

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 05 February 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 and B Wyse.

Apologies: Councillor B Weld.

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr J Malone (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr S Aylward (District Engineer), Mr E Lynch (Senior Executive Planner), Mr K Kavanagh, (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr M McLoughlin, Ms Aoife O'Malley (Administrative Officers), Mr M Hurley (Health and Safety Officer) Ms AM Burke (Executive Engineer), Mr P Mahoney (Community Warden), Ms O Talbot (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary) and others.

CM01/0221

Minutes and Progress Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting and conveyed apologies on behalf of Councillor Weld who was unable to attend the meeting that day.

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 08 January 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy seconded by Councillor Durkan that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 08 January 2021 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM02/0221

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer stated that a report had been circulated to the members providing an update on works which had been undertaken prior to and since their January meeting and also details of future planned works. He stated that in light of the current COVID-19 restrictions, operations had been restricted to essential maintenance and the crews were currently opening inlets, clearing drains and gullies and patching potholes. He stated that an assessment was being carried out for footpath works at Dreenan, Derrinturn and it was hoped that works would be carried out the following week and in relation to works at Trinity Crescent a school safety report was awaited.

CM03/0221

LPT Schedule of Works 2021

Councillor McEvoy asked if the members could contact the District Engineer that afternoon with their allocations and the District Manager stated that the item should be deferred until the March meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Durkan that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation for 2021 should be deferred and listed as an item on the March agenda.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation for 2021 be deferred and listed as an item on the March agenda.

CM04/0221

Expired Bonds/Insurance of Estates

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council confirm the number of estates in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District which have had their bonds/insurance expire and the total figure of unrecoupable monies associated with these estates?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that from the records available in the Building and Development Control Section of Kildare County Council, there were 10 estates (Capdoo Park, Clane; Churchfield, Clane; Chambers Park, Kilcock; Grace's Park, Derrinturn; Lowtown View, Robertstown; Emerson Court, Prosperous; Kilmurraybrook, Johnstownbridge; Bodkin Place, Kilmeague; Castlebawn, Kilmeague and Meadowbrook, Maynooth) within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District, where the Development Bonds had expired. The amount of these bonds prior to expiration was €902,041.61. However, this figure did not necessarily correspond with the actual costs involved in bringing these ten estates to a taking in charge standard. Each estate would need to be assessed separately to provide cost estimates of the work involved to bring it to a taking in charge standard.

In order to bring each estate to a taking in charge standard firstly a CCTV survey of the foul and storm lines, a manhole survey and a leak detection survey of the watermain would all need to be carried out to identify any remedial works required underground. In estates where a pumping station was present this would also need to be snagged. All above ground snag items and outstanding completion works would then need to be identified. As-constructed drawings/vesting maps/taking in charge maps would need to be prepared. Irish Water approval would also need to be sought prior to recommending taking in charge. Funding would need to be identified to carry out all of these works.

Given the level of construction activity underway in the county, and the need to monitor these sites on an ongoing basis, the Development Control Section unfortunately did not have the resources to carry out surveys to prepare approximate costings as outlined above on each of these estates.

In addition to ongoing monitoring of active building sites, the technical staff in the Development Control Section were working in each municipal district to progress several estates to taking in charge standards before bringing them to the relevant municipal district meeting. If the councillor could advise of specific estates within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District which were of interest, the Development Control

Section would endeavour to enumerate the potential cost of works to bring them to a taking in charge standard.

The Development Control Engineer for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District was currently prioritising the taking in charge of the following estates: Carton Wood, Maynooth; Fenton Green, Kilcock and Limetree Hall, Maynooth.

Councillor Farrelly noted that Cois na Mona Estate was not included on the list of estates and Mr Malone stated that he would liaise with the relevant engineer who was dealing with that estate and revert to Councillor Farrelly.

The report was noted.

CM05/0221

Accessibility Presentation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr M Hurley, Health and Safety/Access Officer to the meeting and proposed that if the members had any questions for Mr Hurley, they should email him their questions after the meeting and all the members agreed.

Mr Hurley advised that he would reply to all questions received

Mr Hurley delivered a presentation to the members highlighting the following points:

- Accessibility to buildings and all services was a legislative requirement under the Disability Act 2005.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities came into force on 19 April 2018.
- The National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 was the key framework for policy and action to address the needs of people with disabilities.
- There were five local Local Access Groups in Naas, Newbridge, Celbridge, Maynooth and Athy.
- The role of the Access Officer was to provide and co-ordinate assistance and guidance to persons with disabilities accessing services provided by the council offices.

- The County Kildare Access Strategy 2020-2022 took a universal approach and the objectives for 2021 were outlined.
- Kildare County Council had achieved winner at the All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2020 for having the best Disability Access and Inclusion Initiative and had also achieved winner of the overall Grand Prix Award for working to make County Kildare inclusive and accessible to all.
- Working collaboratively with disability advocates would help the council deliver its shared commitment that no section of the community was left behind in the future delivery of council services.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Hurley for his comprehensive presentation and congratulated him and his team on achieving the award for All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2020 and the overall Grand Prix Award.

CM06/0221

Road Signage on Butterstream Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council identify road signage on the narrow Butterstream Road to highlight the shared use with vulnerable road users, given the increased pedestrian flows between Nancy's Lane and the Prosperous Road, Clane.

