

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District Meeting held on Friday, 10 January 2020 at 10:00 am
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, N O’Cearúil, P Ward, and B Wyse.

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), 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 C Barrett (Chief Fire Officer), Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Ms E O’Brien (Executive Engineer), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

CM01/0120

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders for five minutes to facilitate a break in between meetings.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for five minutes until 10:05 a.m.

CM02/0120

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 06 December 2019 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Feeney that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday, 06 December 2019 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0120

Matters Arising

CM07/0719

Road signage on the Butterstream/Loughanure Road

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if there was any update on the speed survey result for Butterstream and the District Engineer stated that it would be February when a result was known.

CM19/1219

Main Access Road in Old Greenfield, Maynooth

Councillor Feeney asked if pressure could be put on Irish Water in relation to a timeframe for the resurfacing works in Old Greenfield. The District Engineer stated that he had discussed the matter with Irish Water who had confirmed there was no current timeline known for these works to be carried out.

CM04/0120

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer informed the members that drainage works, routine maintenance including opening inlets, clearing drains and gullies, patching and sign cleaning were currently being undertaken throughout the municipal district. He gave an overview of works which had been carried out at Prosperous and Clane and also an overview of works which were scheduled to be carried out at Clonfert, Kilcock Road, Manor Mills, Curryhills, Rathcoffey, Rockfield Estate and Kingsbry Estate.

The following questions were asked by the members:

- When would repairs be carried out on the crash barriers in Rathcoffey?
- When would the footpath works in Rockfield and Kingsbry be undertaken?
- When would works be carried out on the footpath in Kilmeague?

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- In relation to repairs on the crash barriers in Rathcoffey the council were awaiting a date from the contractor but hopefully works would be carried out in the coming weeks

- With regard to Rockfield and Kingsbry the contractor was due back on site the following week to complete some works on Moat Commons lane and would then be starting works in Maynooth with hopefully all works completed by the end of February
- The District Engineer stated he would follow up with the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District Office in relation to works on the footpath in Kilmeague

The District Engineer informed the members that Irish Water has works planned for 2020 on laying replacement sewer pipes in Clane and Coffey Group were the appointed contractor to carry out the works. He stated that a public consultation meeting in relation to the planned works had been scheduled for 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. on 16 January in Scoil Mhuire, Clane and a leaflet drop had been done.

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- The work would involve the installation of replacement sewer lines in Clane, primarily at the top of Main Street at the Ballingappa Road Junction and the Kilcock Road Junction on the Prosperous Road and with its junction with the Main Street
- Road closures would be required to undertake these works and the Municipal District Office was liaising with Irish water and the Coffey Group to facilitate these works
- There would be disruption and inconvenience but it was hoped to keep this to a minimum.
- The planned works would be discussed at the public meeting on 16 January

The following questions were asked by the members:

- What was the estimated timeframe for the work and when would it start?
- Would the aim be to quantify the work and ensure minimum disruption?
- Was there a dedicated contact point/person for the public in relation to the pipe laying works in Clane?

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- It was hoped to limit the road closures and disruption to school holiday periods hence minimising the impact on traffic movement in the town

- It was hoped to work 24-hour days to complete the works as quickly as possible
- It was hoped to commence in the Churchfield/Central Park area in February and on to the regional roads at the end of March.
- These works involved installing a large diameter pipe at substantial depths and through existing services so roads would be closed but pedestrian access would be maintained
- Everyone was encouraged to attend the open evening so any issues could be considered and discussed
- If the members had any concerns they were welcome to contact the company directly or they could bring their concerns to the attention of the Municipal District Office who would relay their concerns
- The contractor would be arranging contact and liaison points

CM05/0120

LPT Schedule of Works 2020

The District Manager stated a full schedule of the listed works needed to be put before the members before the LPT Schedule of Works 2020 could be agreed. It was agreed by all members present that this item would remain on the agenda for the February meeting.

CM06/0120

Deputation from Kildare Youth Services (KYS)

The members considered receipt of a deputation form Kildare Youth Services (KYS).

Resolved with the agreement of all the members present that the Corporate Services Department contact KYS to clarify if the deputation specifically related to the Prosperous area or several areas in Kildare. It was also agreed if the deputation related to the Prosperous area it could be received at the February meeting, otherwise it should be referred to the plenary council for consideration.

