

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 06 November 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, D Fitzpatrick, P Hamilton, P McEvoy, N Ó Cearúil, B Weld and B Wyse.

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

CM01/1120

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 02 October 2020, minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Friday, 16 October 2020 with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 02 October 2020 and minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Friday, 16 October 2020 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM02/1120

Matters Arising

CM13/1020

Public Bus Stop on the R407

Councillor McEvoy asked if the council had to engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) in relation to identifying the appropriate locations for the bus stop along the R407 near the Business Park, Clane. The District Engineer stated that a council engineer was liaising with the NTA to progress this bus stop.

CM09/1020

Flashing Orange Right Turn Arrow at Meadowbrook – Straffan Road

Councillor Feeney asked if there was a timeframe for works to be carried on the New Straffan Road and the District Engineer stated that a contractor was due to be appointed in the next couple of weeks.

CM03/1120

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 October meeting and also details of future planned works.

The members asked the following questions:

- Was a start date known for the drainage repair works scheduled for Broadford?
- In relation to the improvement works for Robertstown, Killina and Derrinturn National Schools could the design facilitate cyclists and pedestrians so that they could have a safe route when accessing via the entrance to the schools?

The District Engineer confirmed that the drainage works would hopefully be completed towards the end of November. He stated that an initial survey had been carried out in relation to the design for the schools and an online survey for the members and the schools was yet to be carried out

CM04/1120

Deputation from Allenwood Community Action Group

The members considered receipt of a deputation from Allenwood Community Action Group.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The purpose of the deputation was to push for funding for an item which was already included in the programme of works for the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG).
- At the recent full council meeting it was confirmed a TAAG report would be issued to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members present that no formal deputation be received from the Allenwood Community Action Group.

CM05/1120

Taking in Charge of Central Park Avenue and Central Park Way, Clane

The members considered the taking in charge of the housing estate known as Central Park Avenue and Central Park Way, Clane.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all members present that the housing estate known as Central Park Avenue and Central Park Way, Clane be taken in charge.

CM06/1120

Lime Tree Hall Housing Estate

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan
Can the council confirm when the footpath, tactile paving and grass verge will be repaired and completed outside Lime Tree Hall Housing Estate in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the Development Control Section was liaising with the developers of both the Limetree Hall and Carton Grove housing estates in order to

have these works completed. The council hoped to have a timeframe from the two developers shortly.

The report was noted.

CM07/1120

Christmas Pay Parking Arrangements

The members considered the pay parking arrangements for the Christmas period. A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree on. To note, there was no suspension of Pay Parking in Maynooth in 2019. Normal parking enforcement continued over the Christmas period.

Following a discussion by the members it was agreed that pay parking arrangements were not to be suspended in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District over the Christmas period for 2020 and normal parking arrangements to continue and the thirty minute grace period should be highlighted to the public.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members present that pay parking arrangements not be suspended in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District over the Christmas period for 2020 and normal parking arrangements continue and the thirty minute grace period be highlighted to the public.

CM08/1120

Anti-Skid Surface at Timahoe T-Junction

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

That the council install an anti-slip surface at the Timahoe T-Junction.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the installation of anti-skid was reserved for locations where vehicles were continuously leaving the road. The Municipal District Office had examined the location and determined the installation of anti-skid was unwarranted. Anti-skid might also lead to increased speed due to added grip and the Municipal

District Office would have concerns this would occur at this location and lead to increased accidents.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The report was not accepted by Councillor Weld.
- The landowner had been given a commitment that the wall would be rebuilt and this had not yet happened.
- It was felt anti-skid surface was warranted at this location.
- If anti-skid surface was not suitable what measures would work at this location.
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report and an update be provided for the December Municipal District meeting.

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- Anti-skid surface would lead to increased speed due to the added grip on the road.
- Only one accident had happened over a 16 month period and the council had already installed additional signage.
- The rebuilding of the wall was on the Municipal District Office's list of works to be done.
- Any additional measures undertaken at the location needed to be for the safety of drivers.
- The matter could be looked at again in the 2021 Municipal District Programme of Works.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and that this item be considered when preparing the Municipal District Programme of Works for 2021 and this item remain on the progress report and an update be provided for the December meeting.

