

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District Meeting held on Friday, 06 March 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

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

Apologies: Councillor N Ó Cearúil.

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr T McDonnell (Director of Service) Mr S Aylward (District Engineer), Mr G Halton (Senior Executive Officer), Mr E Lynch (Senior Executive Planner), Mr S Wallace, (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms A Burke, Mr J Murtagh (Executive Engineers) Ms S Fitzpatrick (Administrative Officer), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

CM01/0320

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 February 2020 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan seconded by Councillor Feeney that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday, 07 February 2020 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM02/0320

Matters Arising

CM16/0220

Speed Limit in Parklands, Maynooth

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any timeframe for the completion of the Countywide Speed Limit Review as he understood the speed limit for Parklands would be considered as part of the review. The District Engineer stated that the Speed Limit Review Team were

overseeing the review and stated it would be later in the year before the outcome would be known.

CM03/0220, CM02/1219 CM03/1119

Bend on the Dunboyne Road

Councillor Durkan noted that drainage maintenance works had been carried out on the Dunboyne Road to alleviate the flooding and asked if there was a timeframe for further works to be done on the bend of the road. The District Engineer stated that it would be later in the year before further works were carried out.

CM03/0220, CM36/1219

Traffic Lights at Allenwood Cross

Councillor Wyse noted that the request for traffic lights at Allenwood Cross would be referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) for a report and costings and asked if there was any further update. The District Engineer stated he was waiting for the TAAG to provide a report with costings and stated it was likely that funding for same would have to be provided by the council.

CM10/0120

Traffic Implications for Clane

Mr McDonnell informed the members that a motion on behalf of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee had been discussed at the February full council meeting where the members had outlined their concerns in relation to the imminent opening of the Sallins Bypass.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Once works commenced at Sallins several public meetings had been held
- The expansion of the M7 had introduced new signage for exiting to Clane and Kilcock which would encourage people to drive through both towns
- A report which had been issued by White Young Green in 2009 which contained a number of objectives, many of which had been achieved
- There were issues with signage not being on display

- Unlocking car dependency needed to be focused on (to create a safe active environment)
- Weight restrictions might relieve some traffic volumes from towns
- Irish Water would be running a pipe connection from Central Park to the pumping station
- Given the condition of Alexandra Bridge what plans did the council and Transport Infrastructure (TII) have with regard to installing a new bridge across the Liffey (an aspiration of the the Clane Local Area Plan (LAP) – what would happen if Alexandra Bridge closed due to an incident on the bridge?
- Clane would become a total bottleneck
- A plan was needed to alleviate the traffic in Clane
- The members and the Executive needed to be mindful when considering the variation of the County Development Plan (CDP) to include the provision of no traffic through some towns
- Would a one-way system help with traffic movement for Clane?
- The allocation of a Cycle Design Officer would be welcome
- Did the council need to consult with bus companies with regard to providing services for the train stations?
- Councillor Farrelly stated he was sending a submission to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and would include any points the members wanted to raise

Mr McDonnell confirmed the following points:

- As with other towns and villages in County Kildare, Clane was particularly constrained because of rivers and bridges at various locations
- Signage issues had now been resolved. Signs were now in place and there was signage displayed for Clane just past the Toll Plaza on the M4
- There were three scenarios with the traffic – (i) traffic that travelled through the town and did not stop (ii) traffic which stopped in the town and (iii) the traffic of residents living in town
- Part of the Ring Road had been completed after Alexandra Bridge and the next section between the Dublin Road and Kilcock would be a planning condition of a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application

- There were no plans at this stage for a replacement bridge
- The report referred to in 2009 by White Young Green had been issued at a time when more funding was available
- Implications of the possibility of a one-way system for Clane needed to be considered
- The recruitment of a Cycle Design Officer would be followed up
- Clane had no train station and was suffering from large volumes of traffic using the town
- The Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority (NTA) would be attending the March full council meeting and the members could convey their suggestions to her at the meeting
- The Naas to Sallins bus service did not extend to service Clane

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr McDonnell for his input at the meeting.

CM03/0320

Deputation from Maynooth Educate Together National School

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Orlando Gale-Scourfield, Martynas Hamza and Merowech Stifter, sixth class students of the Maynooth Educate Together National School to the meeting. He stated that Glas ar na Gaeilge, the winning group of the school's Blue Star Programme were going to present their ideas on policies for the development of Maynooth.