CM07/0120

Road Drains in Kilcock

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

That the council undertake to clean and make good the road drains in and around Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office undertook routine maintenance of water cuts and rectified any issues with road drains, as they arose to ensure free flow of water. If the councillor had any concerns regarding specific drains he was welcome to bring them to the attention the Municipal District Office.

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

CM08/0120

Pedestrian Barrier at the Crossroads in Prosperous

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

That the council installs, as a matter of urgency, a pedestrian barrier at the crossroads in Prosperous.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the four roads had controlled pedestrian signals which if used appropriately would eliminate any risk. If the councillor insisted on having these installed and the members agreed LPT funding could be assigned, the estimated cost would be €7,500.

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

CM09/0120

HGV Ban through Straffan Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.

That the council looks to introduce a HGV ban through Straffan Village.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that due to the limited crossing points on the River Liffey it would not be feasible to ban HGV's through Straffan Village.

The following points were raised by the members;

- Councillor Ó Cearúil did not accept the report
- Why were the council facilitating HGV movement on narrow roads, back roads and small towns?
- The council should foot the bill for roads damaged by HGV's
- It was vital for the health and safety of the community that roads were repaired swiftly following any damage caused by HGV's
- There should be progress towards introducing a HGV ban through Straffan Village
- Was there a legal onus on the council to facilitate the movement of HGV's through towns?

The following points were made by the District Engineer:

- This was a case where there was a regional road between two strategic locations and matter had been previously discussed with An Garda Síochána who were not in favour of a HGV ban through Straffan Village
- The legal onus was on the council to facilitate the movement of HGV's on regional roads

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

CM10/0120

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 10 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 10:

Traffic Implications for Clane

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

That the council assess the traffic implications for Clane with the anticipated opening of the Sallins Bypass link to the N7, and the number of Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs) with higher-density, car-dependent elements being proposed at peripheral areas around the town.

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

Mr Halton informed the members that the proposal could be added to the list of projects to be considered by the Roads Design Section. He stated that the prioritisation of projects would be examined as resources became available but currently, there were no resources available for this work.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The report should have been provided in writing to the members prior to the meeting
- Whilst there was a constraint on council resources what processes or contingencies did the council have if problems arose when the Sallins Bypass opened?
- It was felt traffic congestion was being moved from one location to another
- The primary concern was Alexandra Bridge as it was not fit for purpose and had the council expressed their concerns regarding the bridge to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- A long term vision for Alexandra Bridge was needed
- Clane would become the bottleneck of the county once the Sallins Bypass was completed
- The Ring Road would not alleviate the bottleneck in Clane
- It was important that traffic flow data was monitored to provide up to date traffic flow statistics, this should be carried out a month into the opening of the Sallins Bypass

- Could a feasibility study be carried out
- This item should be put before the plenary council

The District Engineer Made the following points:

- A feasibility study was not within the remit of the Municipal District Office but the Municipal District Engineer would liaise with the Roads Section in relation to having one carried out
- From observation a traffic count was carried out on the Sallins Bypass before Christmas but the result was not yet known

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all members present that the report be noted and the District Engineer liaise with the Roads Section with regard to having a feasibility study carried out and this motion be referred to the plenary council on behalf of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee.

CM11/0120

Lollipop Person for Schools on the Celbridge Road Maynooth

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

That the council investigate the possibility of providing a lollipop person for both schools on the Celbridge Road Maynooth.

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

Mr Halton informed the members that there were two schools on the road in question, Scoil Uí Fhiaich and Maynooth Educate Together. There were two ramps either side of both schools, one ramp was 20 metres before Scoil Uí Fhiaich and the other was 50 metres before Maynooth Educate Together (an additional 15 metres before the first school). Between both ramps (just metres away from the entrances to both schools) there was a zebra crossing with flashing beacons and a pedestrian controlled crossing on the Maynooth town side of the approach to the schools for the students to use if needed.