CM09/1120

Bins in Kilmeague Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld. That the council provide additional rubbish bins and reinstall the broken bins in the village of Kilmeague. These bins will be emptied on a daily basis by the local Tidy Towns Committee.

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 budget for the street cleaning bin emptying service was provided by the Environment Section. The current budget allocation for street cleaning was insufficient to provide or service the costs incurred in providing the service. As such there were no funds available for replacement or provision of bins. Municipal District Offices would generally seek advice from the Environment Section who had overall responsibility for litter/waste management countywide about the need for and appropriate location of any additional litter bins.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The only cost incurred would be the cost of additional rubbish bins and the cost of reinstalling the broken bins as the bins would be emptied daily by the local Tidy Towns Committee.
- Councillor Weld and Councillor Fitzpatrick agreed to meet with the Environment Section prior to the December meeting to see if a solution could be found.
- The great work which had been carried out to date in the village of Kilmeague was noted.

Mr McGowan stated that if locations for the installation/replacement of bins were identified he could evaluate the situation and convey the member's comments to the Environment Section.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Wyse that the report be noted, details of locations for the installation/replacement of bins be given

to Mr McGowan in order for him to convey the member's comments to the Environment Section and Councillors Fitzpatrick and Weld meet with the Environment Section to seek the replacement/installation of bins in the village of Kilmeague.

CM10/1120

Bus Stop Serving the 139 Aughmore/Clane Business Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council works with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to consider the installation of a bus stop serving the 139 somewhere in the proximity of Aughmore/Clane Business Park.

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 National Transport Authority (NTA) in conjunction with Kildare County Council were identifying the appropriate locations for the bus stops along the R407 near the Business Park, Clane, where a detailed design would be required for each bus stop. Upon approval of a detailed design, the NTA would make a formal request to Kildare County Council for final approval for installation.

Councillor Farrelly asked what stage the process was at and what was the next step in relation to identifying locations. The District Engineer stated that the NTA had yet to confirm precise locations and it was hoped this would be done by early in the new year, 2021.

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

CM11/1120

Extension of Double Yellow Lines in Silken Vale Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney.
That the existing double yellow lines in Silken Vale Estate be extended throughout the main thoroughfare in the estate to prevent illegal parking.

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 the current yellow lines were installed in 2017 following the public advertisement of the Section 38 process. These lines were put in place with the policy of Kildare County Council where they were used to remove parking that was causing a traffic hazard or preventing free flow of traffic at junctions, bends etc. They were not to be used to control commuter parking. The Municipal District Office had examined the location and the areas in question where vehicles were parking were not causing a traffic hazard or preventing free flow of traffic. In fact, they were acting as a traffic calming measure in reducing the speed of traffic.

Councillor Feeney stated that she did not agree with the report. She stated that train commuters were parking all day and stated it would be a good time to revisit the matter when the station car park was completed.

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

CM12/1120

Overhead Poles and Equipment Boxes on the Celbridge Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council requests Eir, Virgin and ESB to move the remaining overhead poles and equipment boxes blocking the footpaths on the Celbridge Road at the Railpark bus stops in the interest of facilitating wheelchair users and buggy access.

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 the moving of poles and boxes would be considered in the overall design for the Celbridge Road. Any works prior to this would be premature.

Councillor Feeney stated that wheelchair users and people with buggies could not use that particular section of the footpath. She asked when the remaining overhead poles and equipment boxes would be removed. The District Engineer stated that it was hoped to have consultants appointed in early 2021.

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

CM13/1120

Traffic Calming Measures at Maynooth Football Club

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council install traffic calming measures and a pedestrian crossing at Maynooth Football Club on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that given the traffic volumes on the Rathcoffey Road and the anticipated pedestrian volumes it was considered that the provision of a controlled crossing point was not justified in accordance with Kildare County Council

pedestrian warrants guidelines. An uncontrolled crossing point was considered the most suitable option at this location. If the member wished, this location could be included in the list of locations for a traffic survey which would determine if traffic calming measures were required in line with Kildare County Council's policy.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The report was not acceptable as currently the footfall was low and not a true reflection of the footfall due to the COVID -19 level 5 restrictions.
- The bend on the road was dangerous together with the fact that there were double white lines on the road.
- There were a large volume of children who cycled and walked in a 60kph and 80 kph zone who had to cross the road to get to the Maynooth Football Club.
- It was requested that a traffic count survey be carried out at the location.