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 Municipal District Office would examine the number of pedestrians utilising the road between Nancy's Lane and the Prosperous Road. If there was excessive use identified the installation of W140 signage indicating the presence of pedestrians could be considered.

Councillor McEvoy stated that this was an ongoing safety issue particularly when the schools were operational. The District Engineer stated that he would carry out an

assessment on the number of pedestrians using the road when Level 5 restrictions were lifted at the end of Quarter 1/early Quarter 2, 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Farrelly that the report be noted and the District Engineer carry out an assessment on the number of pedestrians using the road when Level 5 restrictions ease at the end of Quarter 1/early Quarter 2, 2021.

CM07/0221

Pedestrian Crossing Brooklands

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council installs a pedestrian crossing in the proximity of Brooklands, serving the bus stop on the R403 in Clane.

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 it was anticipated that the junction at R403 Regional Road/Brooklands/ Capdoo Link would be signalised as part of future development works in the area. This would provide controlled pedestrian crossings on the R403 etc. as part of the signalised junction works. The provision of a stand-alone pedestrian crossing was not recommended in anticipation of these future works. It should be noted that given the present layout of this section of carriageway (between Brooklands - bus stops on R403), including the presence of commercial/domestic entrances, adjoining junctions, bus-stop locations etc. It may not be possible to provide a remote/stand-alone controlled pedestrian crossing that was compliant with recommendations and guidelines for controlled pedestrian crossings at this location.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Would the pedestrian lights which were non-operational be removed as part of the future development works?

- This item had been an ongoing issue since 2009 and it was requested that the council ensured these works were completed as part of the future development works in the area.

The District Engineer stated that he would expect that the lights would be replaced but he would liaise with the Traffic Section to confirm.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and the District Engineer liaise with the Traffic Section to confirm if the non-operational lights would be removed and replaced.

CM08/0221

Slow Down Road Markings in Coill Dubh

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council installs 'slow down' markings on the road in Coill Dubh, on the Robertstown Road.

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 installation of traffic calming measures needed to be in line with Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy and warranted. The Municipal District Office was not aware of any speeding or accident history at this location but had previously included this location on the list of locations for a traffic survey to be undertaken.

The following points were raised by the members:

- There was an issue with cars speeding when entering and exiting Coill Dubh on the Robertstown Road.
- Road markings which had been installed at Downing's Cross had positively influenced driver behaviour and slowed them down.
- Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy was not accessible on the council's website – could a copy of it be circulated to the members?

- There were flooding issues on the road at the Hawthorn Manor Estate.
- When would the erection of signage be completed?

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- There was currently a 2-3 month backlog with the traffic surveys and the Municipal District Office was not doing the surveys during level 5 restrictions as they would not show an accurate traffic count during the restrictions.
- In relation to Downing's Cross, it had a history of accidents at the location. An Garda Síochána had been approached and works had been funded by the Low Cost Safety Scheme.
- There was no history of road accidents on the Robertstown Road, Coill Dubh.
- A copy of Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy would be circulated to the members.
- During level 5 restriction the erection of signage was not deemed as essential services and the Municipal District Office would address as soon as restrictions were eased.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Wyse that the report be noted, the District Engineer check with the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety if a copy of Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy can be circulated to the members and the District Engineer to undertake a speed survey once level 5 restrictions ease to ascertain if road markings are warranted.

CM09/0221

Public lights Canal Walk, Maynooth

The members considered the following joint motion in the names of Councillors Feeney, Durkan and Hamilton.

That the council liaises with the ESB and any other relevant parties to ensure that the public lights installed three years ago at the town side of the Canal Walk, Maynooth are energised as an urgent matter of public safety.

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 engagement was currently ongoing between Kildare County Council and the ESB to address this issue. A new certificate for the lighting had been lodged with the ESB and engagement with them would continue until such time as the lighting at this location was energised.

The following points were raised by the members:

- This item had been sent in via a Customer Relations Management (CRM) query in October 2020 and again as a question at January's meeting.
- It was a recurring issue raised by the Maynooth Community Council.
- The lights were installed 3 years ago and had yet to be energised.
- What was the timeline for the lights to be energised?
- There were major safety issues for pedestrians in winter walking so close to the canal in the dark – could the council relay this concern to the ESB?
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Mr McGowan confirmed the following points:

- The Public Lighting Section were liaising with the ESB's Accessibility Department in relation to the energising of the lights.
- The Public Lighting Section would provide an update to the members at their March meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted, this item remain on the progress report and the Public Lighting Section provide the members with an update at their March meeting.

CM10/0221

Flooding Issue at The Harbour Field, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council addresses the flooding issue at The Harbour Field, Maynooth caused by the New Road blocking the drainage from the Harbour Field to the town side of the New Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that during excessive rainfall some ponding occurred on the northern end of the field. This dissipated as the weather improved. This issue existed prior to the installation of the new road and was not caused by the road. Perhaps it had become more evident as footfall through this area had increased with the installation of the roadway. The Municipal District Office had no plans at present to undertake any works but would monitor the location to ensure it had not deteriorated.

A report was also received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this location would be examined, however, given how low lying the area was, providing a solution might not be possible.