The presentation given by the children informed the members as follows:

- A community project, where bio-degradable bags could be collected from small shops, to collect litter, and returned to the shops for a reward of €5 would be a good incentive to help the community to get involved to help alleviate litter problems
- Turning off electricity in schools for one hour a week would save energy
- The expense of childcare was an ongoing problem for parents and more affordable childcare spaces were needed
- Building a three screen cinema beside the Range and Tesco would encourage people to go outside, decrease traffic and introduce a community space for young people

- Kildare as a community should have more places to enjoy playing football and other sports - all-weather pitches were needed
- More cycle paths were needed in Kildare to encourage people to cycle

The following points were made by the members:

- The members thanked the children for their presentation and their great ideas
- The members were constantly trying to get investment in more cycle lanes and footpaths and this was progressing
- It was great to see young people so committed to their community and they were encouraged to follow up on their ideas especially in relation to co-ordinating activities in schools to enable switching off electricity for one hour a week – the students could write to other schools and the Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board (KWETB) in relation to same
- The cinema was a great idea and this could be incorporated into the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) when reviewing it
- A litter clean-up was a great idea and Tidy Town (TT) Groups were always looking for additional help and the students were encouraged to contact TT with their ideas
- It was agreed childcare availability and costs needed to be reviewed and there was a Community Crèche Action Group who were looking into creating a Community Hub with a crèche
- Suggestions had been put forward in writing for childcare spaces to be clustered together as building them in housing estates was not sustainable

The District Manager congratulated the students on their comprehensive presentation and echoed the members comments. The Cathaoirleach congratulated the students for their comprehensive presentation and stated it was great to see young people interested in politics. He thanked the sixth-year students and their teachers for attending the meeting.

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer apologised for not having a written report included with the issuing of the agenda reports but informed the members that during the past month crews had been extremely busy responding to the additional demands caused by the storms. These demands included clearing trees, clearing flooding, deploying sandbags and assisting the public, installing additional drainage measures and maintaining the road network.

In the past month the following specific works had been undertaken:

- Road overlay on Moat Commons Road, Clane
- Overlay works and commission of traffic lights at Mollyware Street, Kilcock
- Drainage measures in Staffan, Allenwood South and Derrinturn

Due to the inclement weather the contractor was unable to complete the following works but was due back on site the following week to continue:

- Footpath repairs Kilcock Road at Manor Mills
- Curryhills, Prosperous – additional gully and drainage works
- Repairs to damaged crash barriers at Rathcoffey, Cocks Bridge and Shee Bridge
- Footpath repairs Rockfield Estate
- Footpath repairs Kingsbry Estate

Contract 1 of the Restoration Improvement Grant had been tender awarded and a contractor was due on site in the next week.

The projects included were as follows:

- R403 Clane at Celbridge Road Roundabout
- R408 Rathcoffey Road, Prosperous
- L2004 Millicent Road, Clane
- L50538 Old Greenfield Road, Maynooth

Coffey Construction were currently undertaking works in Churchfield/Central Park in Clane as part of the Contract 2B works:

- It was planned to begin works on the R403 on 23 March with works progressing through the phases as advised previously.
- There would be a press release from Irish Water with updates as required and there was a live link on the Irish water website which would be updated as the contractor moved between phases www.irishwater.ie/clane

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr John Connor, graduate engineer to the meeting and stated he would be working with Mr Aylward in the Municipal District Office.

CM05/0320

Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2020

The members considered the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2020 (including the agreed list of roads projects).

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all the members present that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2020 (including the agreed list of roads projects) be approved (see Appendix A attached).

CM06/0320

Grace's Park Housing Estate

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

That the council takes charge of Grace's Park housing estate in Derrinturn, following the Section 180 request which was received in May 2016, and the subsequent commitment made at the Maynooth Municipal District meeting in May 2017 to complete the wearing course using LPT funding.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a Section 180 request had been received for this estate, however the LPT funding that the Councillor referred to was for Chambers Park and Grace's Park. All of the allocated funding with some additional monies was required for Chambers Park and as a result the wearing course in Grace's Park was outstanding with no funding available. Windsor Style Developments had developed the 26 houses under 04/1479. The company was dissolved in 2009. The bond expired on 31 July 2008. In order to progress the taking in charge of the estate, the wearing course would have to be provided, the estate snagged and the council would need to have a CCTV survey and an as-constructed drawings carried out. As with all estates the council would also need to seek the approval of Irish Water. This estate was not on the council's schedule for 2020 but the Building and Control Section would start to progress the process in 2020 by engaging with the council's CCTV contractor to have the relevant surveys carried out.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Could the taking in charge of Grace's Park be prioritised given the fact there had been no progress in three years
- €300,000 had been set aside for three housing estates for road surfacing and finishing off housing estates – this money had been used for only two of the housing estates
- A report detailing outstanding works and the cost of same was requested for the next meeting
- Why had all the money been used on Chambers Parks and why had this not been highlighted with the members?
- The bond for the estate had expired and was there any other means of funding to finish of the estate without using LPT
- It was requested that this matter remain on the progress report

Ms Burke confirmed the following points:

- Costings and details of outstanding work would be provided for the next meeting
- Over €300,000 had been spent on Chamber's Park alone
- CCTV footage was needed for Irish Water
- Funding for outstanding works would need to be identified
- There was a national taking in charge initiative fund which could be explored for additional funding

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the report be noted and a report detailing outstanding works and costings be provided for the April meeting and this item remain on the progress report.