The District Engineer stated that he would meet Councillor Durkan with a member of the Traffic Management Team on site. He stated that there was currently a backlog with the TAAG list but a traffic count would be carried out when circumstances allowed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the District Engineer meet with Councillor Durkan and a member of the Traffic Management Team on site and a traffic count survey be carried out when circumstances allowed.

CM14/1120

Resurfacing of the Moyglare Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council resurface the Moyglare Road, Maynooth as far as the county boundary.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this section of roadway had been identified as a possible project for inclusion in the 2021 Restoration Improvements Programme.

Councillor Durkan stated he was happy with the report.

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

CM15/1120

Traffic Speeding on Approach Road, Cooleragh

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

That the council assess the approach road into Cooleragh just north of Kane's Pass and Church View estates with regard to traffic speed and pedestrian safety.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office was not aware of any speeding issues at this location. If the Councillor wished to identify the specific location of the speeding issue it could be added to the list of areas for a traffic survey to determine if intervention was required.

Councillor Wyse asked what the current demand was for using the speed detection devices and asked how long they were left on the specific sites. The District Engineer stated that the devices were displayed at the sites for a week in order to get a true reflection of the speed/movement in the area. He stated that the Municipal District Office would try and borrow devices from some of the other municipal districts.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted, the approach road, Cooleragh be added to the list of areas for a traffic survey to be carried out to determine if intervention was required.

CM16/1120

Sunday Litter Collection for Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton. That the council consider the implementation of a Sunday litter collection for Maynooth in finalisation of the litter management strategy and in budget planning for 2021.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the budget for the street cleaning service was insufficient to cover the current service provided. As there were insufficient funds available, a Sunday service could not be considered. With budget cuts expected across the board in 2021, an increase in funding would seem unlikely. Any such increase would have to be balanced by an equivalent reduction in services elsewhere. This might be considered by the members when determining the 2021 budget.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was pointed out that Naas had a Sunday litter collection service in operation and Maynooth Town had a higher footfall compared to Naas.
- Numerous representations had been received from constituents in relation to the accumulation of rubbish in Maynooth.
- It should be something that was prioritised by the members when budgets for 2021 were being agreed.
- It was requested the costs of providing the service were sought in order to help the members decide if LPT money could be allocated.
- A cost figure of €26,000 had been provided previously for providing a Saturday litter collection service for Kilcock.

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- The Municipal District Office was constrained by a budget of €35,000 to cover litter collection services.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department provide costings for provision of a Sunday litter collection in Maynooth and the members consider allocating LPT money for providing the service when finalising the Municipal District 2021 budget.

CM17/1120

Road Surface Finishing Schedule, Clane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council outline the road surface finishing schedule following the pipe laying in Clane.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the final surface had not been finalised but it was hoped to agree on a 10mm stone mastic asphalt wearing course.

Councillor McEvoy asked if there was a timeframe for the completion of the works and the District Engineer stated that once the type of surface was agreed on the works would be completed in Quarter 1, 2021.

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

CM18/1120

Walking and Cycling Options to the Clane Primary Schools

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That a renewed effort is made to work out options for walking and cycling to the Clane primary schools from the Ballinagappa Road.

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 Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer was committed to assist in any renewed effort and would lend any support required in relation to school and community engagement and promotions, in accordance with his remit. The Municipal District Office was completing a section of footpath on the Ballinagappa Road to provide a continuous line to the Main Street and the schools.

Councillor McEvoy asked that a meeting with himself, Mr Cummins, Community Warden and the District Engineer be arranged to discuss the matter further.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Farrelly that the report be noted and a meeting with Councillor McEvoy, the District Engineer and Mr Cummins be arranged to discuss the matter further.

CM19/1120

Installation of Electric Vehicle Car Parking Spaces

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council update the members on any plans for electric vehicle car parking spaces to be installed in Clane in 2021?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department was currently engaging with the ESB regarding the installation, maintenance and upgrade of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points across the county with

consideration to be given to future proofing EV points, cost analysis, including continued upgrade and maintenance. Once the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department had more information the members will be informed.