The following points were raised by the members:

- There had been a lot of rain recently and there were deep levels of water being retained on the full length of the road which never happened prior to the installation of the New Road.
- Could the Municipal District Office investigate the possibility of unblocking the drainage under the New Road?

The District Engineer stated that he would investigate the matter further to ascertain if it could be resolved within current budget restraints at a reasonable cost.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the reports be noted and the District Engineer investigate the matter further to ascertain if it can be resolved within current budget restraints at a reasonable cost.

CM11/0221

Haul Routes

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That in light of the recent refusal of An Bord Plenála to grant an extension to the Drehid Landfill Facility, that the council outline any plans to upgrade or put traffic calming measures on the haul routes to the facility within this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that traffic calming measures going forward were to be assessed in accordance with Kildare County Council's Technical Documents. The Municipal District Office might carry out speed surveys at any locations where reports of speeding was identified and bring it to the attention of the Traffic Section for further examination. In relation to junction improvements, the upgrade of the junctions along the haul route would most likely require land purchase. A specific funding source and staffing resources would also need to be identified to design and deliver these improvements. Given the substantial funding required, it was unlikely that any of the locations would comply with the terms of the Low Cost Accident Scheme.

It was planned to examine all major sub-standard junctions, on a countywide basis, and make a submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) for specific funding, having regard to the history of accidents at the junctions, benefit to cost ratio etc. The Municipal District Engineer had identified a number of these locations within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was good to see that the Municipal District Engineer had identified a number of locations within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

- Could the council clarify exactly what locations would be examined within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District and which ones would be priorities?
- The members requested a list of projects to be provided so that once Government funding became available the council would be ready to commence the projects.

Mr McGowan confirmed the following:

- Funding required would be in the region of €500,000 up to €1 million to have works completed.
- Land acquisition, public lighting, road widening and implementation of traffic calming measures would be required.
- All junctions would have to be assessed individually.
- Mr McGowan would convey the member's comments to the Road's Design Team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and that Mr McGowan convey the member's comments to the Road's Design Team.

CM12/0221

Road Repairs, The Square, Kilcock

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council undertake immediate works to repair/make good numerous potholes/uneven surfaces/faded road markings in and around the Square, Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this section of roadway had been included for consideration in the 2021 Restoration Improvement Scheme, the volume of works included in the 2021 scheme would be dependent on funding being available, road condition rating and traffic volumes.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was good to hear that this location had been included for consideration in the 2021 Restoration Improvement Scheme,
- Councillor Ward stated that he would provide the District Engineer with a list of minor repairs which were needed.
- Could works be carried out on the ramp located at the exit to The Square?
- There were 7 bins located in The Square which was excessive.

The District Engineer confirmed the following points:

- €150,000 had been flagged for overlay works to be carried out but the roads allocation had not yet been confirmed by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS).
- Once received, Councillor Ward's list would be considered.
- The Environment Section was currently carrying out a countywide review of bins.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted, Councillor Ward provide the District Engineer with a list of minor repairs which were needed and the District Engineer to consider them.

CM13/0221

Footpath Repairs, Kilcock Town Centre

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council undertake a review and repair of the numerous minor footpath faults/disrepairs in and around the Kilcock Town centre.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office would examine the locations provided and identify a list of works requiring attention in 2021 subject to available funding.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The footpath on Courtown Road was in a poor state – could the District Engineer examine the possibility of carrying out repairs on it.

The District Engineer stated he would investigate the possibility of carrying out repairs on the footpath in Courtown, Kilcock later in the year.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and the District Engineer investigate the possibility of carrying out repairs on the footpath in Courtown, Kilcock later in the year.

CM14/0221

Upgrading of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council provide an update on the progress made on the design for the upgrading of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

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 Kildare County Council was currently in the process of being granted its allocation from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for its 2021 Sustainable Transport Measures Grants. As part of these grants, there might be a number of projects within Maynooth, including some potential for the Celbridge Road. Design for the upgrading of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth had not commenced due to no funding currently being assigned. This plan was decided upon by the NTA and the council hoped to get the NTA's final plan for Kildare by early February.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The report was disappointing given this matter had been an ongoing issue for several years.
- Different replies had been issued to the members.
- LPT money had been allocated for a Cycle Design Officer and to date there had been no progress in filling this post. Two previous Directors of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety had said that the Cycle Design Officer post would be filled.
- A deputation had been received by the members previously from the Gael Scoil and Educate Together Schools in Maynooth.
- 750 students were using the Celbridge Road and it was felt it was not safe for them.
- It was hoped the council could secure National Transport Authority (NTA) funding and that combined with some Municipal District allocation could help move the project forward.
- It was requested that all previous motions in relation to the Celbridge Road/Cycle Design Officer be tabled together with the deputation which had been received by the members from the Gael Scoil and Educate Together Schools in Maynooth be forwarded to the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety and she attend the March meeting to provide the members with an update.
- It was requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Mr McGowan stated that with the aid of Transport Sustainable Grants it was hoped to get additional staff and a dedicated team would be working on such schemes countywide.