CM07/0320

Cois na Móna Estate

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

That the council liaise with Irish Water and the developer of Cois na Móna Estate, Cooleragh (Coill Dubh) to alleviate sewage problems in view of the ongoing sewage issues in the estate.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Development Control Section had reviewed the file and carried out a site visit to inspect the drainage system. There were a number of issues which were identified, and the council had written to engage the developer in the taking in charge process. If the developer refused to engage with the council the Development Control Section could only further the taking in charge via a site resolution plan with funding from Irish Water.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Several complaints had been received from the residents in relation to sewage problems

- The taking in charge process could not be advanced whilst the council were waiting for the developer to engage in the process
- If the developer was no longer managing the estate where did the council stand in terms of the taking in charge process?
- It was requested that a further update be provided the members at their next meeting in April

Mr Murtagh confirmed the following points:

- An inspection on the site had been carried out recently and the CCTV footage had identified issues
- The council had written to the developer and was currently awaiting a response
- The council could prepare schedules for Irish Water
- The Building Control Section would look into the possibility of drawing down the bond and if the bond was not available, they would prepare schedules for Irish Water
- The Building Control Section had met with Irish Water and Irish Water had asked to be kept informed of progress
- A further report would be provided to the members at their next meeting in April

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the report be noted and a further report be provided by the Building Control Section for the April meeting.

CM08/0320

Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restriction at Moyglare Road

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restriction at Moyglare Road, (L1012) and the Kilcock Road (R-148) Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 local authorities were obliged to carry out a public consultation process and consult with An Garda Síochána with regard to implementing and enforcing traffic calming measures. The above proposed traffic calming measures were advertised in the Leinster Leader, in the edition of 07 January

2020, and the Liffey Champion, in the edition of 11 January 2020. It was also placed on public display in Maynooth Library, Maynooth Municipal District Office, Level 4 counter, Áras Chill Dara and on the council website. It was open for submissions from Tuesday 07 January to Monday 10 February 2020, with a closing date of 12 noon on Friday 14 February 2020. This proposal forms part of the Maynooth North South Corridor Improvement Scheme - Phase 6 - Moyglare Road, Maynooth. It had been forwarded to An Garda Síochána, Naas for comment, and confirmation was received from the Superintendent's Office confirming that An Garda Síochána, Naas had no objections to the traffic calming measures at this location. There was one submission received from the public, which was in support of the scheme, but highlighted the need for enforcement by the authorities.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by all members present that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restriction at Moyglare Road, (L1012) and the Kilcock Road (R-148) Maynooth, Co. Kildare be approved.

CM09/0320

Speeding Issues at Railpark Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council review the speeding issue at Rail Park Estate, Maynooth which continues to be used as an inappropriate shortcut/ratrun for motorists and is putting the safety of the residents at risk.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was currently carrying out a County Speed Limit Review which was the legal process for the adopting of speed limits and as part of this process the Rail Park residential development in Maynooth was being considered as a 30kph Slow Zone (Jakes Law). The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department was aiming to have the County Speed Limit Review adopted in Quarter 4, 2020. Once the County Speed Limit Review was adopted by the elected members, the legal process would then be completed and clear the pathway for the 30kph Slow Zone sign to be erected in Rail Park Estate. The erection of Jakes Law signage in Rail Park Estate along with other

residential locations in Kildare would form part of a signage works contract, which was planned to be implemented in Quarter 1, 2021 subject to funding being available. The Municipal District Office undertook a speed survey in 2019 which indicated the 85 percentile speed of 48km/hr. The option of installing ramps or chicanes had been investigated but no suitable locations had been identified. This matter had been discussed with a representative of the Residents Association.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The speeding issues in the estate had worsened with the recent change in demographics within the estate
- The estate was being used as a rat run by motorists
- Was it possible to have a system in the estate which only allowed one car to pass at a time similar to the system used in the Parklands Estate?
- Signage – Slow Down signs were needed
- A resident had met the District Engineer on site and was not opposed to the closing off of one entrance to the estate but it was up to the Resident's Association to decide
- It was suggested that Councillor Feeney, Councillor Durkan and the District Engineer met on site with the residents of Rail Park to discuss the matter further

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and the District Engineer meet with Councillor Feeney and Councillor Durkan on site with the residents of Rail Park to discuss the matter further.