Councillor Farrelly asked if there was a timeline for the installation of the electric vehicle car parking spaces in Clane and Mr McGowan stated that he would check with the relevant team in relation to timeline details and revert to Councillor Farrelly. The report was noted.

CM20/1120

Drainage/Flooding Issues Outside Coill Dubh National School

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. With regard to immediate health and safety issues, can the council update the members as to the options available, to address with immediacy the drainage/flooding issues outside Coill Dubh National School?

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 last week and was investigating possible solutions to it.

The report was noted.

CM21/1120

Public Lighting Upgrade

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council inform members as to the status of the public lighting upgrade, low pressure sodium lights being replaced by LED's in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that it was anticipated that Region 2, which included Kildare, would go to tender in Quarter 1, 2021 with a two-year installation period for the region. At present, commencement dates for each municipal district were not available

The report was noted.

CM22/1120

Grass Vege on Royal Canal Greenway

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can the council confirm when the grass verge along the Royal Canal Greenway from the roundabout at Millerstown to the harbour in Kilcock will be trimmed and/or reseeded?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this work was scheduled for clearing on week commencing 02 November. Kildare County Council would cut the grass outside the fence line. Everything inside the fence line was the responsibility of Waterways Ireland.

The report was noted.

CM23/1120

Parking and Congestion Issues Donadea Forest Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can this Municipal District receive an update on the efforts of Kildare County Council to alleviate the current issues regarding the parking and congestion issues affecting both the users and residents who live near Donadea Forest Park?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer had met with elected members, representatives of Coillte and An Garda Síochána earlier in the summer to discuss the issue. The issue was one where cars were parking illegally on the public road and causing a hazard to other road users. This was highlighted as an enforcement issue and outside the remit of Kildare County Council. It was agreed that Coillte would install a new user friendly barrier, An Garda Síochána would undertake an enforcement campaign and Kildare County Council would assist Coillte with fill for building up road edges to restrict parking if necessary. Following these measures this would be reviewed in 6 months following the implementation of all of the above. The council's understanding was that a new barrier had not been

installed but was due to be installed before the end of the year and no request for fill had yet been received.

The report was noted.

CM24/1120

Winter Gritting Programme

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council provide details of the gritting programme in this municipal district for the Winter season?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Winter Maintenance Plans including a map of routes which were currently being gritted was available on Kildare County Council's website. All regional roads in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District were included in the plans. Also with the last review carried out in 2018 roads e.g. Kilmeague - Prosperous and Carragh - Clane were added to the schedule.

The report was noted.

CM25/1120

Lights on footpath Between McCormacks and the GAA Grounds, Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm when the new lights will be installed on the new stretch of widened footpath between McCormacks and the GAA grounds in Prosperous?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that lighting installation was scheduled for week commencing 16 November, however, it was hoped the council would be in a position to commence earlier than this.

The report was noted.

CM26/1120

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Allen School

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

Can the council confirm if funding has been found for a proposed pedestrian crossing at Allen School and when will work proceed?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had received funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to provide the pedestrian crossing. A contractor had been appointed and the council was awaiting a start date.

The report was noted.

CM27/1120

Site at Clogherinkoe

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council formulate a plan to develop houses on their site at Clogherinkoe.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the lands owned by Kildare County Council in Clogherinkoe were subject to a previous Part X for 20 no. four bedroom 2 storey houses in 2003. These were intended as serviced sites. This type or mix of units did not represent the current housing demand in this area. At present Housing do not have a demand for this type of unit in this location and a new Part 8 would be required for a development appropriate to the location. Following consultation with the Planning Section the Housing Department were advised that Clogherinkoe was a Rural Node and Section 4.13.8 of the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2017-2023 indicated that rural nodes were designated for limited development at a sustainable scale for immediate local need through the development of clusters. Policy RH25 was to facilitate specific types of applications for housing in rural nodes which included small scale clusters of

dwelling/serviced sites of not more than 5 housing units and applicants must comply with local need criteria. In order to progress a development in Clogherinkoe applicants who satisfy the local need criteria would need to be identified.

The following points were raised by the members:

- If the council was not going to build additional houses on the land some of the local people should be allowed build on it.
- The site should either be used to build houses on or disposed of in some other way.
- Could the council look at offering private sites for locals within a 5-10k radius of the site.
- If the council could not build on the site it should be kept as an open space for the community.
- Could the council advertise expression of interest for affordable and private sites?
- Could material planning alterations be looked at?

