



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District held on Friday, 02 September 2022 at 10:00 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, Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineers), Mr J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms AM Burke, Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineers), Mr C Buggie (District Engineer), Mr G Conlon, Mr K Kavanagh, Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officers), Ms V Cooke (Administrative Officers), Mr B McGrath (Meetings Administrator), Ms C Gallagher (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CM01/0922**

**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.

**CM02/0922**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

To approve the minutes of the annual Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting and the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 01 July 2022, the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee held on 08 July 2022 and to note the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that the minutes of the annual Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting and the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 01 July 2022, the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee held on 08 July 2022 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.



**CM03/0922**

**Municipal District Works**

The District Engineer gave an update on the Municipal District roadworks this month.

The crews have continued with general maintenance over the past couple of months with a strong emphasis on road repairs and maintaining sightlines at junctions.

**General Works:**

**LPT Funding**

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

**General Works**

National grant funding is listed below for this Municipal District.

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

Contract 2 has now been completed with the road at Ballynafagh recycled and surface dressed in July.

Contract 3 has now been completed

1. L70044 Mahers Way Allenwood,
2. L5080 River Road Allenwood and
3. R414 Lullymore.

Contract 4 has been completed.

- Works to repair the section of road at Pluckerstown.
- L 70056 Murphys Lock Ballyteigue .
- L70052 Crosspatrick,
- R415 Kilmeague towards Allenwood,
- L7076 Robertstown Road to Kilmeague,
- L7085 Kilmeague Rectory Road.

Contract 5 R406 Straffan Road Maynooth works are now completed.



Contract 6 has been completed. This is for the following roads

- R401 Ballindoolin
- L1002 Broadford
- L50051 Cadamstown cul de sac
- L5036 Kilnamore South

Contract 7 is now 80% completed

- Clane Main Street
- Prosperous Main Street
- Doctors Lane, Maynooth

Contract 8 is now completed

- R403 in the vicinity of Killinagh National School
- LIS at Coolree
- LIS at Allenwood North

Contract 9 This contract is awarded and we are awaiting a start date.

- R148 (OLD N4) on the western side of Kilcock towards Musgraves

### **NTA Funded Schemes**

Both the schemes below are 90% completed with just public lighting and pedestrian traffic signal crossings outstanding

- Derrinturn National School
- Robertsown National School

**Restoration Maintenance** (Surface Dressing) commenced in the district on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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

Second round of surface dressing will commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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	Completed
R	403	Brockagh	1,200	€195,000	Deferred to 2023
R	414	Lullymore	1,000	€175,000	Yes
R	415	Kilmeague to Allenwood	800	€168,000	Yes
R	403	Prosperous Main Street	1,000	€195,000	Yes
R	401	Ballindoolin	1,500	€262,500	Yes
R	403	Killina National School	1,000	€175,000	Yes
R	407	Main Street Clane	1,000	€210,000	Yes
L	70044	Mahers Way, Allenwood South	430	€69,875	Yes
L	5080	River Road, Allenwood	430	€43,000	Yes
L	70056	Murphys Lock, Ballyteague	1,000	€100,000	Yes
L	7085	Kilmeague. Rectory Road	1,000	€150,000	Yes
L	7076	Robertstown Road, Kilmeague	450	€67,500	Yes
L	70052	Crosspatrick, Kilmeague	930	€102,220	Yes
L	5074	Ballynafagh Road, Prosperous	1,400	€168,000	Yes
L	1002	Broadford	1,000	€180,000	Yes
L	50051	Cadamstown Cul De Sac	650	€52,000	Yes
L	5036	Kilnamoragh South	800	€64,000	Yes
L	10133	Doctor's Lane, Maynooth	250	€37,500	Yes
		-	-	<b>€2,414,595</b>	



**Restoration Maintenance Programme of Works 2022**

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



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
<b>Total</b>			<b>€300,000</b>

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
<b>Total</b>			<b>€560,000</b>

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
		<b>€79,000</b>

### CM04/0922

#### Report on Finished, Unfinished, and Estates Under Construction

The members received a report on finished, unfinished, and estates under construction in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District prior to the meeting.

