the Municipal District Office would undertake a traffic survey at this location to ascertain if there was a speeding issue. If an issue was detected, proposals would be developed in line with Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy and implemented subject to available funding.

There was a signalised junction at Carton Wood and a controlled crossing near O'Neill's Park so there was no requirement for a pedestrian crossing at this location. The Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) would provide another signalised junction with crossing facilities.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The location referred to in the motion was from Carton Avenue to Carton Estate where there was a large volume of footfall.
- Would the Maynooth Orbital Route include works being carried out at Carton Avenue and Carton Estate and could the council investigate that possibility?
- Could a vehicular underpass be considered?

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- The first step would be for the Municipal District Office to carry out a speed survey.
- The installation of any ramps would have to comply with the council's policy on traffic calming measures.
- A pedestrian crossing might be suitable but the District Engineer would discuss further with the relevant team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the report be noted and a traffic survey be carried out and the District Engineer

liaise with and convey the member's comments to the relevant team in the Roads Section.

CM17/1220

Grand Canal Greenway

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That the council provide a detailed roadmap for the delivery of the section of the Grand Canal Greenway within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District, from the Leinster Aqueduct to the Offaly border near Edenderry, passing through Robertstown, Lowtown, Allenwood, Killina and Ticknevin.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm (SPPR) Team in Kildare County Council had received funding from the Carbon Tax Fund, in the amount of €96,850 to deliver a detailed Business Case and detailed design for the Grand Canal Greenway from Sallins to Clonkeen. A Civil Engineering Consultant Design Team were procured, the tenders were currently being assessed. The SPPR Team would appoint the consultant before Christmas, with detailed design to follow (approximately 6 months for completion). The SPPR Team was submitting an application to the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) for funding for construction of this section, should this be successful, construction would follow on once the detailed design was in place. Should the application not meet the requirements set out in the application, other funding sources would need to be identified.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The Grand Canal had always been a popular amenity and the use of it had increased over the last year for pedestrians and cyclists.
- It was noted the council had received planning permission for the Kildare section of the Greenway.

- The application for funding through the RRDF was welcomed and it was hoped it would be successful.

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

CM18/1220

Cycle Design for Kilcock for 2021

The Cathaoirleach requested that items 16 and 29 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 16:

The members considered the following joint motion in the name of Councillors Hamilton and Ward.

That the council prepare proposals and public consultation to secure funding for a cycle design for Kilcock for 2021 particularly considering the schools, the R125 and connections with new developments and routes through the town.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as agreed with the Nation Transport Authority (NTA), Kildare County Council's Cycle Projects Programme for 2021 could be seen in the table below. Please note that the table included one project related to bus priority which also came under NTA funding (R445/R416 Junction Improvement).

Cycle Projects	Plan for 2021
Maynooth Corridor Phase 5 - R418 from Leinster Street to Moyglare Road.	In 2021, plan to progress the detailed design and suite of construction tender documentation.
Royal Canal Cycling (Fingal County Council (FCC) Border - Maynooth).	In 2021, plan to finalise the detailed design, construction tender documentation and commence construction.

Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Designs - Naas to Sallins Greenway.	In 2021, plan to finalise the scheme design and bring the scheme to the Part 8 Planning Process.
GDA Cycle Network Designs - Kilcullen Road in Naas.	Part 8 design complete. In 2021, plan to progress the detailed design and suite of construction tender documentation.
GDA Cycle Network Designs - Naas to Kill.	Part 8 design complete. In 2021, plan to progress the detailed design and suite of construction tender documentation.
Kildangan Bridge -Shuttle and Pedestrian Facility.	Certificate of Substantial Completion issued for the project in Quarter 4, 2020. Contractual claims and changes orders to be closed out in Quarter 1, 2021.
Easton Road, Leixlip Cycle Route and Bus Facilities.	Concept design to progress in 2021 in collaboration between the NTA Cycle Design Office and the Municipal District Office.
Celbridge Bridge.	The NTA were progressing a concept design and environmental reporting.
Bus Priority	Plan for 2021
R445/R416 Junction Improvement (Naas and Newbridge Bus Priority).	In 2021, planned to progress the detailed design and suite of construction tender documentation, with potential for procurement of civil works contractor and construction commencing 2021/2022.

Kildare County Council had been engaged in continual consultation with the NTA and had agreed an ambitious quantum of work for 2021 based on the resources available. The council trusted this showed the Directorate's commitment and ambitions in this area and hoped when further resources became available over time the council could expand upon this list of projects.

Please note that the list above contained the major projects that the council was taking forward in 2021 and did not include the many other discrete walking and

cycling projects delivered on an ongoing basis by the Municipal Districts, Public Realm and Planning and Transportation Teams throughout the year.

