

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 04 June 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
On Microsoft Teams**

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

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr S Aylward (District Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr B O’Gorman, Ms A O’Malley (Administrative Officers), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr S Higgins (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

CM01/0621

Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

There were no declarations from the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

CM02/0621

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 May 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil seconded by Councillor Durkan that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 May 2021 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0621

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer stated a report had been circulated to the members detailing a summary of essential works which had been undertaken in the past month. He

confirmed that crews were currently undertaking routine maintenance works including opening inlets, clearing drains and gullies, patching and sign clearance. He also confirm that they have also commenced the preparatory works on the Restoration Maintenance schemes including patching, cleaning and opening inlets.

Councillor Wyse asked when were the Municipal District Office including the Shee Bridge for surface redressing.

The District Engineer advised that they would be coming back in July to do the resurfacing of the road from church in Allen to Shee Bridge.

CM04/0621

Remaining Balance for LPT Schedule of Works 2021

The Cathaoirleach proposed this item be deferred to the July meeting and advised the members that the remaining monies would be divided equally amongst the members for their respective projects but that the finalizing of the categories would not take place today. The District Manager advised that the projects needed to be set out for the amount of money agreed and provided for the next municipal district meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all members present that the allocation of the remaining monies would be divided equally amongst the members for their respective projects and that the finalizing of the categories be deferred to the July meeting. The Cathaoirleach advised the members that they may contact himself or the District Manager with their proposed projects.

CM05/0621

Data and Venue for the Annual Meeting

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that it was proposed that the Annual Meeting would take place in the council chamber at 10:00 a.m. on 02 July 2021 prior to the monthly meeting confirming that standing orders would be suspended until 10.30am.

Resolved with the agreement of the members present that the Annual Meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District would take place in the council chamber at 10:00 a.m. on 02 July 2021.

CM06/0621

Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that the documents had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Had spoken with the Director of Services about the document but agreed that progressing the document through to public consultation was the fastest process.
- That submissions made by councillors are included with the public consultation document.

Mr B Murnane confirmed that submissions had already been received.

Resolved with the agreement of the members present that the Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B be approved and brought forward for public consultation.

CM07/0621

Footpath on Station Road

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

That the council provides a detailed report outlining the necessary work to provide a footpath from Allenwood Cross to the Michael Fitzpatrick Enterprise Park on Station Road, in preparation for the next revision of the Village Plan for Allenwood.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the Municipal District Office currently does not have any

resources to assign to preparing a report as requested. All staff are assigned to ensuring delivery of the roads programme for which funding has been allocated. This request can be included in the list of locations for investigation if and when resources allow.

The following points were raised by the members:

- A phased plan or approach, year by year, to provide the footpath needed to be considered.
- A significant amount of money had been set aside for this project.
- This footpath would be a major infrastructure for the village of Allenwood.
- As the playground in Allenwood opens up in 2022, traffic would increase significantly in the area.
- Can the Director of Services look at using development levies to provide funding for this footpath?

The District Manager explained that development levies went into a countywide pot distributed amongst all municipal districts. Roads projects are prioritised by way of the capital program. Time could be set aside at the July meeting for discussion.

The District Engineer confirmed he was familiar with the footpath but currently has no resources available for it. The Municipal District Office was trying to complete the projects on it's current list but if time and resources become available at the end of the year that it would be considered.

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

CM08/0621

Increased facilities for the safe parking of bicycles

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council explore the provision of increased facilities for the safe parking of bicycles in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if agreed by the members, Kildare County Council will explore the provision of increased facilities for the safe parking of bicycles in Maynooth and will forward this proposal to the National Transport Authority for their attention and discussion.

Councillor Feeney raised the point that there is a real lack of parking facilities for bicycles in supermarkets, APCOA car parks and other areas in Maynooth. She also made the point that an increase of safe parking of bicycles is needed not only in Maynooth but also across the municipal district.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by all members present that the council explore the provision of increased facilities for the safe parking of bicycles in Maynooth.

CM09/0621

Repair 'The Old Green Lane'

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

That the council repair the road known as 'The Old Green Lane' that runs from the Robertstown/Kilmeague Road to the Kilmeague/Allenwood Road as a matter of urgency.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the road has been inspected and is in reasonable condition. Routine maintenance will be undertaken as required. There is currently no funding for more substantial works but it will be included in the list of works for consideration in the future when funding and resources are available. Ultimately what works are undertaken is dependent on funding available, condition rating of the roadway and traffic volumes.