The members raised the following points:

- That Castledawson be included in the next report
- That an update be provide on when ramps with be installed in Newtown Hall
- There are concerns for estates which have not been taken in charge and the implication that can have on conveyancing fees and mortgage draw downs

Ms AM Burke advised that Castledawson would be included on the next report. There was no update on when the ramps will be installed as it is up to the developer to install them.

Kildare County Council would step in if needed for health and safety reasons.

The report was noted.



**CM05/0922**

**Taking in Charge of Emerson Court, Prosperous**

The members considered the previously circulated report by Building and Development Control regarding the taking in charge of Emerson Court, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Weld it was agreed by the members that the taking in charge of Emerson Court, Prosperous, Co. Kildare be deferred until the next meeting of this committee.

**CM06/0922**

**Taking in Charge of Grace's Park, Derrinturn**

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

Can the council provide an update on the work done to date and an estimated timeline for completion for the work required to bring Grace's Park estate in Derrinturn up to the necessary standard to allow it to be taken in charge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council have engaged in liaison with Irish Water in relation to Grace's Park, Derrinturn. Irish Water have confirmed they have no objections to the taking in charge of relevant water assets with the estate. The Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office have issued a tender for the completion of a wearing course in August 2022. It is envisaged the work will be completed in September/October 2022. The estate can be formally taken in charge once these works are completed.

The report was noted.

**CM07/0922**

**Taking in Charge of Hawthorn Manor, Coill Dubh**

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of Hawthorn Manor estate in Coill Dubh regarding meeting the taking in charge requirements, following the work done in recent months by the developer there?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council Development Control are engaged in



on-going liaison with the developer at Hawthorn Manor estate. A site condition report has been developed and progress has been made on the following:

- A wearing course has been laid
- Removal of rubble in open spaces is now complete

A number of minor issues were outstanding these include locks for gully grates and planting of hedging behind the entrance wall, this cannot be completed until planting dormant season in Autumn/Winter.

The report was noted.

### **CM08/0922**

#### **Road Re-surfacing Works and Footpath Repairs in O'Neill Park, Maynooth**

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

That the council carry out road re-surfacing works and footpath repairs in O'Neill Park, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as part of the current surface water system works being carried out in O'Neill Park, Maynooth, the road will be resurfaced. The District Engineer will inspect the footpaths and add the works to the footpath repairs programme as required.

Cllr. Ó Cearúil asked when the works would be finished.

The District Engineer advised that drainage works are currently taking place and that they are pushing for those works to be completed as soon as possible. Cairn Homes will carry out the resurfacing work on the road and the footpath will be done separately.

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

### **CM09/0922**

#### **Footpath on the Boreen Road, Straffan**

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





That the council install a footpath on the Boreen Road in Straffan.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are currently no plans to install a footpath along the Boreen Road in Straffan. The available space from boundary to boundary is not sufficient to provide a suitable footpath without land take. While the project has its merits, without identified funding there are not sufficient resources to advance it.

The members raised the following points:

- That as the work requires LPT funding the project should be kept on a watch list for funding allocation.
- Was there any merit to installing a ramp on the road in the meantime.
- The project needed to be looked at in terms of speed reduction.
- If the landowner does not agree to give the space needed what steps can be taken to acquire the land.

The District Engineer advised that funding is not the only issue for this work. The space required involves land which does not belong to the council. Permission must be sought from the landowner. If the landowner does not agree a Compulsory Purchase Order can be sought but legal costs can run high on this and it would be best if this option could be avoided. The installation of a speed ramp may not work due to the narrow bends.

Consideration of speed reduction will be included in any works.

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

### **CM10/0922**

#### **Sight lines at The Downings and Rath Wood, Prosperous**

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

That the council write to the developer of Rath Wood, Prosperous, informing them of the considerable intrusion on sight lines at The Downings estate and request that they move the boundary wall back to the original position.



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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this matter was raised by the Municipal District Office previously, however on inspection by the Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section, it was deemed to comply with the standards for sight visibility and the conditions of planning.

The members raised the following points:

- That in the twenty years which the Downings estate has been there no incidents have occurred but within the six months of Rathwood opening there have been numerous near road traffic accidents.
- The boundary is needlessly far out.
- In theory the boundary may comply with regulations but in practice the sightlines are compromised.
- That a letter be written to the developer to request that the boundary will be moved back.

