



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District
held on Friday, 01 July 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
In the Council Chamber**

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

Officials Present: Ms M Higgins (District Manager), Mr J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms A Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms C O'Grady (Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr C Buggie (District Engineer), Mr C Howard (Assistant Engineer), Mr J Shannon (Administrative Officer), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Mr B O'Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms C Talbot (Administrative Officer), Ms A O'Malley (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The newly appointed Cathaoirleach Councillor Fitzpatrick welcomed the members to the July Municipal Meeting. Councillor Weld advised the members that he was unable to stay for the full monthly meeting as he had a funeral to attend. The Cathaoirleach advised that his motions would stand being proposed by Councillor Durkan but his two questions would fall in his absence.

The members expressed their sincere sympathy to Ruth O'Reilly on the passing of her beloved son Ruairí. The members observed a minutes silence and asked for a letter of condolence to be sent expressing their deepest sympathy to Ruth and her family.



CM01/0722

Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

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

CM02/0722

Minutes and Progress Report

To approve the minutes from the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 03 June 2022 and approve the minutes from the online meeting held on 17 July 2022 and to note the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members that the minutes of Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting held 3 June 2022 and 17 July be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0722

Municipal District Works

The District Engineer gave an update on the Municipal District road works this month. The crews have continued with general maintenance over the past month with a strong emphasis on road repairs and preparation for the surface dressing season.

General Works:

LPT Funding

That the Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2022.

General Works

National grant funding was listed for this Municipal District.

Contract 1 resurfacing works at Cloncurry Cross on the R148 are complete and included upgrading the existing bus stops which the NTA designed and funded



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Contract 2 has been awarded and we are awaiting a start date from the contractor, now provisionally 6 July but this is weather dependant.

Contract 3 L70044 Mahers Way Allenwood, L5080 River Road Allenwood and R414 Lullymore are completed.

Contract 4 has been awarded. Works to repair the section of road at Pluckerstown have now been completed. The other roads (L 70056 Murphys Lock Ballyteigue started Friday 27 May, L70052 Crosspatrick, R415 Kilmeague towards Allenwood, L7076 Robertstown Road to Kilmeague, L7085 Kilmeague Rectory Road) in this contract are completed.

Contract 5 R406 Straffan Road Maynooth works are now complete.

Contract 6 has now been awarded. This is for the following roads:

- R401 Ballindoolin (subject to road closure)
- L1002 Broadford (at National School so July/August)
- L50051 Cadamstown cul de sac
- L5036 Kilnamore South The contractor is proposing to start these works in early July.

Contract 7 has now been awarded. Works will be carried out in August and will require road closures and possible nightworks.

- Clane Main Street (night works Tuesday 2 August – Friday 12 August) may be reduces to single lane traffic initially and road closure expected 1000-1800 hours on the Tuesday
 - Prosperous Main Street (15 August – 26 August) – trying to liase with Irish Water.
 - Doctors Lane, Maynooth(22 August – 26 August) road will be closed during this period.
- All dates above are provisional. Contractor will move from one location to the next.

Contract 8 will issue for tender this week. This contract is for resurfacing works at the following locations

- R403 in the vicinity of Killinagh National School



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- LIS at Coolree and Allenwood North

Both of the above are out to tender at the moment when appointed will then be on site.

Contract 9 will issue for tender this week. This contract is for the resurfacing works on the R148(OLD N4) on the west side of Kilcock.

NTA Funded Schemes

Section 38 is now completed one to start Monday and the other starts the following week at,

- Derrinturn National School
- Robertstown National School

Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) commenced in the district on Tuesday 31 May for two weeks. This work is weather dependent. Some patch repair works were carried out in preparation for these works at :

- R409 Downings
- L1008 Donadea/Newtown Hortland/ Ballagh Cross
- L1009 Donadea/Newtown Hortland/ Ballagh Cross
- L1006 Broadford
- R403 Windmill, Derrinturn

The Second round of surface dressing will commence on Monday 4 July for two more weeks, again this work is weather dependent.