The Road Safety Officer (RSO) had examined the area previously and noted that a small number of students from North Kildare Educate Together School were using the zebra

crossing safely and in accordance with the way it should be used without any difficulty while going to and from school. Some students from Scoil Uí Fhiaich were forced to use the zebra crossing to access their school as a result of their parent/guardian parking up on the footpath on the opposite side of the road from their school. There did not appear to be any issue at this location which would warrant a school warden. However, the RSO had agreed to revisit the area to reassess the situation in the near future.

The following points were raised by the members:

- There were 750 students between the two schools
- Land in the area was zoned for up to a further 850-900 residential dwellings
- It was asked that funding be found to employ a lollipop person until a proper cycle lane and footpath was installed
- It was asked that costings be provided for a lollipop person

Mr Halton stated that he would bring the member's comments back to the Roads Design Team. Councillor Durkan asked that this item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted and Mr Halton to convey the member's comments to the Roads Design Section, the RSO to revisit the area to reassess the situation and this item remain on the Progress Report.

CM12/0120

Upgrading of the Celbridge Road

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

That the design and costings for the upgrading of the Celbridge Road include the provision of cycle lanes and footpaths on both sides of the road.

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

Mr Halton informed the members that this proposal could be added to the list of projects to be considered by the Roads Design Section. He stated that the prioritisation of projects would be examined as resources became available but currently there were no currently no resources for this work.

The following points were raised by the members:

- This was the only link to the Straffan Road from the M4 Junction
- The footpath was less than 1 metre wide
- It was estimated the development of further houses would increase student population from 750 to 1,200
- A design to facilitate cycle lanes and footpaths on both sides of the road was needed and it should go to public consultation
- Was there a need for cycle lanes on both sides of the road?
- These works should be carried out before the Orbital Route was completed

The District Engineer stated the following:

- The design and costings for the upgrading of the Celbridge Road were currently with the Roads Design Team
- An indicative cost would be in the region of €3 million per kilometre
- Land take would have an impact on the overall cost

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and a design and costings to facilitate cycle lanes and footpaths on both sides of the Celbridge Road be prepared by the Roads Design Section. The matter to go to public consultation and remain on the progress report.

CM13/0120

Pedestrian Crossing at Clancy's Pharmacy

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That with the loss of a dished crossing point near Clancy's Pharmacy, Kilcock Road, Clane, the council identify a safe pedestrian crossing point nearby.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office would examine this location and seek to identify a suitable crossing point.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and the Municipal District Office examine this location and seek to identify a suitable crossing point.

CM14/0120

Junction of Royal Meadows and Courtown Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can the council provide an update in relation to the works on the junction of Royal Meadows and Courtown Road, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the developer was awaiting a connection from the ESB to facilitate the commissioning of the lights and the completion of the junction.
The report was noted.

CM15/0120

Public Bins

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council update members as to whether any new public bins are to be installed in the municipal district in 2020, and if any existing bins will be removed from use?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office currently had no plans to install or remove any bins.
The report was noted.

CM16/0120

Royal Canal Greenway

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.
Can the council outline the status and plans for work to continue to Royal Canal Greenway section from Pike's Bridge Maynooth to Leixlip and beyond to connect to County Dublin, and provide estimated timelines for this?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Royal Canal Greenway Maynooth to Leixlip received Part 8

approval some years ago. A consultant was procured to take the project on through the detailed design and construction phases of the scheme. However, the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Waterways Ireland (WI) had since requested changes to the preliminary design. Kildare County Council had been trying to conclude this new additional work but it had presented some challenges in terms of procurement and planning. The council were currently trying to advance the issues.

The report was noted.

CM17/0120

Cycle Lanes on the Moyglare Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.

Can the council confirm what it is doing to stop people from parking in the new cycle lanes on the Moyglare Road?

Mr Halton informed the members that the Kildare County Council Community Warden would be asked to patrol this area. Councillor Ó Cearúil asked if the council could liaise with the Parish Office in Maynooth (in relation to parking issues at mass times), the schools and An Garda Síochána in relation to the problem with cars parking in the cycle lanes. The District Engineer stated he would bring the matter to the attention of the Road Safety Officer (RSO). The report was noted.

CM18/0120

LED Light Replacement Scheme

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

Can the council confirm when the LED light replacement scheme will commence within the municipal district?

Due to the fact there was no report available for the meeting the Meetings Administrator confirmed that this item would remain on the progress report.

The report was noted.