Kildare County Council had been in discussions with the NTA regarding their 5 Year Cycling Programme (2021-2025) and had expressed its ambitions for a substantial growth in cycling infrastructure in the county. This plan was decided upon by the NTA and the council hoped to see their plan sometime in the new year. This plan might be reviewed at a later stage with the potential to examine proposals to secure funding for a cycle network design for Kilcock.

The following points were raised by the members:

- €40,000 LPT money had been allocated towards employing a Cycle Design Officer and this money was now being carried forward to 2021 as the post had not yet been filled. Could the council clarify exactly what funding would be needed?
- There appeared to be no link with design funding and design capacity funding.
- It was asked if the council could provide an update in relation to an item on the progress report (CM32/1120) in relation to the developer completing a cycle and pedestrian path from the development of houses to the existing school in the centre of Kilcock.
- Funding for a dedicated focus on cycle design for Dagweld's Cross, Firmount and Prosperous had been previously been sanctioned.
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- A new Traffic Management Team had been set up in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department to deal with the cycle design work.
- Some members of this team had already taken up their posts and other posts had been advertised.
- Sanction had been approved for the post of Cycle Design Officer.

- All schemes mentioned were funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).
- The developer was complying and would be dealing with the completion of a cycle and pedestrian path from the development of houses to the existing school in the centre of Kilcock.
- The members' comments would be conveyed to the Traffic Management Team.

The District Manager stated that Departmental approval was required if additional staff were needed. She stated that in relation to resource deficits clarity was required from the Traffic Management Team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted, The District Engineer convey the members' comments to the Traffic Management Team and this item remain on the progress report.

Item 29:

Cycle Design Work Supporting Continuous Routes

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council provide an update on when the cycle design work supporting continuous routes for the Meadowbrook, Beaufield, Newtown Road, Parsons Street and Celbridge Road connection can be resourced and started?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as agreed with the National Transport Authority (NTA), Kildare County Council's Cycle Projects Programme for 2021 in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District could be seen in the table below:

Cycle Projects	Plan for 2021
Maynooth Corridor Phase 5 - R418 from Leinster Street to Moyglare Road	In 2021, plan to progress the detailed design and suite of construction tender documentation.
Royal Canal Cycling (FCC Border - Maynooth)	In 2021, plan to finalise the detailed design, construction tender documentation and commence construction.

Kildare County Council had applied for Active Travel COVID-19 related NTA funding allowing for a safer more permeable cycling network with increased cycle parking facilities in Maynooth Town. It was proposed that these cycle infrastructure projects would commence in 2021 by the Municipal District, Public Realm, Planning and Transportation teams.

Kildare County Council had been engaged in continual consultation with the NTA and had agreed an ambitious quantum of work for 2021 based on the resources available. The council trusted this showed the Directorate's commitment and ambitions in this area and hoped when further resources became available over time the council could expand upon this list of projects. Kildare County Council had been in discussions with the NTA regarding their 5 year cycling programme (2021 -2025) and had expressed its ambitions for a substantial growth in cycling infrastructure within the county. The finalised programme agreed with the NTA would be available in Quarter 1, 2021.

The report was noted.

CM19/1220

Potential Flooding Problems on the Maynooth Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council investigate potential flooding problems on the Maynooth Road, Prosperous.

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 Municipal District Office was not aware of any issues at this location. If the Councillor could provide more details the matter could be investigated.

Councillor Farrelly welcomed the report.

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

CM20/1220

Road Repairs Connaught Street, Kilcock

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council resurface the sections of Connaught Street, Kilcock that are in a poor state of repair.

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 this road would be included in the list of roads for consideration under the 2021 Restoration Improvements Programme. Roads were selected based on available funding, road condition rating and traffic volumes. The programme would be determined when the Road Grants were announced.

Councillor Ward asked if in the interim the large potholes on sections of Connaught Street could be repaired and the District Engineer stated he would arrange for repairs to be carried out.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and that in the interim the District Engineer arrange for works to be carried out to repair the large potholes on sections of Connaught Street.

CM21/1220

Trash Racks Upstream of the Clane Playground

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.
Can the council provide an update on the planned change of trash racks upstream of the Clane playground near the crèche?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the screen was currently under construction and was expected to be installed in Quarter 1, 2021.

The report was noted.

CM22/1220

Junction at the Church in Prosperous

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council confirm if it has plans to improve the junction at the church in Prosperous?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office currently had no plans to undertake any works at this location.

The report was noted.

CM23/1220

Pedestrian Crossing at the National School in Kilmeague

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council provide a progress report on the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the National School in Kilmeague?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a contractor had been appointed to undertake these works and was expected on site in the next 2 weeks.

The report was noted.

CM24/1220

Maynooth Main Street Footpaths

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney.
Can the council confirm when the planned works on Maynooth Main Street footpaths and The Square will take place?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an application for funding in respect of the development of a Masterplan and design for Maynooth Main Street, adjoining laneways and environs, Court House Square, Carton Avenue and The Harbour Field was submitted to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) in May 2020. A decision was expected on this funding application in December 2020. Should the funding application be successful, design work would commence in early 2021.