Restoration Improvement Programme of Works 2022

| Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and Townland Name | Length Road (m) | Estimated Cost of Work |
|------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| R | 403 | Brockagh | 1,200 | €195,000 |
| R | 414 | Lullymore | 1,000 | €175,000 |
| R | 415 | Kilmeague to Allenwood | 800 | €168,000 |
| R | 403 | Prosperous Main Street | 1,000 | €195,000 |
| R | 401 | Ballindoolin | 1,500 | €262,500 |
| R | 403 | Killina National School | 1,000 | €175,000 |
| R | 407 | Main Street Clane | 1,000 | €210,000 |
| L | 70044 | Mahers Way, Allenwood South | 430 | €69,875 |
| L | 5080 | River Road, Allenwood | 430 | €43,000 |
| L | 70056 | Murphys Lock, Ballyteague | 1,000 | €100,000 |
| L | 7085 | Kilmeague. Rectory Road | 1,000 | €150,000 |
| L | 7076 | Robertstown Road, Kilmeague | 450 | €67,500 |
| L | 70052 | Crosspatrick, Kilmeague | 930 | €102,220 |
| L | 5074 | Ballynafagh Road, Prosperous | 1,400 | €168,000 |
| L | 1002 | Broadford | 1,000 | €180,000 |
| L | 50051 | Cadamstown Cul De Sac | 650 | €52,000 |
| L | 5036 | Kilnamoragh South | 800 | €64,000 |
| L | 10133 | Doctor's Lane, Maynooth | 250 | €37,500 |
| | | - | - | €2,414,595 |



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Restoration Maintenance Programme of Works 2022

| Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and Townland Name | Length Road (m) | Estimated Cost of Work |
|------------|----------|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | - | - | |
| R | 403 | Carbury Roundabout towards Derrinturn | 1,350 | €52,718 |
| R | 401 | Carrick | 820 | €27,511 |
| R | 409 | Downings Cross toward Dag welds | 1,050 | €36,383 |
| R | 403 | Windmill Crds. Towards Allenwood | 858 | €29,722 |
| L | 5047 | Ovidstown Straffan | 1,200 | €21,600 |
| L | 5041 | Laragh Kilcock | 1,500 | €27,000 |
| L | 5065 | Oldtown Road | 1,200 | €21,600 |
| L | 5013 | Timahoe East (Brady Meats) | 2,000 | €40,500 |
| L | 5071 | Hodgestown / Giltown | 2,000 | €45,000 |
| L | 1009 | Donadea/Newtownhortland/Ballagh Cross | 2,400 | €54,000 |
| L | 5033 | Cooltrim North/South | 1,100 | €19,800 |
| L | 5028 | Ballycaghan (Duncreevan) to Kicock | 2,100 | €37,800 |
| L | 1006 | Tee junction at Derelict pub Clogerinka toward Nan Brenan's | 1,000 | €25,650 |
| L | 5008 | Tee junction at Derelict pub toward Clogherinka | 1,250 | €23,063 |
| L | 1002 | Nan Brenan's toward Millpond cross | 950 | €26,933 |
| L | 5004 | Mill pond junction toward Kilglass | 1,000 | €18,000 |
| L | 50212 | Ticknevin, turn right over canal bridge toward bog | 1,200 | €20,520 |
| L | 7081 | Annsboro towards Kilmeague | 850 | €30,388 |
| L | 7078 | Mylerstown Cross to Cock Bridge | 3,300 | €75,735 |
| L | 6001 | Longtown farm toward Hatters Cross | 775 | €29,644 |
| L | 70051 | Ballyteigue recycling 2021 | 2,500 | €52,875 |
| L | 70056 | Derrymullen recycling 2021 | 1,400 | €22,050 |
| | | | | €738,489 |

2022 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads

| Road No. | Location | Amount € |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| R409 | Dagwelds to Cock Bridge | €17,000 |
| R409/L7078 | Cock Bridge | €30,000 |
| L7078-L7081 | Mylerstown Cross | €17,000 |
| R403/L7073 | Brockagh Cross | €15,000 |
| | | €79,000 |