CM19/0120

Footpath at Straffan Gate Housing Estate

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

Can the council provide an update in relation to completing the footpath connecting Straffan Gate housing estate with Straffan National School?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office had no plans to carry out works at this location. The council was aware of active planning applications which might facilitate some works.

Councillor Durkan stated that he would meet the Municipal District Engineer on site to discuss the matter.

The report was noted.

CM20/0120

Bus Stop Outside Hughes' Pharmacy

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

Can the council update members on progress for the long-awaited bus stop outside Hughes' pharmacy, Prosperous Road, Clane?

Mr Halton informed the members that the council had no record of any application or proposal to install a bus stop at this location as this was the responsibility of the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Councillor McEvoy stated that there had been several motions on this matter previously and the council had given a commitment to liaise with the NTA in relation to the installation of a bus stop at this location. He stated he would follow up himself with the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department.

The report was noted.

CM21/0120

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 22 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 22:

Flooding Works in Courtown Little/Laragh Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the recent meeting with the Office of Public Works (OPW) in relation to the flooding works in Courtown Little/Laragh Kilcock and a timescale going forward for these works?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that a meeting had been held with representatives from the council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) to discuss flooding issues in the Lyreen catchment. A commitment was given by all parties to share information gathered on past events and to hold a further meeting in early 2020 to develop a plan for future study.

Ms O'Brien stated that a further meeting would be held in January and she would keep the members updated of the outcome.

The report was noted.

CM22/0120

Tree Planting

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

That the council identify parcels of waste and other public ground in this municipal district which are suitable for tree planting that could be carried out during 2020 and 2021 by community groups, volunteer groups and by the council.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the work involved in identifying areas of ground could be considered for the Parks Section Works Programme for 2020. It was likely that the most feasible option for tree planting was going to be in housing estates. It might be best to identify pilot areas as an

initial trial. The success of the programme was going to need community involvement to assist with identifying sites, planting, ensuring the establishment of the trees and ongoing maintenance. Additionally, the Parks Section had an extensive list of projects across the county and the additional workload of this proposal would have to be considered in the context of this.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Millions of trees were needed and the support of the Parks Section would be welcome to help identify suitable areas of ground for tree planting
- It would be helpful to organise training with residents groups to ensure the correct species of trees were planted in suitable areas
- Could the council approach land owners with regard to planting trees to create a sound buffer on the 91 metre stretch of road along the M4 (1,000 houses suffering noise pollution)?

The District Manager stated that since the new council had been formed last year Mr Wallace had put time aside to go through the Parks Work Programme with the members and suggested that the same should be done this year. She stated it could be discussed further at the February meeting and that the Parks Work Programme for 2020 should be listed on the February agenda.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and that the Parks Work Programme 2020 be listed on the February agenda.

CM23/0120

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Mill Street

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr McLoughlin and Mr Lynch to the meeting. Mr Lynch stated that the members were now familiar with their role in the Strategic Housing application and their comments would be noted and forwarded to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) with the Chief Executive's Report.

Mr Lynch gave an overview of the planning application made to An Bord Pleanála on behalf of Ladas Property Company Unlimited Company (as part of the Comer Group) in respect of a proposed development at Mill Street, Maynooth, County Kildare for 120 apartments (4

separate blocks), provision of a crèche (205.55sq.m), provision of a restaurant/cafe (246.17sq.m), provision of 74 basement car parking spaces, 278 bicycle storage spaces, refuse storage areas at basement level, provision of open space areas and ancillary site works. He stated that there were two options for the entrance layout either with or without a bus stop and preferences would be outlined in the Chief Executive's Report.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Concerns were raised in relation to the level and depth of excavation given the site was located next to the church (protected structure) and the church wall
- A sufficient bond must be put in place to ensure the cost of any repair works (any damaged caused by the developer to the church grounds) needed would be covered
- The current storm water system for the church ran to soak pits – would the storm water system for the church be linked to the new development
- A structural survey of the church should be carried out before and after construction of the new development
- There was no stone foundation on the church which might cause problems for the church grounds when excavation of the site was being done
- A crèche was welcomed on the site
- Kildare County Council had previously refused the application based on visual impact and yet the density of the buildings on this application had been increased
- There was opposition from the public with regard to the fact the development would be located beside the Church in the middle of Maynooth
- Pitched roofs would be preferable
- The apartment block facing onto Mill Street should be finished with cut stone in keeping with other buildings in Maynooth
- Coin Stones should be used on the corners of the buildings
- The site was located on a flood plain – flooding was a critical concern. Had the engineer carried out investigations/assessments in relation to this?
- Excavation of the site was causing major anxiety as graves might be interfered with
- No wood should be used on the front exterior of the building
- Bus and train services were already at full capacity in Maynooth
- How was biodiversity being protected on the site?