The District Manager stated that it was hoped to have a panel formed within the next 4-5 weeks and then it would be a matter of securing resources. She stated that with regard to commencing the work, it would not be possible to give a timeline until resources were appointed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hamilton that the report be noted and that Corporate Services gather all previous motions in relation to the Celbridge Road/Cycle Design Officer together with the deputation which had been received by the members from the Gael Scoil and Educate Together Schools in Maynooth, and this information to be forwarded to the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and she be asked to attend the March meeting to provide the members with an update.

CM15/0221

Road Works on the L50222 Road, Kilkeaskin

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That the council provide a report on the work completed, and proposed work to be completed on the L50222 road in Kilkeaskin to resolve flooding and damage to the road surface.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer had visited the road on a number of occasions to observe the road and flooding issues. There had been limited instances of water on the roadway with the road passable on all occasions and no potholes were present. The Municipal District Office had undertaken routine maintenance to address the minor instances of surface water and clear the roadside drains. It should be noted the adjoining landowners had a responsibility to maintain their own drainage systems to ensure road drainage was not affected. In spite of these the road was out of shape which facilitates the pooling of standing water and this could only be eliminated by a structural overlay. This roadway could be considered for the 2021 Restoration Improvement Programme. The final list of works included in the 2021 scheme would be dependent on funding availability, road condition rating, and traffic volumes. This roadway was 2200m in length and to undertake a structural overlay would cost approximately €210,000 which equated to 10% of the overall Municipal District Restoration Improvement Grant. If the residents

were willing to partake in the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) there might be additional funding available which might expediate the works.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was noted that Councillor Weld had submitted previous motions in relation to the L50222 road in Kilkeaskin and appreciation was conveyed to the Municipal District Office for the great work which had been completed to date.
- If the only option was for the residents to partake in the CIS then they would be advised accordingly.

The District Engineer stated that the CIS could be utilised if residents were willing to come on board and stated once the Road's Grants were confirmed the Municipal District Office would assess the matter further.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and Councillor Wyse advise the residents that they could partake in the CIS and once the Road's Grants were confirmed the Municipal District Office would assess the matter further.

CM16/0221

Provision of Bus Stops in Clane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy. Can the council provide an update on the provision of bus stops in Clane (new bus stops near Hughes Pharmacy, Clane and Clane Business Park/Aughamore, and a reinstated bus stop at Richardstown)?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) was currently completing the final design of the bus stop at the Clane Business Park/Aughamore. Once completed it would be sent to Kildare County Council for comment and approval. If approved, the NTA would procure a contractor to complete the civil works as part of their Dublin Commuter Scheme (DCOMS) bus stop improvement works. These works were all programmed by the NTA and were subject to change,

but the current programme indicated Quarter 3, 2021 for construction. The proposed new bus stop near Hughe's Pharmacy would require a licence requested from the NTA and the bus service operators on that that route.

The report was noted.

CM17/0221

Unused 2020 Visitor Parking Permits

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council consider allowing for unused 2020 visitor parking permits to be used in the current year, when the current period of COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department advised that anyone who had unused visitors permits should contact the Roads Department directly. Unused permits would have to be returned, recorded and accounted for auditing purposes prior to the issuing of new permits for the current year.

Councillor Feeney stated that she was asking for clarification if a permit had been used from a 2020 booklet could the council allow the residents to use the remaining permits in 2021 given that they were unable to use them in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he would liaise with the Pay Parking Section and revert to Councillor Feeney.

The report was noted.

CM18/0221

Fire Brigade Site in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney.
Can the council update the members on the planned use of the vacated Fire Brigade site in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had been included in the Capital Funding Programme 2021-2025 for the replacement of Maynooth Fire Station. The funding being made available was €3.5 million. It was not expected that the construction of the new fire station would begin before 2022 and only after a design, Part 8 processes and a final tender had been completed.

The Fire Station site was part of a larger site which also housed the Celbridge-Leixlip and Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Offices. A new location for these offices needed to be sourced and the funding for new buildings identified.

The relocation of the Fire Station and the Municipal District Offices would free up an important town centre site and significant consideration would have to be given to the appropriate development of this area. This work had not yet commenced.

Councillor Feeney asked if there was a possibility the site could be used to build a community centre and the District Manager stated that it would be an ideal location and would be considered over the next few months and the members would be kept updated.

The report was noted.

CM19/0221

Footpath at TG O'Mahoneys, Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm if there is a possibility of extending the footpath from TG O'Mahoneys in Prosperous to the council yard?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office had no plans to extend the footpath and the justification of any extension would need to be warranted to justify the spend involved.

The report was noted.

CM20/0221

Connectivity Corridor on the South Side of the Royal Canal, Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm what plans are in place to develop a connectivity corridor on the south side of the Royal Canal in Maynooth as per the Local Area Plan (LAP)?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was currently in the process of being granted its allocation from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for its 2021 Sustainable Transport Measures Grants. As part of these grants, there might be a number of projects within Maynooth, including some south of the Royal Canal. This plan was decided upon by the NTA and the council hoped to get the NTA's final plan for Kildare by early February.

Councillor Ó Cearúil asked what the latest progress was in terms of the Maynooth LAP and Mr Lynch stated that currently the council's priority was the County Development Plan (CDP), then the Naas LAP and Maynooth LAP would be next on the list. He stated that he would convey Councillor Ó Cearúil's query to Ms Granville and ask her to revert to him.

The report was noted.

