



**Draft Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District held on Friday, 04 November 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 S Deegan (Senior Engineers), Mr J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Mr C Buggie (District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr G Conlon (Senior Executive Officer), Ms L Kennedy (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr Simon Higgins (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CM01/1122**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended. The Cathaoirleach asked if there were any declarations of interest.

**CM02/1122**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

To approve the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 October 2022, the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee held on 21 October 2022 and to note the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 October 2022.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by the members the minutes of the the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal



District Committee held on 21 October 2022 were approved. The progress report was noted.

### **CM03/1122**

#### **Municipal District Works**

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

#### **LPT Funding**

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

#### **General Works**

Routine Maintenance is being carried out by the crews with the gullies in the MD being cleaned and two suction sweepers employed to sweep up leaves.

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 Pluckerstowns.
- L 70056 Murphys Lock Ballyteigue
- L70052 Crosspatrick,
- R415 Kilmeague towards Allenwood,
- L7076 Robertstown Road to Kilmeague,
- L7085 Kilmeague Rectory Road.



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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 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 is now complete.

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

### **NTA Funded Schemes**

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

- Derrinturn National School
- Robertsown National School

**Restoration Maintenance** (Surface Dressing) is now completed for 2022



**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>

Both scheme under former National Roads are now completed.

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>

Road markings are to be improved at both Brockagh Cross and Mylerstown Cross in the coming weeks with the revised markings sent to the line marking contractor. Additional signage will also be installed.

Councillor Durkan asked for an update on the traffic lights system in Maynooth.

The District Engineer advised that a broadband connection was to be setup but that a 4G connection had been temporarily established. He confirmed that a hardwire system was needed and would be installed.

Councillor Hamilton noted that the Meadowbrook stream had flooded recently and that the Tidy Town group had done a brilliant job in clearing it up. He asked if there was any suggestion by the council as to how they would address this issue.

The District Engineer advised that he would contact the Senior Executive Engineer from Environment regarding the flood management of this stream. He noted that it wasn't the



easiest area to access but that he was aware of the problem and would visit it within the next week or two.

Councillor Wyse asked whether orange raised platforms were going to be installed only on major roads or also on minor roads.

The District Engineer advised that this work was as part of the low-cost accident scheme and that the orange raised platforms were installed on major roads and that red platforms with white teeth were on minor roads.

Councillor Feeney asked if hedges could be cut back and the road to Old Greenfield in Maynooth.

Councillor Durkan asked if hedge cutting could be carried out at Laraghbryan in Maynooth and if an update on the traffic speed and count could be provided.

Councillor Ward asked if Gilltown Lane could also be included for hedge cutting.

The District Engineer advised that the cut back for hedges could be completed at junctions where sightlines were affected. He also said that the traffic count had been setup two weeks previously and that the findings should be available soon.

### **CM04/1122**

The Cathaoirleach suggested that item 14 on the agenda was taken next.

#### **Item 14:**

##### **Traffic Calming at Staplestown National School**

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

That the council introduce traffic calming at Staplestown National School.

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



A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will engage with the National School and assess what improvements can be made to improve safety and reduce speed through Staplestown. In the short term some new road markings and bollards have been installed to provide additional pedestrian space. It may be worthwhile to make an application to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for funding under their safe routes to schools. The Municipal District Engineer will keep the members briefed on developments.

The members raised the following points:

- NTA funding was applied for previously which was unsuccessful.
- Vehicles coming from Maynooth don't see the school as they pass through Staplestown.
- A meeting was held with the principal of Staplestown National School.
- €8,000 of Councillor Durkan's LPT was set aside for two speed signs, and these were to be delivered within six weeks.

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

### **CM05/1122**

#### **Taking in Charge of Rath Avenue, Prosperous**

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the taking in charge of Rath Avenue, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the legacy team have completed investigative works at Rath Avenue/Rath View in Prosperous and have submitted an Irish Water application. It is currently anticipated that an Irish Water site resolution will be required and Kildare County Council Development Control are awaiting further advice from Irish Water.

The report was noted.





**CM06/1122**

**Commencement Notices Issued for Residential Developments**

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

Can the council confirm the number of commencement notices issued for residential developments within the municipal district in last three years?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that to generate commencement notice figures per municipal district will require a manual exercise that would require a significant investment of time and resources. Whilst commencement notices can be submitted per dwelling unit it is more typical for larger developers to progress developments on phased basis whereby commencement notices are submitted for a full grouping of residential units being constructed in each phase. Table 1.0 below outlines the number of commencement notices submitted and corresponding number of residential units for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to the 25 October 2022).