Ms McCarthy confirmed the following:

- The council could look at the possibility of developing a further 5 sites.
- The planning condition of the site does specify 5 sites in total regardless of them being private/council.
- The council was still restricted by the County Development Plan (CDP) and Ms McCarthy would check what other options would be available.
- She stated she would convey the member's suggestions back to the Housing and Planning Departments.

The District Manager stated that the Park's Team could investigate the possibility of wildflower planting on the site.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted, Ms McCarthy convey the member's comments to the

Housing and Planning Departments and the Park's Team investigate the possibility of planting wildflowers on the site.

CM28/1120

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 32 be taken next. All the members agreed.

Derrinturn Cemetery

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council engage with the people who have burial plots on the left-hand side in Derrinturn Cemetery to try and resolve their concerns around kerbing.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that when plans were being drawn up to extend the cemetery in Derrinturn to provide for an additional c.600 burial plots, environmental enhancements and associated works, it was on the basis that the extension would be a lawn cemetery. No distinction was made between different areas of the extension.

These plans were publicly advertised at the time (August – September 2014), including notices in local press and radio, as part of a statutory Part 8 process and were adopted by council members in 2015. Public consultation formed part of this process. Subsequently, the council introduced Cemetery Bye-Laws (in 2018) which stipulate that, *“where any cemetery or part of a cemetery, has been provided and developed as a lawn type cemetery, no kerbstones/footstones of any description will be permitted under any circumstances.”*

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

Bye-Laws introduced by the council. Note: This was a copy of the report which was issued for the October Municipal District Meeting.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Numerous phone calls had been received from residents since the October Municipal District Meeting.
- It was noted that the resolution at October's meeting was that Bye-Laws could not be changed.
- It was felt that the matter warranted a meeting with the local people involved to see if there was a solution to this particular issue.
- It had been agreed at the October meeting that the Bye-Laws would not be reviewed.
- Mr Kavanagh had met with Councillor Fitzpatrick at the site and confirmed with him that there would be no review of the Bye-Laws.

The District Manager clarified the following points with the members:

- There had been a lengthy discussion at the October meeting in relation to the Cemetery Bye-Laws and it was agreed by the members to maintain them and there would be no review of the Bye-Laws.
- No further motion in relation to this matter would be accepted for listing.
- The Director of Service for Water Services and Environment would be asked to meet with the locals at the cemetery.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Wyse that the report be noted and the Director of Service for the Water Services and Environment Department be asked to meet with the locals at Derrinturn Cemetery in relation to burial plots on the left-hand side to discuss their concerns around kerbing.

CM29/1120

COVID-19 Testing Centre

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council confirm if it has been in communication with Maynooth University to explore the feasibility of setting up a COVID-19 testing centre in conjunction with the HSE?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had discussions with the HSE regarding sites in the council's ownership being used for testing centres however, the council currently did not have any sites suitable. The matter of Maynooth University setting up a COVID-19 testing centre in conjunction with the HSE was a matter for Maynooth University and the HSE to agree.

The report was noted.

CM30/1120

Ditch at the Town Park Prosperous

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council considers the safety precautions necessary to make safe the ditch at the front of the new town park in Prosperous.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that Kildare County Council as part of the development of Prosperous Townpark had carried out safety works along the front of the site, including piping the drain, sections of which had previously been open and dangerous. Other works that had been completed included cutting back a section of the ditch close to the junction, while noting that the Part 8 requirements were that the existing hedgerow be maintained in so far as possible. The Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team would consult with the Parks Section to determine if any more of the hedgerow could be cut back without compromising the requirements of the Part 8 as approved.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Congratulations was conveyed to all Kildare County Council staff who were involved in the project.
- The safety measures with the ditch had now been taken care of and the fence had been removed the previous week.
- Was it possible to remove the hedgerow as it was felt it took away from the aesthetics of the park?
- Could the possibility of installing a bio-swale and replanting be looked at?
- Councillor Farrelly asked if he could meet with Mr Wallace on site to discuss the matter further.
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Mr McLoughlin stated he would convey the member's comments to the Public Realm Team. Mr Wallace stated that the Park's Section could remove the dead parts of the hedge and replant new ones.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted, Mr McLoughlin convey the member's comments to the Public Realm Team in relation to the removal/restoration of the hedge. Mr Wallace to meet with Councillor Farrelly on site to discuss the matter further and this item to remain on the progress report.