CM21/0221

Tarmacadam at the Entrance to Manor Mills Shopping Centre

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can the council confirm if it has plans to examine the safety of the tarmacadam at the entrance to Manor Mills Shopping Centre on the Kilcock Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office was not aware of any safety issues at this location but would investigate it.

The report was noted.

CM22/0221

Road/Street Drains Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can the council confirm that all the road/street drains were cleaned/made good in this winter season in and around the surrounding roads/streets of Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office was still undertaking drainage maintenance throughout the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District and was currently working in Kilcock.

The report was noted.

CM23/0221

Illegal Parking and Flooding Issue, Straffan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can the council confirm what measures can be implemented to resolve the illegal parking and flooding issue adjacent to the petrol station in Straffan?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the issue of the illegal parking was investigated previously and there was no works that could be undertaken by the Municipal District Office without removing the parking entirely. Illegal parking was an offence under the Roads Act and was enforceable by the An Garda Síochána. In regard to the

flooding the Municipal District Office was only aware of localised ponding of water during heavy rainfall which dissipated quickly. There were no plans to undertake any works at this location.

The report was noted.

CM24/0221

Link Road Between the Moyglare Road and the Dunboyne Road

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

Can the council confirm when the link road between the Moyglare Road and the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth will be open for public use?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the developer expected to open the Link Road between the Moyglare Road and the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth by the end of Quarter 2, 2021. Please note that this was dependent on COVID-19 restrictions being lifted in the near future to enable the completion of certain construction works on site.

Mr McLoughlin stated he would liaise with the relevant team in the Roads, , Transportation and Public Safety Department and ask them to contact the developer in relation to a timeline and revert to Councillor Durkan.

The report was noted.

CM25/0221

Resurfacing Work - Roundabout at Tesco Maynooth and Limetree Hall

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

Can the council confirm if the work to resurface the roundabout at the Tesco Maynooth and Limetree Hall entrance is eligible to progress under current COVID-19 restrictions, and confirm a timeline for this work?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the road surface had deteriorated badly due to the recent weather conditions and it posed a health and safety issue. The works were undertaken week commencing 05 January 2021.

The report was noted.

CM26/0221

Roadway from Lowtown Marina to Littleton Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council confirm who is responsible for financing and carrying out the upgrading of the roadway from Lowtown Marina to Littleton Bridge which forms the first kilometre of the Barrow Blueway, which is in a poor state?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Strategic Project and Public Realm Team would be responsible for carrying out improvement works, in collaboration with Waterways Ireland from Lowtown Marina to Herberton Bridge. There seemed to be some confusion surrounding Littleton Bridge because there were two canals (the New Barrow Line and the Old Barrow Line) running side by side under the road and locally both bridges seemed to be referred to as Littleton Bridge. A drawing of the Lowtown area was attached to confirm the extent of works to be undertaken by both Waterways Ireland and Kildare County Council.

The SPPR Team had procured and appointed civil engineering consultants to complete the detailed design of all road crossings and the two new pedestrian bridges associated with the Blueway. It was proposed that a works contractor would be procured and appointed and programmed to start on site in June 2021, with works to be completed in April 2022. These timelines did not take ongoing COVID-19 restrictions into account, and might have to be revisited. Waterways Ireland hoped to recommence on site the end of February – depending on COVID-19 restrictions. All works would be coordinated with the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office. The report was noted.

CM27/0221

Standing Orders for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the item in relation to the revised Standing Orders for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee be deferred and listed as an item on the March agenda.

Resolved on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach and agreed by all members present that the consideration of the revised Standing Orders for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee be deferred and listed as an item on the March agenda.

CM28/0221

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at Millicent/Prosperous Road, Clane

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

He gave an overview of the current planning application (ABP - 20/309087) www.millicentroadSHD.ie made to ABP on behalf of Debussy Properties Ltd in respect of a proposed development (6.4 hectares) at the western side of Millicent Road and the southern side of Prosperous Road, Clane, County Kildare for the demolition of the existing ball court, the construction of 192 residential units, (114 houses and 78 duplex apartments, 35 units per hectare), and a crèche. Mr Lynch stated that pre-planning meetings between the applicant and Kildare County Council had been held on 24 July 2019, a tri-partite pre-planning meeting between the applicant, Kildare County Council and ABP was held on 08 October 2020. The opinion Issued by ABP on 28 October 2020 indicated that the proposal was a reasonable basis for an application and requested the following issues to be provided in the application:

- Detailed drawings, cross-sections, elevations, and additional CGIs of the site to demonstrate that the development provided an appropriate interface with adjoining roads.
- A detailed schedule of accommodation which should indicate compliance with relevant standards.

- A building life cycle report to be submitted in accordance with section 6.3 of the Sustainable Urban housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2018).
- A schedule of car and bicycle parking provision.
- An updated Childcare Demand Analysis.