CM10/0320

Pedestrian Crossing or Signage at the Entrance to Carton Demesne

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council consider providing a pedestrian crossing or enhanced warning signage for motorists at the entrance to Carton Demesne from Carton Avenue in the interest of the safety of the increasing number of pedestrian and cyclists who use this amenity.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this matter had been referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG).

Councillor Feeney stated that more children were using the pedestrian crossing and some form of a signage system to warn drivers that pedestrians were using the area would be helpful.

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

CM11/0320

Councillor Weld welcomed students from Prosperous National School to the meeting.

Road signs at the main crossroads in Prosperous

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

That the council installs road signs at various points of the main crossroads in Prosperous warning drivers to take care due to school crossings.

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 a school signage survey was currently being carried out and Prosperous would be included in this. The Municipal District Engineer had undertaken a survey of the junction on 02 March 2020 and identified 16 signs on the approaches to the junction indicating school, pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. The Municipal District Office would await the outcome of the review before undertaking any works. If the councillor had any immediate concerns the Municipal District Engineer could meet him on site to discuss.

Councillor Farrelly stated that he had raised this motion on foot of a consultation he had with the students from Prosperous National School.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Was there a proposed timeline for the outcome of the school signage survey
- Was the width of the road adequate to install a filter lane?
- Potholes were being patched up and which was not a long-term solution to the deterioration of the road
- Signs were needed immediately
- An additional safety barrier – railings would be helpful

The District Engineer stated that he only became aware of the situation the previous week and it would be mid-summer before works could be completed.

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

CM12/0320

Installation of Litter Bins on the Block, Prosperous

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

That the council engages with community groups in Prosperous to consider the installation of litter bins on the Block, Prosperous.

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 provision of bins and sweeping service was provided by the Municipal District Office with funding allocated by the Water and Environment Services Department. There was currently no capacity in either funding or resources to expand the service.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Several complaints had been received from students and their families in relation to litter
- Dog fouling was a major issue in the area
- Could the council liaise with community groups and could additional signage be erected

- Could bins from other locations be moved to serve this area if they were not used at their current locations
- There was a €500,000 fund for county Litter Awareness Initiatives and communities needed support to help alleviate litter problems
- Could the budget be changed for 2021 to allow for the Litter Awareness Initiative fund to be drawn down
- There was the Green Mile Community Group who encouraged people to take their litter home
- People needed to take responsibility for dog fouling
- Councillor Farrelly stated he would look investigate the possibility of using the Green Mile Community Group to help with the problem

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

CM13/0320

Signage to Highlight Indicative Active Travel Times

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

That as a climate action measure the council identify opportunities to use signage to highlight indicative active travel times to this municipal district town centres from key locations around the towns.

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 this proposal would require an assessment of the towns, a design and template for the signs, and finance for purchase of same together with installation at required locations would be needed.

Councillor McEvoy stated there was a signage system operating in Kilkenny which displayed peripheral distance indicating how long it took to travel between areas either by walking or cycling. He stated that the members had set aside money (€2,300) to be used in the LPT to encourage people to walk and cycle.

The District Engineer stated that he would liaise with Mr Keogh, the Road Safety Officer to discuss the possibility of introducing a policy for cycling and walking and look at the possibility of running a signage pilot scheme in Straffan.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy , seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and the District Engineer liaise with Mr Keogh, the Road Safety Officer to discuss the possibility of introducing a policy for cycling and walking and look at the possibility of running a signage pilot scheme in Straffan.

CM14/0320

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 13, 29, 30 and 32 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 13:

Refurbishment of the Main Street and Court House Square, Maynooth

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

That the council provide a full update as to when the refurbishment of the Main Street and Court House Square, Maynooth is likely to commence.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team in collaboration with the Municipal District Engineer intended to submit an application for funding to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) to deliver this project alongside the redevelopment of The Harbour Field. The deadline for submission to the URDF was 31 March 2020, with a decision expected sometime in Autumn 2020.

Councillor Durkan thanked the District Engineer and Ms Hunt for the amount of work which had been done to progress this project and asked if the pedestrian areas at the Presentation Girls School in Maynooth could be included in the works and if flagstones with sufficient grip could be used for the surfacing on the Main Street and The Square.

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

Item 29:

Public Realm project for the Harbour Field

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

That the council provide a full update on the Public Realm project for the Harbour Field, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the draft Part 8 documentation was nearing completion and a briefing for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee would be arranged in the coming weeks, prior to the launch of the Part 8.

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

Item 30:

Village and Town Renewal Scheme, Kilcock

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

That this Municipal District Committee receive an update on the Village and Town Renewal Scheme in respect of Kilcock with particular emphasis on the delivery of this scheme, the next steps and any other relevant information.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that this project would be delivered by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team in collaboration with the Municipal District Engineer and the community of Kilcock. Public consultation in respect of Kilcock branding would commence in April 2020 with

branding gateway signage specifications and locations to be identified in tandem with the consultation process.