Mr J McGowan advised the boundary was assessed and noted that it does comply with regulations. Mr J McGowan offered to write a letter will issue to the developer as suggested by Cllr. Farrelly. Also, Mr Willoughby will visit the site to reassess the issue.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that the report be noted and that this item be placed on the progress report.

### **CM11/0922**

#### **Ramps on the R403, Prosperous**

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

That the council install a series of ramps on the R403 in Prosperous to include outside Mossbrook, The Downings and Barrington Court estates.

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



A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the R403 is the main regional road and as such will be assessed based on the current traffic management guidelines for Kildare County Council. Initially a speed survey will be carried out which will determine the appropriate traffic calming measures to be considered.

The members raised the following points:

- There is nothing to naturally slow down traffic.
- It has been advised that ramps will not be installed due to new policy, could this new policy be circulated.
- Public Health Check could be carried out to assess the situation
- There is anger and frustration that the new town park is now open but people can't walk to it due to fear for their safety.

Mr J McGowan advised that new policy will be circulated to members. The District Engineer advised that other measures could work instead of ramps, these options include gateways, a speed survey and possibly a tabletop at the petrol station

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that the report be noted and this item be placed on the progress report.

### **CM12/0922**

#### **Reinstate anti-skid surface at Kilcock Interchange**

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

That the council undertake works to reinstate the anti-skid surfacing around the Kilcock interchange which is in poor condition.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location is under the control of the TII and a Motorway Maintenance



Contractor. With the members agreement, Kildare County Council will write to TII and advise them of the issues raised.

Cllr Ward raised asked how often inspections are carried out by the TII.

The District Engineer advised that there is specific protocol for TII in relation to their inspections. Kildare County Council maintain all roads, TII look after interchanges, motorways until the end of crash barriers. For this work to take place there will need to be an agreement with Eurolink.

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

### **CM13/0922**

#### **Clean-up of Kilcock Park and Ride**

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

That the council undertake the required works to complete an extensive clean-up of Kilcock Park and Ride.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office and the Pay Parking section will organise for the car park to be cleaned.

The members raised the following points:

- The area is an eye sore.
- When will works take place?

The district engineer advised that the crew would tidy up the area in two weeks. Funding should be considered for a permanent low fence to help the situation but cautioned that Kildare County Council do not own the land so permitted works will be limited.



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

**CM14/0922**

**Removal of blue pay parking signs, Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the council remove the large blue pay parking signs on the approach roads to Maynooth, as has been done in neighbouring towns.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that with the members agreement, the District Engineer will arrange for the signs to be removed.

The members raised the following points:

- There is too much signage on approach roads.
- There is no longer a need for this signage.

The district engineer agreed to remove signage with members agreement.

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

**CM15/0922**

**Speed reduction measure in Rockfield estate**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the council consider implementing speed reduction measures in Rockfield housing estate given the number of recent accidents at this location.

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



A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will engage with the elected member and the residents to identify the issues and locations and advise on appropriate measures in line with the traffic calming guidelines.

Cllr. Durkan would meet the District Engineer onsite to discuss issues.

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

### **CM16/0922**

#### **Age-friendly parking spaces, Maynooth**

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

That the council put in place a plan for age friendly parking spaces in Maynooth convenient to Main Street, Dublin Road, Dunboyne Road area and other suitable areas.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Parking Framework is currently with the SPC for review with all options, including age friendly parking spaces, being considered. The Municipal District Office will work with Pay Parking section and other relevant departments to deliver as appropriate.

The members raised the following points:

- That Maynooth is the second key town and support should be given to this plan.
- The Transportation, Safety and Emergency Strategic Policy Committee met yesterday and specifically identified Maynooth as town to receive age friendly parking spaces.
- A difficulty for these parking spaces is that there is not much to differentiate between them and a regular space.

The district engineer agreed in principal but noted that difficulty arises as parking conditions for these spaces are not enforceable so a resolution to this needs to be considered.



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

**CM17/0922**

**Speed ramp on the Newton Road, Maynooth**

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

That the council install a ramp on the Newtown Road, Maynooth between Cluain Aoibhinn and the Meadowbrook Road junction to help reduce speeding on this section of road.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the R408 is a regional road and as such will be assessed based on the current traffic management policy for Kildare County Council. Initially a speed survey will be carried out which will determine the appropriate traffic calming measures to be considered.