**Table 1.0: KCC – Commencement Notices & Corresponding Number of Residential Units (2019 to 2022)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Commencement Notices</b>	<b>Total Number of Residential Units (houses &amp; Apartments)</b>
2019	150	3342
2020	87	1679
2021	143	2719
2022 (to 25/10/2022)	94	1792

Councillor Durkan asked if the figures for the rural one-off units could be sent on.

Mr J Hennessy advised that he could provide these for the councillor.

The report was noted.



**CM07/1122**

The Cathaoirleach suggested that item 27 on the agenda was taken next.

**Item 27:**

**Works on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth**

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

Can the council confirm what works are being prepared on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth at the front of the Mariavilla Estate?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council Building and Development Control have received a commencement notice from Cairn Homes for the construction of 41 units under Phase 4 of SHD18-301230 at the Mariavilla estate in Maynooth.

The report was noted.

**CM08/1122**

**Roads Projects and Roads Planning in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District**

Mr S Deegan presented the members with an update on the Roads Projects and Roads Planning in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District these included:

- Maynooth Eastern Ring Road, the detailed design was 95% complete. The CPO stage was planned to commence in Quarter 4 2022 and would take approximately nine months. The tender process was planned for Quarter 3 2023 would also take approximately nine months. The construction would take around 24 months and was planned for Quarter 2 2025.
- Transport Strategy for Maynooth was currently ongoing.
- Maynooth Local Transport Plan
  - o Detailed land use modelling completed.
  - o Impact of RSES targets and decarbonisation status of town included in project.
  - o Internal and MD briefings to take place shortly prior to second stage public consultation later in 2022.
- Junction programme was at pre-feasibility and concept stage. Professional Services Framework.



- Bridge programme was ongoing.
- There was a licence agreement in place with the developer to deliver the Capdoo Clane project.
- With respect to Roads Planning there were a number of very busy Strategic Housing Developments and Large-Scale Residential Developments.

Ms S Deegan then invited councillors' questions.

The members raised the following points:

- 50% of junctions were on the haulage route to the Drehid Landfill.
- Was there any start to the works for the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route? Has there been any progress to get through the LIHAF process?
- A lot of work was done with the three landowners at Dagweld's Cross.
- The Maynooth Eastern Ring Road connected Carton Avenue and the Royal Canal which had the opportunity for a positive green space.
- The Maynooth Transport Plan should incorporate modal shifts and active transport plans.

Mr S Deegan responded with the following points:

- The emphasis was currently on the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road.
- The construction of the western part of the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route was to be developer lead.
- There were 10 significant junctions to be completed in the county and half of those were in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.
- Could not comment on the Bord na Móna application.
- The council were trying to build footpaths, cycleways and climate action objectives into its plans and schemes.

The report was noted.



**CM09/1122**

**Christmas parking arrangements in the Municipal District for 2022**

The members considered the pay parking arrangements for the Christmas period. Following a discussion by the members it was agreed that pay parking arrangements were not to be suspended in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District over the Christmas period for 2022 and normal parking arrangements to continue.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present that pay parking arrangements not be suspended in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District over the Christmas period for 2022 and normal parking arrangements continue.

**CM10/1122**

It was noted that items 8 and 16 on the agenda were both relating to the same topic and suggested that the two be taken together. All of the members present agreed.

**Item 8:**

**Crossing at the R403/R407 junction with Clane Main Street and College Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council investigate the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the R403/R407 junction with Clane Main Street and College Road.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section shall carry out an assessment of the location to determine whether a pedestrian crossing is warranted at this location and if so, what type of crossing could be provided in accordance with current regulations and guidelines.

Councillor Farrelly raised the following points:

- These traffic routes had become quite busy since the Sallins Bypass had opened.
- The R403/R407 junction was a dangerous spot with the higher level of traffic. It was a long straight stretch where motorists tended to speed.



- When assessing the location, it was important to understand the needs of the pedestrians.

The District Engineer noted that if the Capdoo link road goes ahead that the assessment of this junction could go ahead. He also stated that it would be difficult with the current traffic volume without installing temporary lights. Vehicle counts would also need to be assessed by the Roads Traffic team.

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

### **Item 16:**

#### **Pedestrian Zebra Crossing on the Kilcock Road, Clane near Clancy's pharmacy**

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

That the council consider trialling a pedestrian zebra crossing on the Kilcock Road, Clane, near Clancy's pharmacy, given the NTA announcement of new approaches without Belisha beacon lights.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section shall carry out an assessment of this location. Kildare County Council will await the findings of the National Transport Authority (NTA) Zebra pilot scheme before the implementation of these types of crossings. Until the council receive updated guidance from the NTA the current standards and regulations in terms of pedestrian facilities must be implemented.