- Maynooth University had provided information in relation to rock formation on the site which had potential for a community feature
- What means of permeability would there be within the site?
- The pedestrian access into the shopping centre would impact on the church
- Montage views – the angle of the pictures did not give the full scale visual impact
- The new flood and risk analysis should be consistent with the Office of Public Works (OPW) approach
- The potential for a restaurant on Block A was not appropriate
- The river bank would be compromised/interfered with during the construction works
- There was not sufficient evidence that flooding issues had been addressed
- A bat activity survey had not been completed
- Concerns were raised in relation to the link to the developer's website which could not be accessed by the members on several occasions

Mr Lynch clarified the following points;

- In relation to biodiversity the rivers were the main concern along the north and north west of the site, a tree survey would be carried out
- The developer chose montage angles shown on photos of the development
- Flooding issues were discussed at the pre-planning and stage two of the application – it was agreed that this was something which needed to be addressed
- The deadline for public submissions was 15 January 2020
- The Chief Executive's report was due to An Bord Pleanála by 07 February 2020
- A decision from An Bord Pleanála was expected by 01 April 2020

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Lynch and the Planning Department staff for the information provided. He stated that he concurred with all points raised by the members which would be submitted with the Chief Executive's Report.

CM24/0120

Drainage Chanel Maintenance Programme 2020

Ms O' Brien gave an overview on the Drainage Chanel Maintenance Programme for 2020 as follows:

- The Drainage Channel Maintenance Crew consisted of 2 general operatives and a general site supervisor who were shared between Kildare County Council and Offaly County Council (both councils had the same number of staff)
- Works carried out by the crew included silt, vegetation management, aquatic vegetation cutting, bank protection, tree cutting, branch trimming and bridge and structure repairs
- In-stream works with machinery were limited to the months of July, August and September and tree cutting was limited to between September and February and works in watercourses which were Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or discharged into SACs required an Appropriate Assessment to be carried out before any works could be done
- All works were carried out in accordance with the OPW Environmental Management Protocols and Standard Operating Procedures for Drainage Maintenance Service and with the Councils own Health and Safety requirements
- Other issues which could affect works included restrictions from Inland Fisheries Ireland, such as the current restrictions aimed at minimising the impact of the crayfish plague currently in the River Slate and the River Barrow
- Works were limited to drainage districts or locations where flood relief schemes had been constructed under the Local Authorities Works Act 1949
- There was currently one drainage district within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District (the Baltreacy District) which included sections of the Clonshambo and Baltreacy rivers which were monitored on an annual basis and there were currently no works scheduled in this drainage
- The flood schemes proposed for Clane and Maynooth under the Office of Public Works (OPW) Flood Risk Management Plan would provide protection for any existing properties at risk from flooding in a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability Event (AEP) and details of the OPW schemes and up to date flood extent mapping could be found at www.floodinfo.ie

The following points were raised by the members:

- Where Rathangan (the Slate River) slotted in under the drainage districts?
- What clarified as restrictions to working on/cleaning the rivers?
- Would the Meadowbrook stream be cleaned and had drainage works carried out under the programme?
- Land owners were reluctant to carry out any cleaning etc. on rivers for fear they would be in breach of legislation
- Could a booklet be produced to educate land owners as to what they could/could not do in relation to maintaining and cleaning rivers
- With regard to intervention works in Butterstream (the culvert behind the crèche) the trash rack was still awaited
- Had the water quality improved in the Baltreacy/Clonshambo area?