The following points were raised by the members:

- That the potholes on this road were continuously in need of repair.

- How long would it take to complete these repairs and how much would it cost?

The District Engineer advised that this work could be added to the restoration list of works. An assessment of all roads was completed before a final determination was done. All the potholes in this area were filled as of Thursday 27 May.

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

CM10/0621

Traffic Counts on the R403 and R407

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council urgently completes traffic counts in Clane on the R403 Clane to Celbridge and R407 Clane to Sallins roads.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these locations are included on the list for traffic surveys. It should be noted there is a backlog due to the fact that no counts were undertaken during Covid restrictions as they would not give a true reflection. The traffic counts commenced again in the past month and the backlog is currently 6 months.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The impact of the new Sallins Bypass was already being seen.
- When will the these traffic counts be carried out
- Traffic counts for Clane needed to be carried out when the schools return to fairly assess the traffic on these roads, the first week in September would be ideal.

The District Engineer advised that they hoped to complete the traffic counts in the next three months. The traffic counts are being carried out on a first come first served basis.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members present that the report be noted.

CM11/0621

Upgrades of Bohreen Adjacent to Carton Avenue, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council upgrades the bohreen adjacent to Carton Avenue, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is currently no funding for any works at this location. If agreed by the members, it can be included in the list of works for consideration in the future when funding and resources are available.

The following points were raised by the members:

- This was a walking route which become more heavily used recently.
- Upgrade works were needed, the surface needs to be dressed.
- When would this be undertaken and how long will it take?
- This bohreen is a valuable walking space. The council had the chance to plan to work on this great amenity and to include the green spaces either side of Carton Avenue.
- The bohreen was being used far more recently since the gate to the Carton Estate was closed.
- There was a motion previously to add this to the Public Realm funded projects i.e. Carton Avenue, Mill Street.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that she would communicate the request for further information to Public Realm in relation to the projects at Carton Avenue and Mill Street.

The District Engineer advised that he would come back to the members with respect to the timeframe and costing of this dressing for the bohreen.

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

CM12/0621

Vehicular speed survey on the Moyglare Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council undertakes a vehicular speed survey on the Moyglare Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these locations are included on the list for traffic surveys. It should be noted there is a backlog due to the fact that no counts were undertaken during Covid restrictions as they would not give a true reflection. The traffic counts commenced again in the past month and the backlog is currently 6 month.

The following points were raised by the members:

- This stretch of road, along by the Boys National School and Moyglare Hall, had always been susceptible to speeding traffic.
- Councillor Durkan had raised a motion on a similar topic recently regarding the turning on of the lights on the Moyglare Road.
- It was advised previously that the lights were to be turned on in Quarter 2, what was the delay in this happening?
- There was a high amount of footfall in this area due the areas mentioned previously and also Mariaville Estate.
- The lights being turned on was one step in decreasing the speed along this kilometre stretch but other methods need to be identified to slow down the traffic.

The District Engineer confirmed that the Roads Planning section were dealing with the developer on this issue. He also explained that it was at the discretion of the developer when the lights were turned on and there was currently no definitive timeline. It is expected that a traffic or speed review would be carried out in September or October of this year.

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

CM13/0621

Jakes Law Segregation from County Speed Limit Review

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council segregate Jakes Law from the county speed limit review and immediately implements a 30km/hr speed limit in all housing estates in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Under the Road Traffic Act 2004 the 30km/h speed limit in housing developments (Jakes Law) is defined as a 'special speed limit' requiring a Byelaw to be adopted by the elected members of Kildare County Council.

A decision to combine the Speed Limit Review and Jake's Law was taken at the commencement of the process, allocating the necessary funding and technical staffing resources required to complete the project in the most efficient manner.

Presently there are 5 No. Proposed Schedule of Amendment documents, (one for each Municipal District) containing 428 drawings showing both 30km speed limits in housing developments in support of Jake's law and the Local, Regional, and National roads speed limits for Kildare.