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| 2022 Former National Roads | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Local Authority | Road Number | Proposed Works | LA Allocation |
| Kildare | R-148-19 | It is proposed to carry out a structural inlay over the entire width of the road with a HRA surface course. (Section of road from Meath county boundary) | €280,000 |
| Kildare | R-148-9 &10 | It is proposed to carry out a structural overlay over the entire width of the road with a SMA surface course. (Section of road is on the outskirts of Kilcock) | €280,000 |
| Total | | | €560,000 |

| 2022 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Road Number | Scheme Title | Scheme Description | LA Allocation |
| L7073 | Woodlands, Coill Dubh | Replacement of current undersized 225mm outfall with a 450mm pipe for a distance of 300m | €100,000 |
| R415 | R415 Kilmeague | Upsize undersized road crossing with larger pipe and provide an appropriate outfall | €100,000 |
| L1021 | L1021 Cockeragh, Prosperous | Excavate deformed road and rebuild up to eliminate the road deformation | €100,000 |
| Total | | | €300,000 |

The members raised the following that video footage had been shared showing a car going straight through Baltracey cross towards Donadea.

- What could be done at this junction as it is a major road and cars were travelling at high speed towards the junction .
- Should a CPO be considered or enquiries made into acquiring land either side from land owners to widen the road

The District Engineer advised that he had been on site and that there is an advanced stop sign clearly visible and stop sign warning lines also so motorists are pre warned of a junction ahead. He couldn't understand how someone could go straight through the junction. He would look into the possibility of using a staggered junction or erecting a barrier opposite.

The report was noted

CM04/0722

Update on 2022 LPT Expenditure

Ms Higgins went through the report which had previously been distributed to the members. She advised that contact details had been obtained in most areas marked on the sheet, but no further details have been provided since its distribution. She hoped by October to have all details confirmed. She advised that Mini Schemes have now been opened for



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applications and hope to be processed over the next few weeks. (Item 1 appendix 1 attached)

The members raised the following:

- The members asked about funds available to be rolled over and funds from pay parking in Maynooth.

Miss Higgins advised councillors to put in a motion enquiring about the above for exact figures to be obtained.

The members agreed to have a meeting offline to discuss this.

The report was noted

CM05/0722

Woodlawn Estate in Allenwood

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That the council request an update from the developer of Woodlawn estate in Allenwood to include an estimated timeline for completion of this development.

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

A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that the council has not received any request to take in charge Woodlawn Estate, Allenwood, therefore the maintenance and completion remain the responsibility of the developer. A security bond remains in place should it be required.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members, the report was noted



CM06/0722

Taking in Charge of Emerson Court, Prosperous

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council update members on the status of the taking in charge of Emerson Court, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that Development Control have established a legacy team to actively progress legacy taking in charge requests, including Emerson Court in Prosperous. A S180 was received for Emerson Court in September 2015. Development Control received Irish Water approval to proceed in May 2022. The Developer is no longer trading, and the €25,395 insurance bond expired in October 2006. Development Control are collaborating with the municipal district office to progress the taking in charge process.

The report was noted.

CM07/0722

Taking in Charge of Cois Na Mona, Cooleragh

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly
Can the council update members on the status of the taking in charge of Cois Na Mona, Cooleragh?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that the council has made a further attempt to call in the full value of the security bond and await a response from the security provider

The report was noted.



CM08/0722

Seating around Royal Canal Greenway

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney.
That the council issues a request to Waterways Ireland to install more seating around the Royal Canal Greenway in this Municipal District.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that with the Members' agreement, the council will write to Waterways Ireland requesting additional seating around the Royal Canal Greenway within this Municipal District.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Durkan that a letter be sent to Waterways Ireland. The report was noted.

CM09/0722

Laraghbryan Cemetery Tarmaced

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney
That the footpaths immediately to the left and right of the old entrance at Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth be tarmaced to enhance accessibility.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that this request will be added to the footpath works for the municipal district and will be carried out in the coming weeks.

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



CM10/0722

Resurface the Road at Valentine, Kilmeague

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick
That the council resurface the road at Valentine, Kilmeague.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that this request will be added to the list of roads requested for resurfacing and will be assessed ahead of the road works programme for 2023. The road is not listed on the roads programme for 2022. The municipal engineer advised that he is aware of this stretch of road and would get a crew out to carry out an inspection.