Councillor McEvoy raised the following points:

- A similar proposal as Councillor Farrelly's.
- Traffic queueing on the Kilcock Road has at times been as long as two kilometres in length.
- HGVs swing away from the corner and the tail of the vehicles were at times two to three metres away from the artificial islands on the road.



The District Engineer advised that zebra crossing were not favourable and that a push button crossing could be considered for this junction. He confirmed that the assessment would need to take place before anything could be installed at the location.

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

**CM11/1122**

**Yellow Box outside Corra Choill Park, Prosperous**

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

That the council install a yellow box outside Corra Choill Park, Prosperous.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess the need for a yellow box at this location in line with Kildare County Council road marking guidelines.

Councillor Farrelly noted that the yellow box was needed due to the traffic outside of the estate. Councillor Wyse asked if this were to proceed that outside St Farnan's School might also be looked at for a yellow box.

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

**CM12/1122**

**Yellow Box at the end of Pound Street onto Mill Street, Maynooth**

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

That the council reinstate the yellow box at the end of Pound Street onto Mill Street, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess this and if required the yellow



box will be renewed, however with Phase 5 of the north south corridor expected in Q1/2 of 2023 it may not be required to reinstate it until these upgrade works are completed.

Councillor Feeney noted that she hoped that this road may be pedestrianised once the ring road was developed.

The District Engineer confirmed that the yellow box would be considered for re-installation, if required, after the road works that were to be completed.

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

### **CM13/1122**

#### **Permeability on to the Royal Canal Greenway**

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

That the council engage with relevant stakeholders in Maynooth to create further permeability on to the Royal Canal Greenway.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Team recently announced that a contractor has been appointed to undertake the construction contract of the Royal Canal Greenway (Maynooth-Confey section), with preparatory works commencing this week and a construction period of 18 months expected. The scope of the project has been determined. Additional permeability routes can be considered as part of a future project.

The members raised the following points:

- This would encourage people to cycle and walk more and reduce car journeys to locations such as Carton Retail, Supervalu and Tesco.
- Active Travel Funding was expected in the future, and this could be an opportunity for Maynooth.



Mr S Deegan suggested that the members should submit any ideas they may have to the Roads Design team ahead of the consultation process. This would give the team a chance to analyse the suggestions.

The District Engineer confirmed that it was the Active Travel Team that was delivering the greenway.

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

### **CM14/1122**

#### **Footpath between Coill Dubh Village and Tudor Court**

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

That the council provide a footpath on the green between Coill Dubh Village and Tudor Court housing estate to allow safe access to the local shop and post office.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an assessment of this request and advise the members of the cost at the December meeting. The members may wish to allocate money to this in 2023.

Councillor Wyse raised the following points:

- The proposed footpath would be used by the locals to access the village safely.
- It would be around 20 metres of footpath, inexpensive to build and of great value to the community.
- This footpath would run along the desired route of travel for pedestrians.

The District Engineer advised that he would assess this request and revert back to the members.

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





**CM15/1122**

**Enact Jake's Law within every housing estate**

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

That the council enact Jake's Law within every housing estate in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the proposal to enact Jake's Law was an integral part of the proposed Countywide Speed Limit Review. This Speed Limit Bylaws Review was rejected by the elected members at full Council in July 2022. The Executive has subsequently sent the documents to the Regional Speed Limit Appeals Board for review and are awaiting a response.

The members raised the following points:

- Full Council didn't pass the speed limit review in July. An effort was made to enact the Jake's Law separately.
- Could estates taken in charge by the council and local authority estates have this introduced? How long were they to wait?
- This would be a pragmatic change and would improve safety in estates for children and elderly people. Some estates had speed limits of up to 50 km/hr.
- There had been a motion previously at Full Council to remove Jake's Law from the countywide speed limit review and to apply it separately. It had been agreed to implement this but there had been a six-month delay.
- Could the members be advised what the current delay/block was?
- This was passed as law by the members, clarity was needed around this.
- There was work ongoing by the Roads Department with respect to the speed limit review. The outcome of this should be awaited.

Mr S Deegan advised that he was not a part of the review team but that he would pass on these comments.

The District Manager advised that she would take the comments to the Director of Services for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety for a response.



The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the Director of Services for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety was on annual leave and proposed that the motion be deferred to the following month.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members that the motion be deferred to the following month and the report be noted.