In response to the current motion from Cllr Durkan, Kildare County Council can separate all elements related to implementing the 30km speed limits in housing developments in support of 'Jake's law' from the speed limit review.

However, separating the Speed Limit Review and Jakes Law from the current process would require the Team to cease completing the vast amount of work carried out to date and revert to the pre "Schedule of Proposed Amendment" stage. Recommencing the process and progressing as two individual strands would require editing of the 428 individual drawings to cater for the Speed Limit Review element only and the creation of an additional 180 drawings specific to the 30km speed limits in housing developments (Jakes Law).

The Speed Limit Review Team has worked closely with the elected members of each Municipal District to progress the current format to public consultation stage. Four of the Municipal District areas have agreed to proceed to public consultation with a further workshop to take place with one Municipal District.

It was the view of the Transportation Department that to cease the current process and recommence as two individual strands would place considerable strain on the resources in the Road Design office. It would also delay the implementation of the Speed Limit Review and Jakes Law even further, as the process has already been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 public health regulations.

As the members are aware, a similar motion was considered by full council at their meeting on 31 May and it was agreed to defer that motion to the June meeting of council and additional information be provided by the Roads department in the interim.

The following points were raised by the members:

- A speed review briefing was first held in 2017 and if it was known that it would take this length of time for a speed review then a request to segregate Jake's Law would have been made back then.
- Hopes that the deadline is not extended yet again.

- The fastest path for this to be reviewed and implemented is for the speed limit schedule to go to public consultation. More time would be lost if it a revised motion was brought to Full Council.

The District Engineer confirmed that the Speed Limit Review Team are currently working on the Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B which was being brought to public consultation.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members present that the report be noted.

CM14/0621

Sightlines at the T-junction from Bawnview in Highfield, Kilcock

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council undertake works to improve the sightlines at the T-junction from Bawnview in Highfield, Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the works will be included in our next tree works programme but we have no objection with residents undertaking the work themselves as it appears likely that the planting was carried out by local residents.

Councillor Ward explained that a significant amount of growth has occurred at this T-junction and that the height of the trees was now an issue. He asked if the Clerk of Works could visit the site and address the issue. Councillor Ward also pointed out that residents in the area are not in a position to do this work themselves.

The District Engineer confirmed that the Parks Section are looking at this T-junction and the matter of the growth of the bushes and trees affecting the sightlines.

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

CM15/0621

Flooding around the National School in Coill Dubh and the 'back lane'

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council confirm that plans are in place to alleviate flooding around the National School in Coill Dubh and the 'back lane' as a matter of urgency?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that remedial works have been undertaken to alleviate some of the flooding. The Municipal District Office is investigating if additional measures can be installed.

Councillor Weld asked that consideration be given to providing another gully to improve the conditions in this area.

The District Engineer advised that once larger projects are completed that they will look at the idea of including another outfall or gully to help rectify the matter.

The report was noted.

CM16/0621

Traffic Calming Measures at Staplestown National School

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council provide an update on the traffic calming measures at Staplestown National School?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is currently no funding for any works at this location. The Municipal District Staff are engaged in the delivery of projects where funding has been secured.

Councillor Weld stated that a motion had been submitted previously for LPT funding to be allocated to this project. He asked how could there be no funding available now? He noted that the real issue was on the Rathcoffey side of the school where parents have had to cross the road with their children due to COVID-19 restrictions

to provide more space outside the school entrance. He explained that extra signage was needed to make drivers aware of the school on approach.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that the National Transport Authority identified certain projects in their Active Travel measure which were brought in last year. He explained that he had sought funding but that none was available and that all projects are being progressed when and where possible with respect to resources and funding.

The report was noted.

CM17/0621

Public Lighting in Coill Dubh Village

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the council provide an update on the long term issue with public lighting intermittently not operating in Coill Dubh Village?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the issue has been resolved. Following extensive investigation, a loose connection on a network fuse was identified and repaired. The report was noted.

CM18/0621

Sustainable Transport Projects in this Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council provide an update on the current status of the sustainable transport projects in this municipal district ie. the Maynooth Mill Street upgrade project, the Meadowbrook Road Pedestrian and Cycling project, and the sustainable transport designs for the R148 at Maynooth University and the Leixlip Road to the schools?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are currently in discussions with private land owners regarding land take for the Maynooth North-South Phase 5 Mill Street project. On completion of private land take discussions, the project will

progress to detailed design and main contract procurement on approval from the NTA.