The members raised the following points:

- This area is particularly dangerous and this issue has been raised a number of times.
- Residents support the installation of a tabletop and or ramps.
- Castledawson estate is not taken in charge yet but the developer may agree to do the works.

The district engineer advised he had been at the location and is aware of the issues.

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

**CM18/0922**

**Assessment of approach roads to Brockage Cross**

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

That the council assess the approach roads to Brockagh Cross from Coill Dubh and Robertstown to ensure that rumble strips, signage and any other engineering measures that



might help prevent vehicles from accidentally driving through the crossroads without stopping, are in place.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location has been selected for funding under the low-cost safety measure for 2022. It is planned to have the lining and signage in place during Quarter 3.

The members raised the following points:

- It is an ideal location as there are no residents near the location.
- The rumble strips no longer make any noise.

The District Engineer advised four locations have been allocated funding including Brockagh cross which has been specifically allocated €15,000. The main road will be resurfaced next year.

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

### **CM19/0922**

#### **Update on pedestrian crossing on the Clane Inner Relief Road**

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

That the council update the members on previous reports on a need to improve the pedestrian crossing of the Clane Inner Relief Road, near the roundabout entrance to the Alexandra estates.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office is looking at carrying out some maintenance repairs at this location to make the crossing points more user friendly.





The members raised the following points:

- The mid route on the link road has been identified previously as a suitable place to install a user friendly crossing point.
- The hotel side is a natural place for same.

The district engineer advised that it needs to be queried with NTA and it may need to go back to the scheme.

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

### **CM20/0922**

#### **Yellow box at entrance to Park View, Clane**

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

That the council examine the need for a yellow box at the entrance to Park View, Clane on the L2004.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the District Engineer will assess the need in line with Kildare County Council road lining guidelines.

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

### **CM21/0922**

#### **Extend kerb from Robertstown NS to Mylerstown**

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

That the council extend the kerb from Robertstown NS to Mylerstown Cross.

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



A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that it is not in the work programme for 2022 to extend the kerb to Mylerstown Cross. Funding for this will need to be identified if this is to be carried out in 2023.

The members raised the following points:

- That the unused money allocated to Robertstown N.S. be used to fund the work.

The district engineer advised as the location of work is in the area of Robertstown N.S. funding can be reallocated to this work upon agreement by members. On the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by all members funding be allocated.

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

### **CM22/0922**

#### **Pedestrian crossing for Johnstownbridge**

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the provision of a pedestrian crossing for Johnstownbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section have prepared a design for a proposed signal-controlled crossing point in Johnstownbridge. Staff from the Traffic Management Section shall contact the elected member to determine how to progress this project.

Councillor Weld asked how the project can be progressed, what the costs would be and what else would be involved.

The District Engineer advised that predicted costs would be in excess of €30,000 and that he would talk to the Traffic management section and revert back to Councillor Weld. The report was noted.



**CM23/0922**

**Bus stop at Johnstownbridge**

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

Can the council provide an update on what progress has been made with the NTA in relation to the provision of a bus stop in Johnstownbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is continuing to work with the NTA to progress this and other related issues in Johnstownbridge. The liaison engineer will contact the NTA on their return from annual leave and update all the members by the second week of September.

The report was noted.

**CM24/0922**

**Access to Lyreen Linear Park Walkway**

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

Can the council confirm when access will be available to the Lyreen Linear Park Walkway?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the design of these works is currently being dealt with through the compliance process and the Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section have requested some additional information from the Developer, Glenveagh. Glenveagh have progressed the matter and have requested amendments and are awaiting a Road Safety Audit of the revised scheme. They have conducted tree surveys and met with the Kildare County Council Parks Department. Glenveagh have confirmed that they hope to be in position to resubmit the compliance back to Kildare County Council within a very short period of time which will include full details of the proposed timeframe for works.

Councillor Ó Cearúil noted that the developer was Cairn Homes and that to give access would give the town an amenity, the location has been idle for two years with no public access.

The District Engineer advised the councillor that he would get back to him.