The deadline for public submissions was 09 February, the Chief Executive's report was due to ABP by 03 March 2021 and a decision from ABP was due on 27 April 2021.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The KDA, 4.1 of the Clane Local Area Plan (LAP) 30 units per hectare had now increased to 35 and this was concerning.
- Clane was earmarked for 2.4% growth in population annually.
- Could a review be carried out of the number of units which had been granted planning permission to the actual number which had been delivered.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the increase in density and that sites were not being contextualised in terms of progress.
- The number of units being granted permission and being delivered in Clane exceeded the National Framework population growth projection.
- Concern was raised in relation to the painted road lines proposed for cyclists, rather than a physical space.
- Drawings on the website showed that the site was entrapped by no permeability into the town apart from via the Millicent Road and Prosperous Road.
- Was the application compliant with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)?
- There was no Transport Plan.
- Clane did not have a train station and there was no sustainable transport service in the town.
- The connection into the existing entrance to the GAA was to be closed off for vehicles to facilitate pedestrians.

- It was asked that this application be considered alongside and including the other SHD applications which had previously been granted for Clane - the impact they would have collectively on the town needed to be considered.
- The school's capacity assessment was poor – It was misleading to include Clongowes Wood College and any flexibility in enrollment in Scoil Mhuire was strongly challenged. Scoil Mhuire Community School had a very wide catchment area and its admissions policy had criteria which currently included students from rural primary schools such as Coill Dubh, Allenwood and Robertstown and the school had considered limiting its admissions to students from Clane and Rathcoffey schools only, as a result of oversubscription.
- The crèche had limited spaces and there were concerns that post planning permission it might not be provided.
- There was only a window of a couple of days for public submissions to be submitted and it was asked that they be allowed upload their submissions onto ABP's website.
- In relation to the Open Space Strategy Clane did not have a park and the green space to the south of the site could be explored for open space. 7,000 square metres for open space was not sufficient and it was asked that this be extended.
- In relation to the landscaping was there a pond or quarry on the site and how much space of the trees and hedgerows were being retained.
- The type of assessment used for the childcare capacity (by phone) was not acceptable and differentiation between the need for early morning and after school times needed to be clarified.
- Site zoned E in the Clane LAP – the sewer network was almost complete, and this had consumed the land which had been zoned for community use.
- The rate of population growth for this application went against the County Development Plan (CDP).
- Healthcare and GP facilities were not adequate to facilitate the projected increase in population.
- Statistics for requirement for the provision of childcare spaces was out of date and was not a true reflection of the current demand for spaces.

- The application was not compliant with the County Development Plan (CDP) in terms of sustainability.

Mr Lynch clarified the following points:

- The member's concerns would be raised in the Chief Executive's Report.
- The Chief Executive's report would outline the details of all previous SHD applications submitted for Clane.
- In relation to the section of land with the quarry – would it be a suitable location for a park and it could be considered by the Forward Planning Section when the Town Plan for Clane was being considered.
- The school's assessment would be challenged as it was based on a box ticking exercise rather than sound information.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Lynch for his presentation and Mr Lynch thanked the members for their time.

CM29/0221

Road Safety on the R403 Near Lidl, Clane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council consider the safety of vulnerable road users crossing the R403 near Lidl, Clane with proposals aligned to the Clane Health Check given the high pedestrian numbers and future housing proposals on the Prosperous Road which will increase traffic flow and pedestrian numbers further.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the contents of this motion would be taken into consideration during the development of the Programme of Works which had recently received funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020, in consultation with the Municipal District Engineer.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed the report given that the Health Check for Clane would be considering the safety of vulnerable road users crossing the R403 near Lidl, Clane.

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

CM30/0221

Urban Renewal in Clane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy. Can the council outline the steps needed to progress the urban renewal in Clane following the funding allocation on foot of the Health Check process?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that a project kick off meeting would be held in the coming weeks in consultation with the Municipal District Engineer. Once this meeting took place, a Programme of Works would be agreed along with a project timeline for implementation of the works. The members would be kept informed of the progress of this project.

The report was noted.

CM31/0221

Works on the Greenway and Blueway

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

Can the council provide an update on works being carried out on the Greenway and Blueway in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members of the following:

The Grand Canal Greenway – A consultant had been appointed and was working on the detailed design, which included the pedestrian bridge at Sallins. It was hoped that work would commence on site Quarter 2, 2021.

The Barrow Blueway – Waterways Ireland had commenced work on site at Ballyteigue and had approximately 5km heading south, complete. Work had stopped due to COVID-19 restrictions. Kildare County Council had appointed a Consultant Engineering Design Team, who were currently working on the detailed design of all road crossings and the 2-no. proposed pedestrian bridges associated with the Blueway. All works on the public road would be carried out in consultation with the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office. Work was expected to commence on site in summer 2021.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that wheelchair accessibility was not facilitated on both routes and Mr McLoughlin stated that he would convey Councillor Fitzpatrick's concern to Ms Hunt, Public Realm.

The report was noted.

CM32/0221

Bicycle Parking Spaces for the Two New Secondary Schools in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council confirm the total number of bicycle parking spaces which have been agreed for the two new secondary schools in Maynooth (Planning reference 13/828 Condition 28)?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Planning Department had not received a compliance submission in respect of Condition 28 to date. The developer would be required to comply with all conditions of the planning permission.

Councillor Hamilton stated that the number of bicycle parking spaces had not been agreed and Mr McLoughlin stated that he would check with the Roads Section and revert to Councillor Hamilton.

The report was noted.