Resolve: on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Wyse that the report be noted.

CM11/0722

Bus Shelter in Kilmeague

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick
That the council install a bus shelter in Kilmeague.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that In 2017, the issue was examined by the NTA and due to site restrictions the location was not progressed as it did not appear to be feasible at the time. The Sustainable Transport Section earlier in 2022 commenced a review of Kilmeague village with regard to bus stop upgrade and shelter installations. This work will be discussed with the NTA as they are the funding authority for this work.



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The members raised the following

- Is there a way to reuse old bus shelters from other sites.
- Could the Municipal District Engineer ask the NTA about a bus stop at Windmill Cross and opposite the doctors in Clane also.
- The members felt that the NTA are not listening and not using the local knowledge as to where to place bus stops.

Mr Hodgins advised that the Kildare County Council Sustainable Grants and the NTA are different. The sustainable grants work on an individual basis whereas the NTA work on a national level. Mr Hodgins agreed to liaise with NTA.

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

CM12/0722

Free Public Wi-fi in Maynooth Town Centre

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil
That the council re-visits providing free public Wi-fi in Maynooth Town Centre.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that there is currently free public Wi-Fi extending from the library in Maynooth. However, it does not reach the Main Square. The I.T. department will examine the possibility of extending this facility down to the college. Extending the Wi-Fi will require two or three owners of properties in the town who would allow us to host WiFi devices on their buildings and some equipment may need to be installed inside the premises to facilitate these devices. There may be rental costs along with access issues involved in this. In conjunction with the Municipal District Engineer, we may be able to identify council resources or locations that these devices could be located. We will carry out a technical survey to identify the best



possible locations for the location of the Wi-Fi extender devices. Following the survey, we will be able to advise further on the costs involved etc.

Councillor Ó Cearúil was happy with the report and felt once this is completed a campaign should be run to publicise the free Wi-Fi in the area. This would be a good news story for Maynooth.

Ms Higgins advised that Athy had done a similar project and the Council would liaise with the members and local residents to find an appropriate location.

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

The members agreed to take agenda item 13 and 26 together as relate to the same matter.

CM13/0722

Sunday Bin Collection

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton
That in recognition of Maynooth's Purple Flag Status, the council retains the Sunday bin collection in Maynooth for the summer months and through the October back to college season at a minimum, while monitoring litter levels during the period.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety advising the members that the annual budget allocation for the street sweeping programme, does not have any provision or capacity for additional services, including Sunday bin collection.

The members raised the following

- Could midweek days be swapped for a Sunday collection.



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- They suggested this should go to full council to look for alternative funding
- They suggested using larger bins as an option.
- What would be the costing for Sunday bin collection service?
- Members concerned that once colleges go back in September after the summer the behaviour in the area is very different.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that,

- The cost would be €8,000 to provide a Sunday collection service for the summer months.
- In the short term he asked the members would they consider allocating LPT to fund the extra service whilst consideration for funding from full council was being addressed. He advised that if this was decided as an option the members would need to be put in as a motion to agree for the allocated funding. He confirmed this had been done in the past in other Municipal Districts.
- Larger bins can be examined.

The members agreed to put in a motion in the next meeting and look for approval for LPT funding to be used.

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

CM14/0722

Sunday Bin Collection

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.
Can the council confirm the status of Sunday bin collections in Maynooth?



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A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the annual budget allocation for the street sweeping programme, does not have any provision or capacity for additional services, including Sunday bin collection.

The report was noted.

CM15/0722

Resurfacing the R125

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward
That the council resurface the R125 from the Courtown Estate Roundabout to the M4 link round at the next available opportunity.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that this request will be added to the list of roads requested for resurfacing and will be assessed ahead of the road works programme for 2023. The road is not listed on the roads programme for 2022.

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

CM16/0722

Repairs to 'Green Lane'

As Councillor Weld had left the meeting Councillor Durkan raised the following motion on his behalf.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.
That the council carry out urgent repairs to the road known as 'Green Lane', Robertstown (L70761)



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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Municipal District Office will assess the road known as “Green Lane” and will carry out any maintenance repairs required. The road will also be assessed ahead of the 2023 road works programme should more major resurfacing works be required

The members asked for this to be put on the Progress Report.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the member that the report be noted.