The report was noted.



**CM25/0922**

**Communication with NTA/Go-Ahead Ireland regarding 120 bus service**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.  
Can the council update members on communications with the NTA/Go-Ahead Ireland regarding the 120 bus service?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a response dated 24 June to the Sustainable Transport Section's email to the NTA of 9 May was circulated to the members. The content of the correspondence is repeated below for information:

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 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 [oireachtasliaison@nationaltransport.ie](mailto:oireachtasliaison@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](mailto:info@nationaltransport.ie) where we will ensure that all queries are responded to.

Councillor Farrelly asked Ms M Higgins to contact the NTA.

The report was noted.

### **CM26/0922**

#### **Upgrade and Part 8 for Celbridge Road, Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide a comprehensive update on the upgrading and part 8 public consultation process proposed for the Celbridge Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the consultants for the scheme, Barry Transportation, have indicated that the draft Preliminary Design Report will be issued to the Sustainable Transport Section by the end of August. Once the preliminary design stage is closed out with an approval from the National Transport Authority, a briefing session will be held with the municipal district members to run through the proposals with a view to launching the statutory Part 8 Process in 2022.

The report was noted.



**CM27/0922**

**Status of Mill Street, Maynooth upgrade**

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the Mill Street, Maynooth upgrade project including the next steps and timing to start the work?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Mill Street, Maynooth scheme is currently at detailed design stage. Subject to National Transport Authority gateway approval for the scheme, the estimated timeline for commencement of construction is Quarter 1, 2023.

The report was noted.

**CM28/0922**

**Flood alleviation measures Mullen Park, Maynooth**

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

Can the council confirm if all the flood alleviation measures for Mullen Park, Maynooth have been put in place?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as a condition of their planning consent the developers at Mullen Park, Maynooth are required to install surface water drainage and attenuation systems with sufficient provision to cater for a 1 in 100-year storm event along with a 20% provision for climate change. The systems are designed to ensure ground infiltration and to ensure that any discharge to the Meadowbrook Stream is kept to a minimum.

The developer has confirmed that such system has been installed and that flooding at the subject site is no longer occurring. Kildare County Council will continue to work with the developer to ensure the conditions of their planning consent are adhered to and that satisfactory evidence of same is recorded.

The report was noted.



**CM29/0922**

**Junction improvement programme work, Allenwood Cross**

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

Can the council provide an update on the junction improvement programme work relating to Allenwood Cross and confirm that the analysis and community engagement work that was carried out by the Allenwood Safety Group and students of Scoil Mhuire, Allenwood is being used to inform this junction improvement work?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are in the process of procuring consultants for the provision of design services for the Junction Programme. The first stage was to form a framework of suitable and interested consultants. This is now nearing completion. The next phase is to put together a specific brief for the first batch of junctions which will include Dag Welds and Allenwood. Tender documents in that regard will issue in September. Design work will commence later in Quarter 4.

The report was noted.

**CM30/0922**

**Sightlines at the Dags Welds junction of the L1019, R4033 and R409**

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

Can the council provide an update on the intention to improve sightlines at the Dag Welds junction of the L1019, R403 and R409?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are in the process of procuring consultants for the provision of design services for the Junction Programme. The first stage was to form a framework of suitable and interested consultants. This is now nearing completion. The next phase is to put together a specific brief for the first batch of junctions which will include Dag Welds and Allenwood. Tender documents in that regard will issue in September. Design work will commence later in Quarter 4.

The report was noted.



**CM31/0922**

**Safety measures at Mylerstown Cross**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
Can the council confirm if it has plans to spend previously allocated monies on safety measures at Mylerstown Cross?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location has been selected for funding under the low-cost safety measure for 2022. It is planned to have the lining and signage in place during Quarter 3. The report was noted.

**CM32/0922**

**Turnoffs to Robertstown at the Cock Bridge, Donore**

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

Can the council consider closing one of the turnoffs to Robertstown at the Cock Bridge, Donore in the interest of road safety at the junction?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the District Engineer will assess this request and advise the members.

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the District Engineer that this was previously submitted as a motion and that the previous District Engineer had agreed to the works.

The report was noted.