Tender documents for the provision of Engineering Consultancy Services for the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants (STMG) projects at Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth University (R148) and Easton Road, Leixlip have been published and are awaiting submissions in June. The Engineering Consultancy service deliverables for these projects are:

Phase 2 – Concept Development and Options Selections;

Phase 3 – Preliminary Design; and

Phase 4 – Statutory Processes.

Councillor Hamilton noted that €250 million had been allocated for the whole country by central Government and that €8 million had been allocated to Kildare County Council for the current year. He pointed out that as Maynooth was the first decarbonized zone in Kildare that they should be the role model with respect to the sustainable transport projects. Applications for projects should go forward next year. The report was noted.

CM19/0621

Footpath improvements on the Dunboyne Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm when footpath improvements on the Dunboyne Road will take place?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office has no works planned on footpaths on the Dunboyne Road.

The report was noted.

CM20/0621

“The Green” on Pound Lane in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm if it has considered improvement works to “the Green” on Pound Lane in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there are no immediate plans to improve the area but in the long term it could be considered for improvement works in the Parks Section Works Programme after current projects outlined to councillors earlier in the year have been delivered.

The report was noted.

CM21/0621

Delivery of Noise Reducing Measures on the M4 Motorway

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan. Can this council receive a report on any update from the relevant national authority, be it the NRA and/or TII, on progress made on the delivery of noise reducing measures on the M4 Motorway?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that following on from a motion at the April plenary council meeting, the Council are writing to TII requesting an update on any progress made on the delivery of noise reducing measures on all motorways in County Kildare which includes the M4.

Councillor Durkan said that funding had been promised previously for the noise reducing measures and suggested inviting TII to a hybrid meeting to discuss this further. He asked if the council had received any response from TII.

The Municipal District Engineer said that this was outside the control of the council and that he had not received or heard of any response but would follow this up with TII.

The report was noted.

CM22/0621

Provision of EV Charging points at the Park and Ride facility in Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the installation and time frame involved for the installation of the two EV Charging points into the Park and Ride facility in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Climate Action Regional Office informing the members that the council are currently waiting on a guidance document from the CCMA/ LGMA around the installation of EV Charging points, Once received, a policy document on EV Charging Points for Kildare County Council will be put forward for approval. It must also be noted that the car park in question for the Park and Ride Facility in Kilcock is leased and not Kildare County Council owned.

The report was noted.

CM23/0621

Flooding Problems at Staplestown

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

Can the council provide an update on the recurring flooding problems at Staplestown?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office is engaging with the developer to agree a satisfactory resolution.

Councillor Paul Ward pointed out that there was climate action funding now available. He said that there was €75,000 allocated on 03 June to raising the road.

The District Engineer said that he had not seen this funding yet.

The report was noted.

CM24/0621

Plans to Repair the Streetlights in Robertstown

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

Can the council confirm that plans are in place to repair the streetlights in Robertstown that are not working?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that replacement lanterns have been ordered. As soon as the lanterns were delivered they would be installed.

The report was noted.

CM25/0621

Process involved to erect a statue in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council clarify the process involved in realising a proposal to erect a statue in Maynooth to mark our emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that there is a Civic Memorial Policy that outlines the process for groups or individuals who are seeking to erect a civic memorial. All proposals are subject to assessment by the Civic Memorial Technical Committee and a recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group to go to municipal district or full council for final decision. The policy and application form were attached.

The report was noted.

CM26/0621

Targets for Leasing of Homes in the Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council detail it's targets for leasing of homes in the municipal district for 2021, and to date how many homes have been leased in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that under the Rebuilding Ireland 'Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness' Kildare County Council was tasked with delivering 2,426 social housing units during the period 2018-2021 using a number of delivery streams i.e. build, leasing and acquisition. The 2021 target for delivery is 711 social housing units. Delivery targets are not broken down by municipal district area. The total number of leased properties

in the municipal district is eight, seven are being leased by Kildare County Council and one unit is being leased by an Approved Housing Body.

The report was noted.