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

Item 32:

Public Realm consultation process in Straffan

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

Can the council confirm when the Public Realm consultation process will start in Straffan?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the urban design analysis and desktop exercise was nearing completion, with the initial public consultation process due to commence shortly. The members would be advised of the consultation dates once they had been agreed.

The report was noted.

CM15/0320

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

Item 28:

Strategic Projects and Public Realm

Ms Hunt circulated a quarterly report to the members detailing all updates on Strategic Projects and Public Realm. She asked the members what format they would like the report to be presented to them in and stated a briefing on the Harbour Field would be given to the members. She asked if the members would prefer the briefing to be an in committee meeting and it was agreed by all members present that an in committee meeting be held after the April meeting to receive an update of the Harbour Field. Councillor McEvoy stated that match funding of €111,000 had been allocated for Clane and asked if details could be sent to the members. Ms Hunt stated she would ask the Project Manager to forward the details to the members in writing. She informed the members that 12 applications for tenders had been received in relation to the Bawnogues Community Centre.

CM16/0320

Pull in Stops on the Kilcock M4 Slip Road

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

That the council make good and repair the numerous "pull in stops" on the Kilcock M4 slip road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the works pertaining to the M4 were a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Subject to the members agreement, the Senior Executive Officer for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety would write to TII seeking a response.

Councillor Ward stated that he had allocated LPT funding two years ago to increase the kerbing on that stretch of road to prevent people from pulling in and asked if some filling work could be done to heighten the kerb. The District Engineer stated he would look into the possibility of having some filling work carried out on the kerb.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and the District Engineer look into the possibility of having some filling work carried out on the kerb.

CM17/0320

Speed Radar at Dag Weld's Cross

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

That the council insert a speed radar at Dag Weld's Cross to get the traffic to slow down on the approach road to the junction.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office would carry out some speed counting to determine whether there was a warrant for such a sign.

The members raised the following points:

- Clongorry had an existing speed radar system which worked well, could the possibility of installing one at Dag Weld's Cross be looked into?
- When would the speed count take place
- The sightline coming from the Timahoe to Baltreacy route was blocked with fencing poles was it possible to speak to the landowners to discuss the possibility of removing them?
- €470,000 was paid in commercial rates by the Drehid Landfill some contribution should be made by them towards road safety
- Councillor McEvoy would give the District Engineer the phone number of a landowner for a discussion in relation to land take
- When would works be carried out at Downing's Cross?
- At the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting in September 2018 TAAG were to generate a report – Mr McDonnell said he would have this report circulated to the members

The District Engineer stated the following:

- A TAAG assessment had been carried out
- The District Engineer needed to see the TAAG report and he had asked the TAAG to forward a copy of this report to himself and the members
- There was a possibility the speed survey would be carried out in April
- It was hoped works at Downing's Cross would be carried out in the coming weeks

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

CM18/0320

Road Markings at the Junction of the L5021-3 and L5021-4

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

Can the council confirm what progress has been made on the request to add new road markings to clarify the right of way at the junction of the L5021-3 and L5021-4 roads in Ticknevin?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer inspected the site on 02 March 2020 and would carry out further assessments in the coming weeks to ascertain if road markings were appropriate with the limited road width. If lining would not work, signage would be provided. It was intended to have any works completed during Quarter 2, 2020. The report was noted.

CM19/0320

Flooding issues Malone Way Road, Allenwood South

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

Can the council confirm what progress has been made on resolving the ongoing flooding issues at residences on the western side of Malone Way Road in Allenwood South?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office only became aware of this issue in mid-February and undertook remedial works the previous week. It was hoped these works had resolved the issue but the Municipal District Office would monitor it going forward. The report was noted.

CM20/0320

Pedestrian Entrance into Meadowbrook Estate

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to install a pelican/zebra crossing on the pedestrian entrance into Meadowbrook Estate opposite the Newtown Shopping Centre as this road is becoming very busy and difficult to cross safely?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were currently no plans to provide any additional pelican/zebra crossings at this location. It should be noted that the following pedestrian facilities were provided in the area:

- 1) uncontrolled crossing points at the junction of the Meadowbrook Link Road with the Meadowbrook Road (with pedestrian refuge island)
- 2) uncontrolled crossing point at the pedestrian entrance to commercial centre on the Meadowbrook Road – on raised ramp near bus stop, and
- 3) a zebra crossing point was provided on a raised ramp at the pedestrian entrance to the commercial centre on the Beaufield Road.

It was considered that there was sufficient pedestrian facilities provided for in this location.

The report was noted.