**CM33/0922**

**Message of thanks to Housing and Community Departments**

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

That the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District communicates a message of thanks to the council's Housing and Community Departments for above and beyond support to the Ukrainian families hosted at Maynooth University during June, July and August.





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

A report was received from Housing and Economic, Community & Cultural Development Departments informing the members that the Housing and Community Departments acknowledge this motion and will relay the thanks to all the relevant staff members involved **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

### **CM34/0922**

#### **Strategic Housing Development at Mariavilla, Moyglare Road, Maynooth**

To seek the views of the members in respect of a Strategic Housing Development at Mariavilla, Moyglare Road, Maynooth (ABP Ref: 314337-22).

On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Feeney that this item be deferred.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Feeney that this item be deferred.

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach that items **CM35/0922, CM36/0922, CM37/0922, CM38/0922** and **CM41/0922** be taken together, all members agreed.

### **CM35/0922**

#### **Public Realm projects update**

To receive an update on Public Realm projects.

A report was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department (Appendix 1).

The report was noted.

### **CM36/0922**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Aidan Farrelly.  
Can the council provide an updated timeline for the public realm works in Prosperous?



A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department that the Public Realm team along with the Department of Rural and Community Development are carrying out a Strategic Review including prioritisation of all Town and Village Projects and will revert with a full update at the next meeting.  
The report was noted.

**CM37/0922**

**Update on allocation of funds to Kilcock (for Town and Village Enhancement Scheme)**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Paul Ward.  
Can the council provide a comprehensive update on the allocation of 100,000 euro to Kilcock under the Town and Village Enhancement Scheme for the improvement of the main approach roads and associated signage to include dates for the public consultation periods/works to commence?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department that the Public Realm team along with the Department of Rural and Community Development are carrying out a Strategic Review including prioritisation of all Town and Village Projects and will revert with a full update at the next meeting.  
The report was noted.

**CM38/0922**

**Commencement date for Maynooth and Kilcock projects**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Tim Durkan.  
Can the council provide an update on all public realm projects in Maynooth and Kilcock and a commencement date for projects which have funding secured?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department that the Public Realm team along with the Department of Rural and Community Development are carrying out a Strategic Review including prioritisation of all Town and Village Projects and will revert with a full update at the next meeting.  
The report was noted.



**CM39/0922**

**Status of Royal Canal upgrade project**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
Can the council provide an update on the status of the Royal Canal upgrade project, Maynooth to Leixlip, including the next steps and timing to start the work?

A report was received from Sustainable Transport & Traffic Management, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth-Leixlip section of the Royal Canal Greenway was retendered by Kildare County Council in 2022. Separate discussions are ongoing with Waterways Ireland and the most advantageous tenderer to close out the procurement process and other issues. When these are completed, a start date will be circulated to the elected members.  
The report was noted.

**CM40/0922**

**What cemeteries will be provided with Columbarium Walls**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.  
That the council confirm what cemeteries will be provided with Columbarium Walls in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that the Council plans on the delivery of one Columbarium Wall (Derrinturn) in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District as part of our current works program. Five others are to be delivered as part of the same project in Monasterevin, Athy, Newbridge, Donaghcompar and Confey; as well as the completion of partly built ones in Rathangan and Crookestown. These will then operate alongside existing ones already delivered in Naas, Laraghbryan and Churchtown.

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



**CM41/0922**

**Community Centre for Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Angela Feeney.  
Can the council provide an update on the development of the community centre for Maynooth at the fire brigade/council yard site?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department that his area will be included in the Town Renewal Masterplan for Maynooth. The Public Realm team will revert with a full update at the next meeting.  
The report was noted.

**CM42/0922**

**Planting along Nancy's Lane, Clane**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council provide an update on the intention to improve planting along Nancy's Lane, Clane, using LPT resources?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that it is planned that planting to improve the hedgerow along Nancy's Lane, Clane will be carried out as part of the forthcoming Arboricultural Works Programme, undertaken during the dormant winter season 2022/2023.  
The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.