### **CM16/1122**

#### **Flooding at the Entrance to Kane's Pass, Coill Dubh**

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

That the council alleviate the flooding that's occurring at the entrance to Kane's Pass, Coill Dubh as this is causing traffic hazards.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for maintenance works to be carried out and to identify the cause of the recent flooding.

Councillor Weld said that he had received a number of emails, messages and photos regarding the recent flooding and that it was in need of being dealt with as soon as possible.

The District Engineer advised that he was aware of this issue and that it was in need of a permanent outlet. He advised that the council were working to find a solution.

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

### **CM17/1122**

#### **In-lane Parking along the L1023, Ballinagappa Road, Clane**

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



That the council reassess the need for the in-lane parking along the L1023, Ballinagappa Road, Clane given the increased traffic flows, the narrow lane widths for cyclists and the development opposite, and vacancy levels in private parking spaces within the town centre.

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 Engineer will engage with the pay parking section and the elected representatives to determine the need for parking at this location. It will be important to engage with stakeholders in the area as part of this process.

Councillor McEvoy raised the following points:

- There were cars parking on the lane which cyclists were to use and this obstruction meant that cyclists had to move outside the white line.
- There were other carparks that were available that could be used in the place of these spaces.
- The removal of the parking spots along the road would remove this issue.
- The concerns of businesses in the area should be considered. There had been instances where trade had improved for businesses where parking spots were not directly outside of their premises, there was more footfall from pedestrians and cyclists in those instances. A dialogue should be had with those concerned in the area.

The District Engineer noted that this was a narrow road and that he wouldn't object to the removal of these car parking spaces. He advised that the shops owners in the area should be engaged with.

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

### **CM18/1122**

#### **Briefing on the Part 8 for the Celbridge Road, Maynooth**

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

That the council give a briefing on the Part 8 for the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.



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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had contracted the services of a consultant engineer for the phases 2 - 4 of the National Transport Authority (NTA) Project Appraisal Guidelines. The consultant did not meet the required deadlines or standards and the Sustainable Transport Section has taken the project in house and intend to complete and launch the Part 8 process in Q1 2023. In advance of starting the Part 8 process, the team will organise a presentation to the councillors.

Councillor Durkan raised the following points:

- This was ongoing for the last seven years. There had been deputations from parents and student bodies regarding this over the years.
- Some students had gone through a full school cycle with no progress of the project.
- Could this be included on the Progress Report?

The District Engineer advised that he could not comment but that it could be included on the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that this be added to the progress report and that the report be noted.

### **CM19/1122**

#### **Resurface/Reinstate the L4050 Road in Kilcock**

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

That the council resurface/reinstate the L4050 Road in Kilcock. This is the road from Clonfert Pet Farm to the R148.

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 the Municipal District Engineer will assess this road and if deemed required it will be considered for inclusion in the road works programme for 2023.



Councillor Ward said that the road was in need of work and asked if it could be added to the list of road works.

The District Engineer confirmed that it would be considered for the road works programme.

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

### CM20/1122

#### **Allocate Unspent LPT Allocation to Provide Lighting at the Harbour in Kilcock**

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

That this council allocate €10,000 from his unspent LPT allocation to provide additional public lighting at the harbour in Kilcock.

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 is a matter for the members to agree

Councillor Ward noted that the €10,000 would be from his own €30,000 LPT which had been assigned to the budget for footpaths. He explained that this would be a light at the back of the harbour that would benefit the Kilcock Canoe Polo Club which was an integral part of the community.

On the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by all the members that the reallocation of LPT funding from footpaths to public lighting be approved.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members that the reallocation of LPT funding from footpaths to public lighting be approved and the report be noted.



**CM21/1122**

**One-way System for Clane Main Street**

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

That the council consider making Clane Main Street a one-way system in the interest of getting traffic moving smoothly throughout the village.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the consideration of a one-way system for Clane Main Street is premature pending the completion of Capdoo Road Scheme.

The members raised the following points:

- The main street of Clane has to be made into a one-way system. It will ease access to and from the schools. There was an appetite for this kind of road system.
- There would also be people opposed to the introduction of this system. There would be businesses and rate payers with huge resistance to this.
- How would the traffic going to Edenderry be taken out of Clane?
- Regional traffic would need to be diverted away from the town, this would be traffic travelling to and from the directions of Edenderry or Celbridge.
- Motions and questions had been raised previously regarding the removal of HGVs from the village and the surrounds.
- An estimated 500 additional cars were expected in the Clane area as a result of the housing developments that were being completed. The extra traffic from these vehicles would create even more delays in the current system.
- A detailed conversation was needed with the businesses and residents of Clane regarding a one-way system. The traffic was a disincentive to people shopping in the village
- This wouldn't be a radical change; people would still be in a position to access the town by foot if they parked at one of the carparks throughout the village.