CM33/0221

Illegal Dumping

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council take immediate measures within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to alleviate the problem of illegal dumping which has accelerated in recent months.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that it was important to note that litter/illegal dumping was a national problem which required a consistent, concentrated approach to address effectively. The amount of litter which defaced our footpaths, streets, parks, and waterways was one of the major environmental issues facing the country. Co-operation was required from all sectors of the community – the council alone could not eradicate the problem. Members of the general public, the business community and the council all had responsibilities here.

While there was a growing awareness of the importance of keeping Kildare litter free, there was still a need to change attitudes and behaviour to recognise that littering/dumping was anti-social and devalued one's environment. At one level, such a change could be achieved by the heightening of awareness of littering, its causes, and its consequences. An example of an advertisement as part of a recent Anti-Dumping campaign in local press and social media "Your County, Your Waste?" was provided. At another level, enforcement through fines and prosecutions was required.

The council recognised that the support of the wider community was vital if the litter problem was to be dealt with successfully and acknowledged the ongoing efforts of the many concerned individuals and community groups working to tackle littering at a local level. To this end, the council operated a number of schemes designed to assist local communities with financial aid, materials, and equipment. The council's

anti-dumping measures included support for events such as the National Spring Clean and schemes such as the Green Kilometre Scheme. It also co-funded an anti-litter grant scheme with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), and provided grants to Resident's Associations, Tidy Town Committees, and other community groups.

The council undertook a comprehensive street cleaning service in the larger towns in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District through the Municipal District Office, who also serviced litter bins in the larger towns and villages. A mobile environmental crew undertook a range of waste removal functions including cleaning of litter blackspots.

The use of CCTV to target areas with high rates of illegal dumping had proven to be successful in specific circumstances, for example recently in Laragh. The council intended to maximise the use of cost-effective CCTV, and subject to available finances and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation, to extend the use of this technology where feasible. For serious littering incidents, it was the council's policy to commence legal proceedings with a view to the maximum fines possible being imposed by the court. The council would also request the assistance of local An Garda Síochána in situations where this was deemed necessary.

The following points were raised by the members:

- It was noted the use of CCTV had been successful in Laragh.
- Targeting illegal dumping required a team effort from the council, the community, Tidy Towns Groups and other stakeholders.
- GDPR was making it difficult for perpetrators to be caught.
- €3 million a year was being spent on cleaning up litter.
- The members voiced their support to Senator Wall and Senator Byrne who both had bills going through the Oireachtas proposing changes to the current legislation with regard to the use of CCTV and GDPR legislation.
- The members agreed to write on behalf of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee to Senators Wall and Byrne to support them with their bills proposing change of legislation.

Mr Kavanagh introduced Ms O'Malley and Mr Mahoney to the meeting and confirmed the following points:

- There was still a need to change attitudes and behaviour to recognise that littering/dumping was deemed as anti-social and devalued one's environment.
- Change could be achieved by the heightening of awareness of littering, and its consequences.
- The council could use video footage provided by private citizens but those who took the footage had to be prepared to give evidence in court.
- CCTV had been used to target areas with high rates of illegal dumping and had been successful in specific circumstances.
- The council intended to maximise the use of cost-effective CCTV, and subject to available finances and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation, to extend the use of technology where feasible.
- For serious littering incidents, it was the council's policy to commence legal proceedings with a view to the maximum fines being imposed.
- The council would also request the assistance of local An Garda Síochána in situations where this was deemed necessary.

Mr Mahoney confirmed the following points:

- The council would always protect anonymity but cases could not be brought to court without evidence.
- New Bye-Laws enabled the council to ask people for proof of how they disposed of their waste and if they could not provide proof of disposal they could be prosecuted

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted and correspondence on behalf of the Clane-Maynooth-Municipal District Committee (to issue directly from the committee) issue to Senators Wall and Byrne to support them with their bills for proposed change of legislation in relation to the use of CCTV and GDPR.

CM34/0221

Green Dog Walker Scheme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
That the council signs up to the Green Dog Walker Scheme.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that Green Dog Walkers (GDW) was a community-based scheme that volunteers in the community could adopt in their own area and promote. It appealed to responsible dog owners as they had to sign an online commitment/pledge to take part in the GDW campaign, and in accepting the terms of the pledge, agreed to wear a Green Dog Walkers armband/bag dispenser, to clean up after their dog, to carry additional dog waste bags when walking their dog, and to be happy to be approached to 'lend' a dog waste bag to those without one. The scheme had been trialled in other counties and the take-up to date appeared to have been relatively low.

The council was planning to roll out its own initiative to offer dog walkers dog waste bag holders (you attach them to the lead). This would occur as soon as lockdown was eased and the council was planning to undertake this along Slí na Sláinte and other popular dog walking routes with sites identified in each municipal district. This would be backed by a social media campaign.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The issue of people not cleaning up after their dogs had increased and, in several cases, they were putting the bag with dog droppings into the dispensers for the mutt mitts.
- Could the council sign up to the Green Dog Walker Scheme as it had been proven successful in Waterford?

- Clane Tidy Town's Group had taken 100 bags with dog droppings off trees the previous week.
- Education and awareness was key to get the message out to communities of the dangers and negative impact on their community if they did not clean up after their dog.
- A press campaign was needed to get the message out to people.
- Could the Environmental Awareness Officer provide details to the members prior to rolling out the new initiative offering bag holders to dog owners.
- Awareness needed to be increased either by way of signage or other means to draw the attention of dog owners into the consequences of not cleaning up after their dogs.