CM31/1120

One Off Houses

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton. That the council provide a report on one-off houses started or completed in the municipal district in the past five years including square footage, distance from town or village centre, distance from public transport, and whether the numbers have increased or decreased from the ten years prior to that period.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that it was not possible to search or produce reports from the Building Control Management System (BCMS) based on municipal district boundaries as this information was not required when an applicant or agent submitted a commencement notice. BCMS could only be searched using individual addresses, or, the entire county. The specific data requested in this motion regarding distances from town or village centres and public transport was not captured in BCMS.

The following was a summary of one-off houses granted from 2017 to date (CSO figures):

2017: 164

2018: 184

2019: 169

2020: 157

The following points were raised by the members:

- The figures provided in the report did not answer what was asked in the motion.
- At least 10% of houses were built from one off planning permission applications.
- There was vast population growth in the north of the county and this needed to be reflected in the County Development Plan (CDP).
- Could a more detailed report be provided to the members prior to development planning for 2021?
- There were numerous cases where planning permission had been granted but construction had not commenced.

Mr McLoughlin stated that the figures requested were difficult to obtain. He stated that the council would be more informed when working on the CDP as a lot of preparation work would be done prior to commencing it.

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

CM32/1120

Cycle and Pedestrian Path to the School in Kilcock

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council contact and liaise with the developer in Kilcock tasked with the responsibility via a condition of planning of completing a cycle and pedestrian path from the development of houses to the existing school in the centre of Kilcock. The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that contact would be made with the developer concerning compliance with the relevant condition.

Mr McLoughlin stated that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department had been discussing the design for the cycle and pedestrian path with the developer. Councillor Ward asked if this item could remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and this item remain on the progress report.

CM33/1120

Expansion of Public Water Supply Network Carbury and Balyna

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That in accordance with Policy Objective WS6 of the County Development Plan (CDP), this Municipal District Committee write to Irish Water requesting the publication of a plan for the expansion of the public water supply network into those areas of Carbury and Balyna which are currently reliant on private wells, which should include a detailed map showing the extent of the current public water supply network in the North West Kildare region.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that if the motion was passed a request for a report would be issued to Irish Water. Irish Water was the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. Any further questions could be submitted to the Irish Water Local Representative Service Desk (LRSD). There was a dedicated phone line for elected representatives, 1850 178 178 which operated from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday with a dedicated email address localrepsupport@water.ie.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Strategic Objective 5 of the council's Corporate Plan stated that it was the intention of the council to plan, deliver and maintain key infrastructure in other county.
- What Government funding was sought under measure 4 by Kildare County Council for these schemes?

Mr Fagan stated that the council had a service level agreement with Irish Water and that Irish Water was the national utility responsible for the delivery of water services. He stated that the report had answered the motion and if the members agreed the council would convey the member's concerns to Irish Water. He stated that he would seek further information in relation to Government funding sought by the council under measure 4 for the group water and sewage schemes for Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted, Mr Fagan to convey the member's concerns to Irish Water in relation to the expansion of the public water supply network into areas of Carbury and Balyna where people were relying on private wells to supply their water. Mr Fagan to seek further information as to what Government funding was sought by Kildare County Council under measure 4 for group water and sewage schemes for Kildare.

CM34/1120

Waste Water Treatment Network in the Allenwood North and South Areas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the council report on the progress that has been made on the investigation, in conjunction with Irish Water, of the feasibility of upgrading the waste water treatment network in the Allenwood North and Allenwood South areas of the village, in accordance with PU3 of the settlement strategy for Allenwood contained within the County Development Plan (CDP)?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that Irish Water was the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. The elected member should contact Irish Water via the Irish Water Local Representative Service Desk (LRSD). There was a dedicated phone line for elected representatives, 1850 178 178 which operated from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday with a dedicated email address localrepsupport@water.ie.

Mr Fagan stated that he would forward the councillor's concerns to Irish Water. The report was noted.