CM17/0722

Roundabout at Ballagh Cross

As Councillor Weld had left the meeting Councillor Durkan raised the following motion on his behalf

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

That the council consider putting a roundabout at Ballagh Cross, Donadea and a survey be carried out to monitor traffic behaviour at this junction.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Municipal District Office has no resources to carry out works at this location. The priority list of junctions has already been compiled by the Roads Design Team and circulated to the Members. The Ballagh Cross Junction is not on the current list of 10 Junctions being considered for detailed design under the current junction programme. The criteria for inclusion in Phase 1 are two fold. One being a Location of Interest (LOI) identified during the Department of Transport Support Office - Regional Road National Safety Analysis i.e. collision data. The second criteria requires that a junction improvement



has been identified as part of a planning application and funding is being provided to the council through roads contributions. The Ballagh Cross Junction does not fall into these categories. The initial junctions to be delivered in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District are Dagwelds, Prosperous Main Junction and Allenwood Cross Roads.

The members asked for this to be put on the Progress Report.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the member that the report be noted.

CM18/0722

Junction at Richardstown Clane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan
That the council confirm what safety measures can be put in place to make the junction at Richardstown Clane safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety in forming the members that this location is a local road which joins the R403 regional road linking Clane to Barbebrstown. The alignment of the road is good with a 80km/h speed limit. The area is rural in nature and the appropriate signage and road markings for this location and these types of junctions is in place.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Durkan onsite to assess the junction.

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



CM19/0722

Review on Firmount Cross

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
That the council carry out a review on Firmount Cross in terms of signage/road markings and report on any potential additional measures to this junction to make it safer

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the road markings and signage will be reviewed at this location and the Municipal District Engineer will also meet with Councillor Farrelly on site to discuss the issues.

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

CM20/0722

Cycling/Pedestrian Infrastructure

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
That the council report on any plans to make permanent any pilot cycling/pedestrian infrastructure delivered during COVID in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that Temporary/pilot cycling or pedestrian infrastructure delivered during the COVID-19 pandemic will need to be the subject of an evaluation process to determine their suitability as a permanent scheme. Suitable public consultation would be required. The 2022 work programme for permanent cycling/pedestrian infrastructure had been presented



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to the Municipal District members previously by the Senior Engineer of the Sustainable Transport Section.

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

CM21/0722

R403/R407 Roundabout on the Sallins Road, Clane.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy.
That the council examine opportunities to enhance the crossing points for pedestrians in the vicinity of the R403/R407 roundabout on the Sallins Road, Clane.

The motion was proposed By Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Durkan.
A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the R403/R407 roundabout has uncontrolled crossing points on the four roads leading into the roundabout. The Municipal District Engineer will assess these points and see if any improvements can be made.

The members raised the following

- Pedestrian movement on Alexandra bridge has increased
- HGV usage has also increased significantly in the area
- Area is not suitable for people walking especially those using pushchairs, despite small refuge points on the junction they are not big enough for manoeuvring a buggy.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that it is very difficult working on a roundabout with pedestrian access as vehicles don't have to stop. He accepts that the traffic volume has increased on the Sallins Bypass and advised he will investigate options but may need a larger intervention and further discussions on this matter.

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



CM22/0722

Yellow Box on Main Street, Clane

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

That the council examine the opportunity for a yellow box on Main Street, Clane, opposite the L1023, to assist traffic flow.

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

A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess this request in line with Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual and the road marking guidance for the council.

The members raised the following

- A yellow box would improve pedestrian/cycle access. People are choosing to use their car to go into the town rather than walk or cycle.
- They were aware of upcoming works scheduled for Main Street and could a yellow box be installed at the same time as the works.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that a pedestrian crossing had been installed so this will continue to be monitored and that he will look at the installation of a yellow box in line with the policy.