Mr Kavanagh confirmed the following points:

- The Green Dog Walker Scheme appealed to responsible dog owners as it required buy in from them.
- The council would be rolling out its own initiative offering dog walkers waste bag holder which they could attach to the lead.
- On the spot fines were challenging and it was difficult to get the identity of individuals.
- Stencils, signage, and audio recordings were in use and the council would look at extending this to other areas and would also run social media campaigns.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted, the Environmental Officer communicate the plan for the new initiative to the members before it goes live and the council look at extending signage, stencilling and audio recordings to other areas.

CM35/0221

Bord na Móna Rehabilitation Scheme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That given the council is listed as a stakeholder for the Bord na Móna Rehabilitation Scheme announced by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications on 03 December 2020, and that five bogs in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District are included in the scheme, that the council provide a report to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee outlining the preparation required by the council to liaise with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Bord na Móna on this scheme, detailing any engagement that has happened to date.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the relevant Departments of the council would engage in the normal course with Bord na Móna on this matter as appropriate:

- Environment Section - water quality and catchment water management etc.
- Planning - biodiversity, heritage, liaison with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), statutory consents etc.
- Community and Economic Development - community aspects, enterprise, tourism etc.
- Roads and Transport - traffic management etc.

A report was also received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Heritage and Planning Directorate had made a submission to the stakeholder consultation in relation to Ummeras Bog, which was required to comply with Condition 10.2 of Bord na Moná's IPC Licence Ref. P0506-01.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The Government had approved funding of €108 million for Bord Na Móna's large-scale peatlands restoration project.
- Five of the bogs were in Kildare of four of them were located in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.
- It was good to hear the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) would be involved.

The District Manager confirmed the following points:

- Bord Na Móna would be submitting their plans for each case to the Planning, Strategic Development who would then refer the case on to the relevant departments.
- Each plan would be dealt with separately.
- The Just Transition Fund meetings would be looking at the proposed plans for each case.

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

CM36/0221

Litter Prevention Resources

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council confirm the litter prevention resources available to them currently in Robertstown, specifically regarding bins, signage and campaign opportunities for children and young people to engage with?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that with regard to signage and campaign opportunities, the council made use of local and social media to publicise events such as the National Spring Clean, recycling facilities, and to generate interest in schemes such as the Green Kilometre. The National Spring Clean initiative took place around April time but the event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The council's

Environment Awareness Officer also engaged with local schools through the national Green Schools programme. To assist groups with litter clean-up campaigns, the council provided items such as litter pickers and bags free of charge.

The council had also produced information booklets dealing with waste related issues, e.g. *“Don’t Waste It”* which explained the relevant litter legislation, warned to avoid illegal waste collectors, and other similar issues. The council also provided dog fouling signage to community groups along with the use of a stencil mark reminding dog owners of their responsibilities.

Posters were provided to retailers who sold takeaway food – the *“takeaway not throw away”* campaign – with the aim of reminding people at the point of sale not to litter. The council also supported the local Tidy Towns Groups with financial and material assistance. Robertstown Tidy Towns had been provided with dual bins for litter and recycling which were looked after by the Tidy Town’s Group. The contents were emptied into community wheely bins provided and sponsored by Kildare County Council. The group had installed a number of litter bins along the canal and they also maintained these. The recycling banks in the village were cleaned by the council’s Environment Crew.

The report was noted.

CM37/0221

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council create a plan for this municipal district for Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure, and that applications are made for grants when made available.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that it was proposed to develop a list of potential projects with the assistance of the elected members for the Outdoor Recreation

Infrastructure Grant Scheme. The criteria for availing of the funding was relatively specific (see guidelines attached) and therefore it was important that any potential projects met the criteria. Any project proposed for the 3 strands of funding available would require planning, design, and costing to be detailed if applications were to be made. Any progression of potential projects would have to be considered in the context of existing commitments to projects and priorities within this municipal district and across the county and the capacity of the Parks Section to deliver these in addition to the work required for this.

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

CM38/0221

Shop Front Grant Scheme 2021

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can the council detail the availability of the Shop Front Grant Scheme for 2021?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Shop Front Grant Scheme was currently available at: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/Enterprise-Development/Local-Authority-Business-Services/Kildare-County-Council-Shop-Front-Town-Centre-Improvement-Grant-Scheme-.html>

The report was noted.

CM39/0221

LPT 2020 funding for Community Gardens and Markets

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council confirm the current timelines for the process of granting the LPT 2020 funding for Community Gardens and Markets within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District which was allocated from LPT income in 2020?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the scheme would be advertised as soon as possible following confirmation of 2021 LPT allocation for Community Gardens and Markets.

The 2020 allocation would be added to the 2021 LPT commitment and would be advertised through the PPN Network for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

This advertisement should take place in February/March 2021.

The report was noted.

CM40/0221

Retirement

The members conveyed their best wishes to Mr Bauress, Journalist, Leinster Leader who was retiring. They commended him for his exceptional level of professionalism, attention to detail, diligence, and excellent sense of humour. The members thanked Mr Bauress for all the help he had given them over the years.

The meeting concluded.