CM27/0621

Plans to Build Houses on the Medical Centre Site in Derrinturn?

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

Can the council confirm if it has advanced plans to build houses on the Medical Centre Site in Derrinturn?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that tender documents are being finalised for submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for Stage 3 of this project. Approval is being sought to allow the Council proceed to tender for five (5) housing units on the dispensary site in Carbury, close to Derrinturn.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked for clarification when did the council envisage for these house to be built?

Mr O’Gorman advised that an indicative timeline would be sought.

The report was noted.

CM28/0621

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 29 on the agenda be taken later in the meeting. All the members agreed.

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 30 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 30:

Water Drinking Fountains into Public Realm Projects

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

That the council plans the installation of water drinking fountains into public realm and street improvement projects in the municipal district, including the Maynooth Mill Street upgrade, Main Street/Maynooth Square developments and the Harbour Field plans.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the installation of drinking fountains will be considered at design development stage of the public realm improvement works and would be dependent on budget. Kildare County Council currently doesn't have the resources to install and maintain fountains on streets however, installation could be considered for parks and playgrounds.

The following points were raised by the members:

- This idea of installing water drinking fountains had been raised as far back as 2017 by former Councillor Teresa Murray.
- During the pandemic the idea of plastic and waste reduction has been forgotten.
- There was a fund set aside for such work previously and this kind of project needs to be progressed.
- There currently is one water fountain in Maynooth and there is also a water connection within Maynooth that could be used.

The District Manager agreed that this was a great idea. She made the point that this has been included in all Public Realm and Parks projects. This kind of project does require a water connection and/or input from Irish Water. She went on to say that this never had a funding stream assigned to it from her knowledge and that suggestions for implementation were more than welcome.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by all members present that the report be noted.

CM29/0621

Current Draft Rural Housing Policy

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the current draft rural housing policy be made available to the Clane-Maynooth municipal district members.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Rural Housing Policy for County Kildare is set out in the County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as varied). The members are advised that there is no 'current draft' at this stage (week 21/99) of the CDP review process as the necessary environmental and other assessments are not yet complete.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Requested that the Draft County Development Plan document be made available to the members.
- A conversation was had recently with the Senior Planner in which she mentioned a workshop to be held soon in relation to rural housing.

Ms McCarthy said that she would follow up in relation to the Draft County Development Plan document and revert to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by all members present that the report be noted.

CM30/0621

Invitation to Waterways Ireland

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council invite Waterways Ireland to present to the municipal district committee about the new greenway and blue way initiatives on the grand canal.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that as the Blueway and Greenway impacts a number of areas and Municipal Districts, Kildare County Council will organise a joint briefing for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District, the Athy Municipal District and Clane-Maynooth Municipal District from Waterways Ireland on the Blueway and Greenway initiatives, through Microsoft Teams.

If the members agree, invites will be sent for a date later in June so we can have maximum attendance.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by all members present that the invitation be issued to Waterways Ireland.

CM31/0621

Crèche Facilities Delivered as Part of New Housing Estates

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council provide the number of crèche facilities delivered as part of new housing estates in the municipal district between 2011 and 2021?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the The following creche/childcare facility commenced in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District to date:

File	Applicant	Location	Description	Date Granted	Date Units Commenced	Date Creche Commenced
16/1345	Glenveagh Homes	Branganstown, Kilcock	450 units and creche	20/01/2018	12/10/2018	21/12/2020

Planning permissions for residential developments that include a creche/childcare facility may not have a requirement to complete the facility prior to other aspects of the permission. There are a further 5 permissions granted for residential

developments that include a creche/childcare facility which have not commenced to date in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

The report was noted.

CM32/0621

Application for Robertstown under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme

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

Can the council update members as to whether they have received feedback regarding the application for Robertstown under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, and if so, to include the feedback in the response?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that feedback on the unsuccessful Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 funding application submitted in respect of Robertstown has been requested from the Department of Rural and Community Development. To date this feedback has not been received, despite several reminder emails.

In the interim, the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team are working on a funding application for this project which will be submitted to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund which is currently open for applications.

Councillor Farrelly asked if the renewal scheme was unsuccessful could standing orders be suspended and if a letter could be issued to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme?