The report was noted.

CM25/1220

Bollard Along the Sections of the Cycle Lanes on Straffan Road

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

Can the council confirm when the agreed bollard will be installed along the sections of the cycle lanes level with the road on the Straffan Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office intended to progress this work in Quarter 1, 2021.

The report was noted.

CM26/1220

Maynooth Orbital Route

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

Can the council provide a full update on the progress of the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) funded section of the Maynooth Orbital Route?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Project Team were currently working with Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers, in preparing the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documents and in progressing the detailed design of the road scheme.

Discussions were ongoing with CIE/Iarnród Éireann and Waterways Ireland regarding the approvals process relating to the design of the single span bridge structure. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions had impacted on the programme of this project but every effort was being made by the team to minimise the slip in timeline.

The report was noted.

CM27/1220

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 27 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Grass Verge and Open Space Near Hamilton Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council confirm if it has any plans to undertake works to protect the grass verge and open space near Hamilton Bridge from damage by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's)?

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 at this location and had no works planned.

The report was noted.

CM28/1220

Temporary Works on Maynooth Streets

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.
Can the council provide an update on when the temporary works on Maynooth streets, funded in the National Transport Authority (NTA) July Stimulus Package will begin?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the works on the Celbridge Road linking to Laurence Avenue had been completed. The works on Mill Street and The Dublin Road were in progress but due to an unprecedented demand for bollards had yet to be completed. The report was noted.

CM29/1220

Safety Issues on the R405

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm if it is aware of the safety issues on the R405, from Ballygoran, Maynooth to Celbridge?

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 safety issues at this location.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that there were speeding issues on the entire length of the R405 from Ballygoran continuously to Celbridge and stated that stretch of road was prone to occasional flooding. He asked that the council investigate the matter further.

The report was noted.

CM30/1220

Sallins Bye Pass

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council update the members on what plans it has in place to deal with any potential major traffic incident at Alexandra Bridge, Clane given the likely increase in traffic volumes when the Sallins Bye Pass opens?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had standard call out procedures for any incidents which might include provision of traffic detour around the incident site in consultation with the Emergency Services.

Mr McGowan stated that it was not known how much of an increase in traffic volumes the Sallins-Bye Pass would generate. He stated that he would refer to the relevant team in roads for an update and would revert to Councillor Farrelly.

The report was noted.

CM31/1220

Traffic Speed Survey Connaught Street, Kilcock

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

Can the council confirm when the traffic speed survey will be carried out on Connaught Street, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the speed survey was scheduled to be undertaken in the coming month.

The report was noted.

CM32/1220

Health Checks

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

That the council indicate the resource capacity and the funding required for 2021 to progress Health Checks for the Public Realm areas in Allenwood, Kilmeague, Robertstown and Coill Dubh.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team would be in a position to commence the Health Check process and develop associated Town Renewal Plans for the locations listed in Quarter 3, 2021. From previous experience, the approximate cost per location was €30,000 however this was subject to an open tender process and associated market conditions at that time.

Councillor Wyse stated he was satisfied with the report.

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

CM33/1220

Capacity of Primary and Post Primary School Places in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm what the current and projected capacity is of primary and post primary school places in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the council did not collect these statistics and the question should be addressed to the Department of Education.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that given the projected increase in population growth for Maynooth it would be helpful if the council contacted the Department of Education to ask them what the current and projected capacity was of primary and post primary school places for Maynooth.

Mr McLoughlin stated he would contact the Department of Education and provide feedback to Councillor Ó Cearúil.

The report was noted.

CM34/1220

Boundary Wall Between Oakwood Park and Radharc na hEaglaise

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the Planning Control and Housing Sections provide an update on the missing boundary wall between Oakwood Park and Radharc na hEaglaise estates in Derrinturn?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that Condition 7 of Planning Reference 18/850 required the submission of compliance documents in respect of pedestrian and cycle permeability between the two named estates. This issue was the subject of discussions between the council and the developer and had not been finalised. The report was noted.

CM35/1220

Proposed Project in Prosperous

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council update the members on the proposed project in Prosperous through funds received in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Prosperous Town Branding Project would commence during Quarter 1, 2021 with online public consultation as the first step. This consultation would inform the Town Brand and would be used to develop concepts which would then go back out to the community for selection. Once the brand and logo had been approved, the town branding signage would be erected on the approach roads into Prosperous in collaboration with the Municipal District Engineer.

The report was noted.

CM36/1220

Tree Removal and Replacement Planting Abbeycourt, Clane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.
Can the council provide an update on the planned leylandii tree removal and replacement planting for Abbeycourt, Clane?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the removal of the leylandii trees was included in a list of tree requests received throughout 2020 in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. All these had been tendered and subject to the available budget meeting the tendered costs, the works would be carried out in the first half of 2021. Replanting would be scheduled for 2022.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.