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

CM23/0722

Yellow Box at The Crescent, Maynooth

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



Can the council confirm that installation of a yellow box at The Crescent, Maynooth will be considered in its review of yellow boxes in the municipal district to facilitate the residents accessing the Straffan Road Maynooth? Can the council confirm that installation of a yellow box at The Crescent, Maynooth will be considered in its review of yellow boxes in the municipal district to facilitate the residents accessing the Straffan Road Maynooth?

A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess this request in line with Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual and the road marking guidance for the council

Councillor Feeney accepted the report advising that residents in the Crescent are finding it very difficult with access especially parents with children attending the creche.

The report was noted.

CM24/0722

Hedgecutting Activity

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. Can the council outline all council hedgecutting activity that takes place in the municipal district on an annual basis?

A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Municipal District Office cuts grass margins/hedges at junctions or other locations (e.g. bends in roads) that are interfering with sightlines for road safety purposes.

The members raised the following that they felt that all grass verges should be cut by now and they had serious concern within the municipal district

The Municipal District Area Engineer advised the members that two hedge cutting machines would be starting on Monday 4 July and that the process is to do edging first



followed by the road sweep. He informed the members that works to junctions are only done if the hedging is impeding sightlines.

The report was noted.

CM25/0722

Buses Not Arriving on Time

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. Can the council update the members on the invitation sent to NTA and TFI to meet the municipal district members to discuss buses not arriving on time or in a lot of cases not arriving at all, on the 120 route from Edenderry to Dublin?

A report was received by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Senior Engineer of the Sustainable Transport Section wrote to the National Transport Authority on 9 May 2022 and sought an update on the 27 May and 20 June 2022. A response was received on 24 June 2022 and is set out below: "I refer to your correspondence dated 9 May 2022 regarding a motion adopted by Councillors in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to contact the NTA seeking a meeting regarding bus routes 120, C4 and 115. I apologise for the delay in responding. The Authority has received a number of representations regarding the current issues being experienced by customers, particularly on the 120 bus route. The Authority is aware of the current issues being experienced by customers and the current challenges operators are experiencing. In that context, the following should be noted.

As with many industries, public transport operators are experiencing significant challenges in recruiting qualified staff following the economic and social constraints connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. The public transport industry has been particularly hard-hit as operators attempt to return to pre-pandemic levels of activity as well as delivering intended service improvements such as the BusConnects Network Redesign and Connecting Ireland programmes. These issues are further exacerbated when existing staff must also be absent at short notice while following HSE guidelines after contracting COVID-19 or developing



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other illnesses. The impact of these absences is felt the most on low-frequency services (hourly or less frequent), where the time between services is extended with little opportunity for advance warning. The Authority and the operators have been working to try to ensure that such cancellations are minimised, that where possible consecutive services are not withdrawn and that first and last daily services on a route operate. We do understand that service cancellations cause significant inconvenience, and transport operators are working hard to mitigate the effects of such cancellations. The NTA and public transport operators are doing everything we can to ensure that services operate as close to published timetables as possible, and where service issues arise that information is updated as soon as possible. Operators are also in the process of unprecedented recruitment campaigns and are training new staff as quickly as possible, while maintaining necessary standards for public safety. The Authority does not have the resources necessary to meet District Committees at this time, however, the NTA does attend Council meetings on occasions to discuss the full range of public transport matters and would be able to make senior managers available for another meeting with Kildare County Council over the coming period at a time that suits all parties. Elected representatives can email their specific concerns and queries to oireachtaslaiison@nationaltransport.ie. Regarding real time information and how customers can report the late running/ non arriving services, they can email us at info@nationaltransport.ie where we will ensure that all queries are responded to."

Councillor Fitzpatrick accepted the report but advised that it is disgraceful that buses are not arriving on time and in some cases not at all. Despite clearly stating on the app which is advising the time expected but then no bus arrives. The members felt that the NTA needed to be contacted ASAP to address this matter. They suggested this motion should go to full council and ask for the NTA to attend a full council meeting.

The members were advised as this was a question that they would need to put in a motion requesting the above.

The report was noted.