The District Manager asked Ms Hunt if any feedback had been received. Ms Hunt confirmed that no acknowledgement had been received to date and agreed that the letter would be helpful.

The report was noted.

CM33/0621

Measures to develop commercially zoned land in Kilcock

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

Can the council confirm what measures can be implemented in Kilcock to promote and deliver the development of commercially zoned land to retain startup businesses in the town?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that prior to any promotion measures been developed, I would propose that an audit of available and proposed commercially zoned land in Kilcock would need to be conducted by the Planning Department. There after it would be necessary to identify suitable use of land verses the needs of the business community.

Councillor Durkan stated that numerous businesses have outgrown their current facilities and that there was fields outside of Kilcock commercially zoned and sitting there waiting to be used. He made the point that Kilcock has no current industrial estate and that this land could be used for some sort of business park or industrial estate. This would provide work and business for the town and would be more economically and environmentally friendly. There are also cowpastures which could be used for business incubator hubs.

The District Manager assured the members that every opportunity was being taken to promote the availability of zoned lands around Kilcock. There is regular communication with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland and the potential for lands in North Kildare, particularly in Kilcock, to be used for FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) had been highlighted. She advised that a lot of businesses are reviewing and considering how employees will work. Any businesses looking for help or advice can approach the Economic, Community and Cultural Department at anytime for assistance. As the report states, if the land is zoned and is available it would be considered.

The report was noted.

CM34/0621

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 29 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed. Item 29:

Temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws Subject to S254 Licence

To consider and agree the temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws including Enforcement in various locations across the MD area to facilitate the re-opening of businesses subject to S254 licence approval.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The balance between hospitality and non-hospitality business would need to be considered.
- What will the quota of parking bays used be?
- There is a carpark on Doctor's Lane which should be utilized.
- A lot of businesses are concerned with the removal of spaces.
- Will designs be provided to the members?
- Would November be the end date or a review date?
- How many applications have been received?
- There is a new seven year circulation plan in Belgium and this has so far resulted in car usage dropping by 25% and an increase in cycling by 40%.
- These temporary measures will be extremely useful.

Ms Hunt informed the members that expressions of interest had already been received for the Section 254 licences. She explained that a full planning assessment would need to be carried out and that the licences would be used to permit businesses to place furniture outside their premises and that a parklet would be provided by the Public Realm section. The pay parking bye laws would be suspended until November and then the parklets will be removed the bye laws put back into force for the Christmas trading season. Businesses can then reapply in January 2022. She confirmed the parklets will be four metres by eight metres in size, about two parking spaces on average. This was to maintain sightlines and public safety. Maynooth Main Street will accommodate two or three parklets and this will be agreed with the District Engineer. Benches will also be provided in Harbour Field. Ms Hunt confirmed that one application had been received to date for Maynooth. **Resolved** with the agreement by all members present that the temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws including Enforcement in various locations

across the MD area to facilitate the re-opening of businesses subject to S254 licence be adopted. See appendix 1 attached.

CM35/0621

Lawn Cemetery Bye Laws and Signage

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

That the council implement the bye laws as passed with regard to lawn cemeteries in this municipal district and that extra signage be provided indicating same and that no kerbs are allowed.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the signage issue will be examined and appropriate signage will be erected in the relevant cemeteries.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Kerbs should not be included in cemeteries.
- When applications are made, a line should be included informing applicants of the rules regarding kerbs.
- Extra signage was needed.
- When a grave plot is reopened the plot owner needs to be made aware.
- A big sign would take away from the character of the cemetery. The example of St Conleths Cemetery was given as a cemetery with a lovely layout.
- The byelaws have to be implemented and adhered to properly.
- The people who are putting in the headstones are complying with the byelaws.
- In Mainham Cemetery kerbs are being put up.

Ms O'Malley confirmed that more signage would be installed. She also confirmed that the line on the application regarding headstone permissions and kerb installations would be reiterated.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members present that the report be noted.

CM36/0621

Invite Delegation from National Peatlands Park Group

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council invites a delegation from the National Peatlands Park Group to present to this municipal district committee in July.