CM21/0320

Naming of Bridges on the Royal Canal

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.
Can the council update the committee on the remaining tasks to complete the installation of roadside naming of bridges over the Royal Canal, agreed by the members of Maynooth Municipal District in 2017 and funded by LPT allocation?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office was aware of this funding and intended to progress this during Quarter 3, 2020.

The report was noted.

CM22/0320

Greenway Between Maynooth and the Dublin

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

Can the council provide an update on the current status and timeframe for the completion of the Greenway between Maynooth and the Dublin County border, the timeframe for works to

commence and be completed, and confirmation that the required budget is secured at this point.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the scheme was at detailed design stage. A number of design challenges had been met as part of the detailed design which required liaising with Waterways Ireland, the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Kildare County Council Planning and Strategic Development Department. These challenges had now been resolved and Kildare County Council had proposed a way forward to the NTA. It was planned to go to tender in Quarter 3/Quarter 4 2020 once approval had been received from the NTA (expected in the next week). As this scheme advanced through each stage (detailed design, tendering, construction) approval had to be sought from the funding authority (NTA). The NTA had allocated €700,000 to this scheme in 2020. Provided approvals were granted by the NTA it was planned to go to site in late Quarter 4, 2020.

Councillor Ward asked when confirmation of the funding would be known and the Mr Halton stated he would check with the relevant team and revert to Councillor Ward. The District Manager stated that an update on the Royal Canal Greenway would be given to the members at their April meeting.

The report was noted.

CM23/0320

Noise Reduction Measures on the M4

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

Can the council confirm that works will commence for the resurfacing and introduction of noise reduction measures on the M4 motorway and detail the timeframes involved.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the M4 resurfacing scheme between Junction 7 Maynooth and Junction 8 Kilcock (both sides of the carriageway) was programmed to be awarded in March with a start date of late April/early May 2020. The material to be used would be a 10mm stone mastic asphalt.

The report was noted.

CM24/0320

Vacant Houses in Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the current vacant houses in Maynooth and the proposed timelines for their occupation?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that a vacant house report was provided to the members which provided information on the vacant houses

in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. The 3 units in Maynooth would be available for tenancy by the end of April 2020.

The report was noted.

CM25/0320

Allocation of Housing Units

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

Can the council confirm how many housing units will be built/acquired in this municipal district for 2020 for allocation, and identify the location of same and approximate timeline of when they will be available for allocation?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the following table set out the number of units expected to be delivered in 2020 for allocation. The council did not provide addresses of properties it was acquiring through the acquisition programme or under Part V as to do so would breach GDPR. The council construction scheme in Anne Street, Prosperous should be delivered by the end of March. Delivery of all the other units should be delivered over the course of the year.

Year	Proposed delivery by	Type	Number
2020*	Approved Housing Body	Capital Advance and Leasing Facility	1
2020*	Approved Housing Body	Mortgage to Rent	6
2020*	Kildare County Council	Leasing	4
2020*	Kildare County Council	Part V **	39
2020*	Kildare County Council	Turnkey	41
2020*	Kildare County Council	Acquisitions (incl Homeless prevention/HAP/RAS) ***	4
2020*	Kildare County Council	Anne Street Prosperous	12
	Total		107

*Projected Figure

** agreements were not in place for all these units, the developer might opt to provide Part V units to an Approved Housing Body (AHB) instead of Kildare County Council.

*** Kildare County Council had been advised of a change in policy relating to second-hand units. The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) advised that no funding was available for second-hand purchases for 2020.

The report was noted.

CM26/0320

Reallocation of Vacant Council Houses

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council ensure that when reallocating vacant council houses in this municipal district, that the process is actioned in the shortest timeframe possible?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the turnaround and allocation of vacant council houses was always actioned in the shortest timeframe possible and this would continue to be the process by the Housing Section.

Councillor Weld stated that it was very frustrating that some of the vacant houses were boarded up and it was taking several months to allocate them especially in cases where houses had been handed back in excellent condition. He asked for an explanation as to why the process was taking so long. Ms Fitzpatrick stated that she would convey Councillor Weld's comments to the Technical Team. She stated there had been a huge increase in the turnaround of vacant houses but there were some exceptions where there were delays. Councillor Weld stated he would like a further report brought back before the members. The report was noted.

CM27/0320

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.
Can the council provide a report in relation to the Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, County Meath to include confirmation if it was invited by An Bord Pleanála, or a developer, to participate in pre-application discussions, whether there was an opportunity to make a submission during the public consultation period and to what extent does the development take account of requirements for community facilities and other public infrastructure on the Kildare side of the county border?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was not invited to participate in the pre-application

discussions relating to this proposed Strategic Housing Development (ABP reference No 304422-19) and was not referred the application during the normal consultation period. Therefore, Kildare County Council did not participate in pre-planning meetings. The application came to the attention of the Planning Section in Kildare County Council when a member of staff viewed the site notices while on unrelated business in Kilcock. The council brought this oversight to the attention of An Bord Pleanála, and the council was then given an opportunity outside of the normal consultation period to comment prior to An Bord Pleanála making its determination on the planning application. A planning report, including inputs from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety, Water Services and Environment departments, was submitted to the Bord on 19 February 2020 (report attached).