CM35/1120

Water Supply to Clocha Rince National School

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the council provide details of the measures that have been taken to prevent reoccurrence of the fault that interrupted the water supply to Clocha Rince National School and nearby residences in Clogherinkoe recently?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that Irish Water was the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. The elected member should contact Irish Water via Irish Water Local Representative Service Desk (LRSD). There was a dedicated phone line for elected representatives, 1850

178 178 which operated from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday with a dedicated email address localrepsupport@water.ie.

The report was noted.

CM36/1120

Civic Recycling Centre for North Kildare

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward. Can this Municipal District Committee receive an update on the provision of the proposed civic recycling centre for North Kildare?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the proposed project had received Part 8 approval. The council was currently seeking a consultant to progress to the next stage which would likely involve the seeking of expressions of interest from the private sector for a Public Private Partnership (PPP)/Concession-type contract to hopefully fund its construction and run the facility for an agreed period. Regrettably, there were no grants from Central Government currently available.

The report was noted.

CM37/1120

Dumping at Bottle Banks

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm if dumping at bottle banks in this municipal district is investigated by the council?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that it was an offence to leave empty bottles and household rubbish beside bottle banks. Leaving bottles on the ground at bottle banks rather than placing them in the containers provided also put additional pressure on the service. If the banks were full, people were encouraged to take their bottles home and return when banks had been emptied. The council also asked that if any member of the public found banks full on arrival to contact the Environmental Department. Recycling banks were monitored on a continual basis by the council's

community wardens and environment crew. Where evidence of littering was available, litter fines were issued. The council worked closely with the service provider to minimise the levels of littering at these facilities. If the councillor had information/evidence on littering/dumping at bottle bank sites, he might pass that information on to the Environment Section. During the current lockdown, everybody was reminded to keep social distancing and adhere to the guidelines while using bring banks.

The report was noted.

CM38/1120

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 37 and 38 be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item 37:

Public Recreational Park for Straffan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council looks for suitable lands to develop a public recreational park for Straffan.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that an Open Space Strategy for the county was being prepared at the moment. The objectives within the strategy would be incorporated into the County Development Plan (CDP) and any review of the land zoning in Straffan. The development of a park for the village would be considered in that context. The provision of any park would also be dependent on finance to acquire land and develop it.

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

Item 38:

Playground for Straffan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
That the council provides a playground for Straffan.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there was no appropriate county council owned land in Straffan at present to provide a playground. Therefore, an appropriate site and funding would be required. Additionally, any work on the proposal would have to be considered in the context of existing recreation and amenity projects which have been committed to.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The population growth in Straffan was growing fast and the village needed a public park/playground.
- Recreational facilities for all age groups in the village was needed.
- Could this matter for both a playground and a recreational park be considered as part of the Open Space Strategy?
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.
- Could the Park's Section forward the list of proposed playgrounds for the municipal district to the members.
- Potential sites and capital needed to be identified.

The District Manager confirmed the following:

- The council did not have land but it would like to facilitate the provision of a playground and recreational park if funding was available.
- The Park' Section would be providing the members with a list of the full work programme for 2021.

- Additional requests could be added to the list depending on availability of land and funding.
- A meeting with Mr Wallace could be arranged to discuss the Capital Programme and LPT funding.
- The Open Space Strategy and status of the Health Check for Straffan would be looked at.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted, provision for a playground and a recreational park be considered as part of the Open Space Strategy and this item to remain on the progress report.

CM39/1120

Maintenance of the New Park in Prosperous

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council confirm what plans the Parks Section has to maintain the new park in Prosperous with particular reference to “grass cutting”?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that following discussions with the community in Prosperous it was proposed that the Parks Section would undertake the maintenance of the grass within the park and this would be complimented with the community undertaking litter picks and routine maintenance of the playground area. The cost of grass cutting would be €8k per year. However, the cost of this would be difficult to provide within the context of budget cuts for next year. Therefore, it would be helpful if the members could consider financing this cost as part of their LPT budget.
The report was noted.

CM40/1120

Hedge in St Joseph's Park, Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to cut back the hedge in St Joseph's Park, Prosperous? As it is causing a parking problem for residence.

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the maintenance of the hedge would be considered for the next programme of tree works which the Parks Section hoped to commence early next year. The completion of the work would be dependent on the number of areas the council had already received requests for and what the cost of the works was going to be relative to the budget available to do them.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.