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

A report was received from the Climate Action, Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that a presentation was given by the National Peatlands Park Group on this initiative at a meeting of both Environmental and Water Services SPC as well as Climate Action SPC wherein there was a very positive response. The matter was subsequently discussed at Corporate Policy Group wherein the desirability of presenting to the Planning SPC as well as the relevant three municipal districts was expressed. It was also suggested that the matter would be further reviewed when feedback from relevant SPCs and Municipal Districts was to hand. It was further suggested that it would be really beneficial, in the interim, if the National Peatlands Park Group would also interact with the landowners (Bord na Mona).

The following points were raised by the members:

- There is a lot work around the peatlands.
- It was important for the councillors to receive as much information as possible.
- The members were advised that a meeting would be held with a delegation from Bord na Mona on 15 June.
- This links into the Just Transition Challenge as part of the three municipal districts.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members present that the report be noted.

CM37/0621

Caravan/Camping facility adjoining the Greenway

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council engages with St Patrick's College Maynooth to consider establishing a Caravan/Camping facility adjoining the Greenway and exploit the tourism potential for this area.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the council will consider this proposal as part of our consideration of the forthcoming review of the Maynooth Local Area Plan later in the year and will also raise the matter with St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The Farmhouse not far from the college could be redeveloped. It has huge potential.
- Local cycling groups have been in contact with international cycling groups and have shown interest in this type of facility.
- The Director of Services has had discussions with St Patrick's College Maynooth about this topic already.
- A greenway could be installed similar to the one in Killmacthomas, the Dungarvan to Waterford Greenway.

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

CM38/0621

Development of Allenwood Playground

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That the council outlines the current stage in the development of Allenwood Playground, with estimated timelines for completion.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that work on the tendering process has been temporarily paused pending the appointment of a replacement staff member for the Parks Team. This is unfortunate but could not be helped. As soon as is practicable the process of tendering for the playground will recommence. The objective is to have a tender ready by the end of the year and for construction to take place in 2022.

The following points were raised by the members:

- There was no playground in Allen or Ballina.
- This playground has got to Part 8 and is the only remaining project in the municipal district.
- Hopes that this project will not be leap frogged by other projects and remains a priority.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members present that the report be noted.

The meeting concluded.

Appendix 1 Temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws Subject to S254 Licence

To consider and agree the temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws including Enforcement in various locations across the MD area to facilitate the re-opening of businesses subject to S254 licence approval.

Further to the recent easing of restrictions as set out in the Government's plan to deal with Covid-19 in [Recovery and Resilience: The Path Ahead](#), Ireland has moved into the 'recovery' phase of the plan, which means that gatherings and activities such as outdoor dining is set to recommence on 7th June.

The Strategic Projects & Public Realm team have secured funding for the roll out of temporary measures such as the provision of parklets and outdoor seating areas for general public use in the following towns across the County; Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth, Naas, and Newbridge.

It is proposed to provide outdoor seating areas, on a temporary basis, over the coming weeks in these towns, some of which may require the temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws including enforcement. The rollout of these temporary measures will be done in consultation with the Area Engineer to ensure that the proposed location is appropriate and safe and to ensure sufficient car parking needs within each town remain available?

In tandem with the above temporary measures, a number of businesses have expressed an interest in the provision of parklets for their customers exclusive use at locations across the Municipal District.

Where a business wishes to provide a parklet, to do so they must have a Section 254 licence (under the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended). Every such S254 licence application is reviewed by the Area Engineer and the Public Realm team, who provide reports to the case planner who then carries out a full planning assessment of the proposal. All S254 licences issued are for a specific period, after

which all furniture and associated equipment must be removed or a new S254 application submitted for further consideration.

Where a S254 licence is approved for the provision of a parklet in a paid parking bay(s), the Members approval is required for the temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws including Enforcement at the location.

The Members are asked to consider granting approval for the following two scenarios for the period 7th June 2021 to 30th November 2021:

- 1. The temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws including Enforcement at various locations across the Municipal District to enable the Strategic Projects & Public Realm team to provide outdoor seating/ parklets for general public use (subject to available funding).**

- 2. The temporary suspension of Pay Parking Byelaws including Enforcement at various locations across the Municipal District to enable businesses to re-open for outdoor dining through the provision of parklets/ outdoor seating for the exclusive use of their customers (subject to a full planning assessment and S254 licence approval)**