Ms O'Brien confirmed the following points:

- The Slate River had been cleaned in 2018 from Allenwood towards Rathangan
- Restrictions included minimising the impact of the crayfish plague currently in the River Slate and the River Barrow and the cleaning of machinery (takes twice the length of time to do the job)
- The council would be doing work on the Meadowbrook stream the following week
- Ms O'Brien would consult with the District Engineer with regard to the trash rack for the culvert in Butterstream
- Ms O'Brien would consult with Ms McGrath from the Local Authorities Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO) in relation to producing an information pamphlet to advise land owners as to what work they could/could not carry out on rivers
- The water quality in Baltreacy was being monitored and Ms O'Brien would revert to the members in relation to same

CM25/0120

Fire Station in Maynooth

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

That the council use the Fire Station vacated site in Maynooth for a Community Centre incorporating a community crèche.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the fire station site was part of the larger Area Office site. Both sites were currently still in use and there was currently no timeline for the vacation of the overall site. When there was a definite timeline for the vacation of the site a decision would be made about the future use of the overall site.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Maynooth had been looking for a community centre for a long time
- This site would be an ideal location for a community centre
- If a community centre was set up at this location Leinster Street would be a shared space which would have a knock-on impact on traffic flow in the area
- The centre would encourage people to walk and cycle

Ms Barrett stated that the site was part of a larger area site and the council were currently not on a programme for the construction of a new fire station. The District Manager stated that she agreed with the members that there was a need for a community centre in Maynooth but stated that the motion could not be dealt with as it stood. She stated that the Public Realm Team would be available for discussions in terms of a suitable location for a site.

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

CM26/0120

Water Table Issues Kilcock Graveyard

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

That the council investigate and undertake the appropriate measures to solve the water table issues affecting Kilcock Graveyard.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Section's technical staff had carried out inspections in Kilcock Cemetery and did not note any water table problems in the graveyard. The Environment Section would carry out further inspections in due course. If the councillor had specific instances in mind, he might provide any information he had in this regard to the Environment Section.

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

CM27/0120

Tree Planting

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

Can the council suggest some approaches for schemes to allow tree planting by residents associations, tidy town groups, community groups and appropriate groups on waste and small parcels of public land in this municipal district to support our climate change mitigation objectives?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the provisions and approaches for a tree planting scheme were dependent on staff and financial resources to develop it as the council already had a considerable list of commitments across the county. Any approaches which might be developed would require community involvement in its promotion, implementation and maintenance.

The report was noted.

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New Library in Clane

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

Can the council advise of the consultation, the key development steps and an estimated timeline for the work to open the new library in Clane?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the council's vision was that Clane Library would be a unique centre for learning, information and culture. Accessible and welcoming to all, it would be a universal meeting place, a hub for the town, an engine for knowledge and creative economies.

The new library would allow for the delivery of facilities and services to support:

1. Reading and Literacy
2. Learning and Information
3. Community and Culture

The library would support individual and collaborative learning at all stages of life. It would include Information and Communications Technology (ICT) rich learning opportunities both for self-directed ICT based learning and group spaces for mentoring and learning support. The library would be child and family friendly with safe and inspiring spaces and would be a hub for citizen access allowing them to learn, to create and to participate. It would offer spaces which supported and encouraged innovation and entrepreneurship providing practical support in the form of free Wi-Fi, user space, specialist reference material and guidance. It would be an anchor and centre for community activity. New digital technologies would be fundamental to service delivery including self-service, 3D printing and creative technologies.

A consultation meeting was planned for late January 2020 at a venue in Clane to be confirmed. Representatives from local community groups, local history group, youth services groups, disability groups, schools, childcare providers, members of the business community, elected members and library and non-library users would all be invited to attend and participate. At this meeting preliminary plans for the library would be presented by library management and input on services and facilities would be welcomed which would inform the

council's plans for the new library in Clane. In addition, the council would ask their current library users and groups who regularly use the library for their input via focus groups and online questionnaires over the coming months.

Following this initial consultation phase and once the council had plans and drawings for the new library from the Design Team, the Part 8 planning process would also allow for public consultation and would provide another opportunity for input on the design and suggestions for services.

Current Estimated Timeline for the Clane Library Capital Project:

Tender for Design Team – February 2020

Design Team appointed – March 2020

Part 8 planning – June 2020

Tender for Construction – June 2020

Construction Phase – September 2020 – March 2021

Opening – Estimated April 2021

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.