CM26/0722

Cycle Lanes Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can the council provide an update regarding the cycle lanes and upgrades due in the Newtown/ Meadowbrook/ Beaufield area, Maynooth?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Senior Engineer of the Sustainable Transport Section will present the Part 8 report to the elected members in July, at a time/date to be agreed with the Cathaoirleach.

The report was noted.

CM27/0722

Bus stop Fernslough, Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can the council update the members on the provision of a bus stop at the location of Fernslough, Kilcock (Old N4) and any update/timescales received from the NTA in reply to the council's representations to them

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that this location was not included on Bus Eireann's licence route stops submitted to the NTA. The council has contacted Bus Eireann to request the inclusion of the stop on the route and no response has been received to date. An update on the issue will be sought.

The report was noted.



CM28/0722

New footpath on Station Road in Allenwood

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse .
Can the council confirm that a contribution of €29,200 towards the construction of a new footpath on Station Road in Allenwood, which was paid as per condition 29 of the planning file relating to The Willows estate (reference: 18/711), for the purposes of linking this estate with the main village, has been granted to the relevant department and is now available for the construction of this footpath?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the special contribution applied to PI Ref 18/711 has been received. The project will need to be assessed to determine cost and if land purchase is required.

The report was noted.

CM29/0722

Road Realignment Works at Laraghbryan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can the council provide an update on the road realignment works at Laraghbryan, West Maynooth given the continuous accidents at this location and the fact that the land was purchased more than 20 years ago?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Roads Design Team will investigate this matter further and revert to Councillor Durkan with an update.

The report was noted.



CM30/0722

Footpath and Cycle Lane, Celbridge Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can the council provide an update on the proposed footpath and cycle lane upgrades on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth to include when the part 8 public consultation will begin?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that Preliminary design of this project has commenced with the intention to progress to Part 8 stage in Quarter 4 of this year.

The report was noted

CM31/0722

Bus Stops near Hughes Pharmacy

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.
Can the council update the committee on requests to the NTA to secure new bus stops near Hughes Pharmacy, Clane and the Business Park/Aughamore, Clane and a reinstated bus stop at Richardstown?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that

Clane (Hughes Pharmacy)

The Sustainable Transport Section has approved this location and sent this to both the operator and the NTA. We have sought from the NTA an update on the programme for the installation works. It is expected that this stop will be included in the NTA's schedule of works to be commenced in Quarter 4 of 2022.

Richardstown bus-stop

The Sustainable Transport Section has approved this location and sent this to both the operator and the NTA. The stop appears on TFI route planner and appears active and in



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service. The Sustainable Transport Section has sent a request to the Municipal District Office for a general clean-up of the existing stop on the R403.

Aughamore Clane

NTA has recently advised that they have included this location in their design schedule and requested their designers to prepare the necessary designs. Once the council receive the designs from the NTA we will be in a position to review and approve if satisfactory

The report was noted.

The members noted that Housing, Planning and the Environment Section were not present at this time as the meeting was ahead of schedule and agreed to hold items 33,34 and 35 and move onto next item and return then later in the meeting.

CM32/0722

Irish Water - Letter

The members consider the following motions in the name of Councillor Durkan.

That Irish Water are invited to attend a meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to discuss the current sewage and potable water supply capacity of the Irish Water network within the district.

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

A report was received from the Meeting Administrator informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree and if agreed, an invite can issue to Irish Water as requested.

The members raised the following

- Aware that this is a capacity issue.
- Suggested Irish water go through town by town to investigate
 - sewerage connection



- water supply connection
- Councillors are being inundated with connection issues as members of public being told no capacity at present.
- Issues reported in Derrinturn, Kilcock and Johnstown Bridge and also that some housing estates in the Municipal District have no means for connection at present.
- Future developments within the district cannot progress due to this issue.
- The members requested that Irish Water are contacted and that members are kept updated on the progress of this request.

Ms O'Malley advised the members that she can liaise with Irish Water but cannot confirm they will attend a meeting. She agreed to contact the CEO of Irish Water and to note that it is the whole of North Kildare affected not just individual pockets.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by the members that a request be sent to Irish Water to attend a meeting to discuss the current sewage and water supply capacity of the Irish Water network within the district.