The planning application included proposals to provide a 623sq.m. crèche and additional clubhouse facilities and parking for adjoining GAA grounds. Two reports regarding childcare and school demand within the wider area were prepared by the applicant and submitted with the application. Section 4.4.5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted by the developer refers to social infrastructure generally. It lists health and wellbeing and community facilities within 2km of the application site.

The report was noted.

CM28/0320

Symptoms of Infrasound, Ballyteague

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

That the council works alongside the residents of Ballyteague and surrounding areas, who are currently experiencing the symptoms of infrasound, and engages with those residents in order to assist them in identifying the source of the infrasound.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that as the source of the infrasound had not been identified it was recommended that this matter be referred to the HSE Environmental Health Officer for investigation.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Low frequency soundwaves were being heard by residents possibly from pumps, transformers or older types of wind turbines but the source of the sound was unknown
- It was no known how to identify the source of the sound
- It was proposed the matter be referred to the HSE seeking guidance

Mr Fagan stated that if the details of the HSE Environmental Health Officer were given to him he would refer the matter to the HSE. The District Manager stated that if details of the issues could be obtained from the residents who were experiencing the noise were given to Mr Fagan he could refer the matter to the HSE.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and details of the issues be obtained from the residents who were experiencing the noise be given to Mr Fagan who would refer the matter to the HSE.

CM29/0320

Water Wells in the Proximity to the Millpond Pit, Ballinderry

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

Can the council confirm if it has tested any water wells of residents living in the proximity to the Millpond Pit, Ballinderry and outline the results of same, identifying the causation of, and all possible health risks associated with the findings?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that a number of tests had been carried out by the HSE last year on wells in the Ballinderry, Broadford area. Local residents were contacted directly with the results, and, provided with advice on actions to be taken where appropriate. Applications could be made to the council for well grants to improve water quality (by providing treatment) in compliance with Department guidelines. However, it should be noted that the wells in question were private wells, and the owners might wish to seek their own independent advice. It would be inappropriate to disclose any information personal to the householder/residents.

The report was noted.

CM30/0320

Villa Court, Prosperous

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

That the green in Villa Court, Prosperous be restored to its original state as the residents have problems maintaining it in its present condition.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that it was unclear what work was required to the open space in Villa Court as

the open space appeared to be in good condition. A meeting with the residents might be required to ascertain the issues. However, there was no provision in the Parks Section 2020 budget to carry out work on the space.

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

CM31/0320

Business Incubator Hub Cow Pastures, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the provision of a business incubator hub at the Cow Pastures, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) had a full work programme for developing co-working spaces at the moment so there was no update at this time but the council would examine this proposal as soon as the current programme allowed. The report was noted.

CM32/0320

New Library in Clane

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

Can the council provide an update on the new library in Clane?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had tendered for an architect led framework for smaller capital projects. This tender was currently in the final review phase. Once the framework was completed the Library Service would be in a position to tender from the framework for this project. The Library Service would be engaging in a consultation process with the community in the very near future, details would be provided shortly.

The report was noted.

CM33/0320

CCTV in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to roll out CCTV in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the provision of CCTV systems in local communities was a matter for interested community groups in the first instance. The council was not directly involved in the provision of CCTV systems but would agree to act as data controller for any systems installed (subject to compliance with the council's protocols in this regard and necessary permissions from An Garda Síochána). The Department of Justice and Equality had confirmed recently that the funding for Community CCTV projects first announced in 2017 would continue for 2020. This funding was available to assist with the capital costs of installing such systems.

The report was noted.

CM34/0320

Corona Virus (COVID-19)

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that he felt it was important that the Corona Virus was listed on all municipal district meeting agendas going forward. The District Manager informed the members that the council had set up a special group to meet twice a week in relation to the virus and stated senior management were getting regular advice from the HSE. She stated that any issues which arose would be dealt with immediately. The District Manager reminded everyone that a good hand cleaning technique and a cough and sneezing etiquette was crucial. She stated that individuals should isolate themselves on the advice of their GP and the council would deal with any issues as instructed by the HSE/GP's.

The Cathaoirleach stated everyone needed to be vigilant and carry out the protocol issued by the HSE. It was agreed by the District Manager and all the members present that the Corona Virus be listed on all Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting agendas going forward.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all the members, county council staff and the press for their attendance at the meeting.

The meeting concluded.