Appendix 1:

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Location & Project Description	Current Estimated Value	Current Position	Grant Funding Awarded & Source	LPT Contribution	Next Steps	Timeline for completion of project.
<b>Kilcock –</b> Bawnogues Multi-purpose Community Centre	€2,000,000 approx.	Construction commenced and progressing.	NIL. Funding from KCC own resources has been set aside.	NIL	Construction will be complete Nov 2022 with fit out to commence Nov/ Dec 2022.	Q4 2022
<b>Kilcock -</b> Playground	€200,000	Landscape Consultant appointed; preliminary proposals reviewed	Parks	TBC	Draft Proposals end Sept	Q3 2023
<b>Maynooth –</b> Part 8 for Redevelopment of the Harbour Field	€20,000	Part 8 approved.	NIL	€20,000	Business case was submitted and URDF approval to be sought to commence detailed design and tender package.	Part 8 process complete
<b>Maynooth –</b> Main St, adjoining laneways, Carton Avenue, Courthouse Square, Harbourfield and environs.	€2,545,000	Business Case was submitted to URDF team for final approval.	75% funding sought from URDF. €1.9 million awarded	€60,000 LPT match funding is required for 2021 (phase 1 of URDF project proposal).	Business Case was submitted, and approval awaited.	Project to be fully completed by Dec 2023.

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<b>Clane –</b> Main St Accessibility Improvements and Clane Abbey Community Centre Conservation Management Plan	€250,000	Liaising with Dept to see if scheme can be incorporated into the Town Centre First Masterplan	T&V Renewal Scheme. €200,000 awarded.	€45,000 LPT match funding required for 2021. €5,000 contribution to Conservation Management Plan to be made by Clane Abbey Community Centre.	To be incorporated into Town Centre Masterplan subject to DRCD approval.	TBC
<b>Grand Canal Greenway –</b> Phase 2 Sallins to Clonkeen (Detailed Design Only)	€300,000 (Detailed Design)	Detailed Design ongoing. Ground Investigation Work commenced	Now administered by TII	NIL as 100% funding secured.	Part 8 required for 2 no. additional bridges along this section.	Q4 2022 Part 8 for bridges Q1 2023 completion detailed design, followed by tender for Works Contractor
<b>Clane –</b> Town Branding & Signage	€125,000	Consultant to be engaged. Online public consultation to be launched in Q2/3 2022. However this project may also be incorporated into Town centre First Masterplan.	NIL	€125,000	Online survey to be launched through KCCs Consultation Portal which will inform town branding design. However this project may also be incorporated into Town centre First Masterplan.	Q1 2023



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<b>Derrinturn –</b> Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,500	Draft Town Renewal Masterplan being finalised.	€20,000 - Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018	€10,500	AA screening to be carried out	Q1 2022
<b>Johnstownbridge –</b> Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,500	Draft Town Renewal Masterplan being finalised.	NIL	€30,500	AA screening to be carried out	Q1 2022
<b>Straffan –</b> Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,500	Draft Town Renewal Masterplan being finalised.	€20,000 - Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018	€10,500	AA screening to be carried out	Q1 2022
<b>Allenwood –</b> Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,000	Tender package completed and was published on e-tenders March 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	NIL	€30,000	Consultant was procured early Q2 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	Q4 2022
<b>Robertstown –</b> Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,000	Tender package completed and was published on e-tenders March 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	NIL	€30,000	Consultant was procured early Q2 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	Q4 2022

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<b>Kilmeague –</b> Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,000	Tender package completed and was published on e-tenders March 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	NIL	€30,000	Consultant was procured early Q2 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	Q4 2022
<b>Coill Dubh –</b> Healthcheck & Village Renewal Plan	€30,000	Tender package completed and was published on e-tenders March 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	NIL	€30,000	Consultant was procured early Q2 2022. Successful design team currently being appointed	Q4 2022
<b>Prosperous –</b> Town Branding & Signage	€125,000	Consultant to be engaged. Online public consultation to be launched in Q2/3 2022  Discussions ongoing with the Department re funding terms and conditions and timeline for completion	€100,000 – Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018	€25,000	Online survey to be launched through KCCs Consultation Portal which will inform town branding design.  To be confirmed	To be confirmed
<b>Kilcock –</b> Town Branding & Signage	€125,000	Online consultation complete May 2021. Results of survey to be assessed. Low number of responses received.	€100,000 – Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018	€25,000	Online survey to be launched through KCCs Consultation Portal which will inform town branding design.	To be confirmed



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