Members agreed to return to item 33 from the agenda followed by item 34.

CM33/0722

Vacant House Allocation

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney.
Can the council provide an update as to when the vacant house (details provided) will be available for occupancy?

A report was received from Housing informing the members that unfortunately, this property became vacant due to the passing of the resident tenant. Following consultation with the family, the property has been secured and is currently with Housing Maintenance. It will be re-allocated as soon as possible.



The members noted that this vacant property has been attracting antisocial behaviour as it has been vacant for over a year. Gardai are aware of the situation.

The report was noted

CM34/0722

Lands Adjacent to Ballyshannon Manor in Derrinturn

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

That the council provides the current status and estimated timeline for the completion of the transfer of ownership of lands adjacent to Ballyshannon Manor in Derrinturn, where the Waste Water Treatment Plant is currently located and where its original planned location was.

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

A report was received by Environment, Water Services and Climate Action informing the members that related correspondence has been forwarded to the council's legal representatives who are engaging with the other party's solicitors with regard to completing the land swap. Information on the estimated timeframe will be relayed to the councillor as soon as it is received.

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

Members agreed to allow Item 38 to be held, as they were awaiting the section to be in attendance, agreeing to move directly onto Item 39.

CM35/0722

Tree Pruning in the Municipal District



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The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.
Can the council confirm its policy on tree pruning in the Municipal District during the bird nesting season, what safeguards are in place to protect nesting birds, and clarify what exceptions are legal or deemed necessary during nesting season?

A report was received from Community and Cultural informing the members that Tree pruning is carried out by the Parks Section and/or Municipal District office. The Heritage Officer is available to advise of the requirement of the Wildlife Act regarding the closed season

The members raised the following:

- There are reports of extensive tree pruning carried out in an estate. The Councillor felt that some were necessary, but others were not and that he didn't feel the tree pruning rule was followed.
- If Kildare County council don't show what is expected regarding tree pruning then the general public won't follow.

Ms O'Grady advised the members that:

- There are exceptions to the rule which are
 - pruning own garden
 - clearing vegetation for construction
 - trimming shrubs under the Section 70 of the Road Act
- This matter has been raised with Parks Department.

The report was noted

CM36/0722

Update on the Opening Playground Millerstown Estate

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



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That the council contact Meath County Council to seek an update on the opening of the playground which has completed construction at Millerstown Estate in Kilcock.

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

A report was received by Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the Parks Section are in communication with Meath County Council regarding the timeline for the opening of the playground at Millerstown Estate, Kilcock and will inform the members upon receipt of information.

The Councillors raised the following

- Perplexed to why a playground which is fully complete but not in use with a fence around the site
- What is the issue delaying the opening. Is the delay down to no one accepting liability until the site has been taken in charge of.
- Identified 2 estates within the vicinity where estates have yet to be taken charge of but playground are open and in use.

Ms O'Grady advised the members that:

- Mr Wallace has liaised with Meath County Council, no definite answer was received as yet but members will be kept updated as soon as the Council receive a reply.
- The Council has been advised that they are at the taking in charge stage

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members that the report be noted. Members asked for this to remain on the Progress Report.

CM37/0722

AED locations in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District

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



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Can the council confirm if it maintains a list of available AED (Automated External Defibrillator) locations in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) around the county are installed and maintained by many different community groups and organisations. It is the responsibility of each organisation to ensure that the AED is working correctly and serviced. The council does not maintain a listing of all available AED's located in Kildare. Helping Hearts has produced a map showing AED locations around Ireland and it is updated regularly. The map and locations can be viewed at the link below <https://helpinghearts.ie/pages/aed-map-for-ireland>

The report was noted.

The members agreed to return item 34 from the agenda.

CM38/0722

Conservation and Re-Development of Buckley's House

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can the council provide an update regarding the conservation and re-development of Buckley's House, Maynooth?

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

A report was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm informing the members that the owners/developers of Buckley's House have not made contact with the Architectural Conservation Officer (ACO) since planning permission was refused to extend the duration of planning permission in February 2022. The ACO would welcome pre-planning discussions to progress the refurbishment and re-use of this building.



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

The meeting concluded.