Appendix A Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020						
Clane Maynooth Municipal District						
Adopted on 06 March 2020						
		KCC	Retained	Pay	Total	
		central	LPT	Parking	MD	
		Funding	Funding	Funding	Funding	
		€218,405	€1,100,088	€187,072	€1,505,565	
Roads, Transport & Public Safety	Roads Maintenance					
	Roads Projects					
	Maynooth Square / Main Street			€187,072		
	Rural Public Bus Shelters		€20,000			
	Athy/Clane Maynooth Cycle Design Officer		€40,000			
	Road Improvement (Ballinafagh/Staplestown)		€10,000			
	Traffic Calming, Robertstown School		€40,000			
	Greenfield Drive, Maynooth		€30,000			
	Connaught Street, Kilcock		€25,000			
	Back Lane, Oaklawns, Kilmeague		€11,000			
	Killina National School		€9,000			
	Back Lane - Trinity Crescent, Derrinturn		€9,000			
	Griffin Rath, Maynooth		€5,000			
	Ballyteague		€10,000			
	Safety Barrier, Prosperous		€7,000			
	Clane Street Cleaning Equipment		€2,000			
	Walking/Cycling times signage trial		€3,000			
	Scoil Mhuire / Abbotfield Clane		€5,000			
	Cycle Infrastructure Design (Maynooth LEA)		€22,500			
	Footpath Projects					
	Footpath repairs / Installations			€200,000		
	Royal Meadows, Kilcock			€2,500		
	Rail Park, Maynooth			€4,000		
	Kilmeague & Clane			€8,500		
	Straffan			€14,000		
	Maynooth			€11,000		
Millicent Road, Clane			€10,000			
Public Lights						
Prosperous			€12,000			
	Roads Sub Total	0.00	€510,500	€187,072	697,572	

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Economic, Community & Cultural Development	<u>Community</u>					
	Community Grants (General Projects)	€45,000				
	Grant - LED Lights Clogherinkoe GAA		€1,000			
	Grant - Car Park Surface, Maynooth GAA		€13,000			
	Maynooth Senior Citizens		€1,000			
	Maynooth ICA		€1,000			
	Maynooth Scouts		€1,000			
	Maynooth North Kildare Club		€1,000			
	Community Development Work - Anne Street		€30,000			
	Christmas Lights		€18,000			
	Additional Christmas Lights allocation		€2,500			
	Community Gardens & Markets		€15,000			
	Community Text Alert		€15,000			
	Heads up Contribution from MD		€15,000			
	MD wide Defib & First Responders Grant		€10,800			
	Specific Grant for Defibrillator (Kilcock)		€3,500			
	Kilcock First Responders		€1,500			
	Mens & Womens Shed		€10,000			
	Kilcock Mens Shed		€2,000			
	Maynooth Mens Shed		€1,000			
	Autism Community Support		€5,500			
	Sports Inclusion - Walking Programme		€3,000			
	Sports Inclusion - Schools Programme		€3,000			
	Sports Inclusion - Disability Programme		€3,500			
		Community Sub Total	€45,000	€157,300	0.00	€202,300
		<u>Economic Development, Planning and Heritage</u>				
		Maynooth Purple Flag Contribution		€1,500		
		Public Realm Team		€111,500		
		Historic Monuments Advisory Committee		€40,000		
		Conservation Kilshanroe School Building		€10,000		
		Biodiversity Action Plan Implementation		€3,000		
	Econ Dev, Planning & Heritage Sub Total	0.00	€166,000	0.00	€166,000	
	<u>Libraries & Arts</u>					
	Music Generation Match Funding		€30,000			
	MD wide libraries IT equipment		€6,500			
	Decade of Commemoration		€18,788			
	Libraries and Arts Sub Total	0.00	€55,288	0.00	€55,288	

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Environment	Tidy Towns Competitions	€19,620			
	MD wide Tidy Towns Additional Fund		€25,000		
	Kilcock Tidy Towns Additional Grant		€1,500		
	Sponsored Litter Bins	€15,000			
	Residents Association Grants	€18,785			
	Carbon Sequestration Feasibility Study		€20,000		
	Active Transport Projects (JB & TMcD)		€10,000		
	Climate Action through comm. engagement		€7,500		
	Environment Sub Total	€53,405	€64,000	0.00	€117,405
Recreation	Parks & Landscaping	€78,000			
	Playgrounds	€42,000			
	Planting - Lime Tree Hall, Maynooth		€2,000		
	MD wide Playground Development Fund		€80,000		
	MD wide Tree Planting		€25,000		
	MD wide Tree Pruning / Removal		€25,000		
	MD funding - Glyphosate Elimination Project		€15,000		
	Recreation and Amenity Sub Total	€120,000	€147,000	0.00	€267,000
	TOTAL	€218,405	€1,100,088	€187,072	€1,505,565