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



**CM22/1122**

**Safety Review of Healy's Bridge, Prosperous**

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

Can the council confirm if it has conducted a safety review of Healy's Bridge, Prosperous to ensure permeability of all road users is currently safe and all relevant signage is in place?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section has met with the Public Realm Team to discuss the implementation works for the proposed Greenway at this location. It is proposed to provide traffic calming on each side of the bridge to alert motorists to vulnerable road users that may cross the bridge and to slow traffic on the approaches  
The report was noted.

**CM23/1122**

**Tree planting in the Meadowbrook Area**

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

Can the council provide an update on opportunities for tree planting in the Meadowbrook area of Maynooth in the October/November and February/March planting season to complement and provide a balance for the planned footpath improvement work and tree pruning and removal needed to support that?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that opportunities to replant in the existing open spaces on the estate exist. There are also similar opportunities in the grass verges and where some trees are identified for removal. It is proposed to develop a planting plan to indicate where the replanting will take place. This will be completed and discussed with local residents before any works take place.

The report was noted.

**CM24/1122**

**Planned Community Bike Parking**

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



Can the council update members on any planned community bike parking for residents in the municipal district particularly for those in terraced housing with limited or no space for this purpose?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section has no plans to introduce community cycle parking schemes at this time. We are engaging with the National Transport Authority and are awaiting their suggestions with regard to a regional approach in the Greater Dublin Area to cycle sharing and associated infrastructure. Feedback from other local authorities in the Greater Dublin Area can be sought on trails that have been undertaken by them. The report was noted.

**CM25/1122**

**Safety on the Boreen Road in Straffan**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council provide an update on what measures are being made to improve safety on the Boreen Road in Straffan?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are currently no plans to carry out any major upgrade works on the Boreen Road in Straffan other than routine maintenance. The report was noted.

**CM26/1122**

**Pedestrian Crossings in Derrinturn**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the council provide an estimated timeline for the completion of the new pedestrian crossings in Derrinturn?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the crossings are constructed but are awaiting an electricity connection. Staff in the Traffic Management Section have been in contact with ESB Networks and they have indicated that is currently a backlog due to the high volume of new connections at





present. ESB Networks indicated that it may be 2-3 weeks approximately but will endeavour to get to these locations sooner.

The report was noted.

**CM27/1122**

**Repair of Bog Roads that Incur Subsidence**

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

Can the council confirm what engineering options are available to the council to repair bog roads that incur subsidence due to changes in water levels, which may correlate with Climate Change?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in general, in Kildare County Council the practice has been to recycle roads over bogs, where the existing road is lifted and returned to a granular form, bitumen is added, and the road is then double surface dressed. This method maintains flexibility within the road structure. Unfortunately, due to the under lying ground being bog which rises and falls depending on the water content, it makes it very difficult to guarantee the lifetime of a road. The Department of Transport (DoT) has made funding available in the last year under the heading climate action and Kildare County Council has received funding from this stream. A section of the road between Prosperous and Staplestown Cross was repaired this year from this funding. The road from Prosperous towards Ballinagh was recycled this year.

The report was noted.

**CM28/1122**

**Public Lighting at Entrance of Ledwill Park Estate**

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

Can the council confirm when new public lighting adjacent to the Connaught Street entrance of Ledwill Park estate will be fully connected and working?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Developer Glenveagh has carried out improvement works at their site frontage which includes public lighting. To complete the works over a section of Connaught



Street, agreement must be reached with a Third party. These works include a new footpath and public lighting.

The remainder of Connaught Street to the Kilcock Train Station is a matter for the council to deal with and any improvement works will be challenging as there is a constrained road corridor.

The report was noted.

### **CM29/1122**

#### **Bus Stop Outside Millerstown Estate, Kilcock**

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

Can the council confirm that the NTA have sought permission for the installation of a new bus stop outside Millerstown Estate, Kilcock?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council can confirm that the National Transport Authority (NTA) is considering the installation of a new bus stop at this location. The council are awaiting the results of a Road Safety Audit that the NTA is conducting

The report was noted.

### **CM30/1122**

#### **Number of Pending Housing Grants within the Municipal District**

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

Can the council provide an update on the number of pending housing grants within the municipal district?

A report was received from Housing Department informing the members that Housing grants are administered by the Council across four funding streams relating to both private housing and local authority tenants requesting adaptation works to their house (these are referred to as Disabled Persons Grants). The schemes applicable to private applicants are:

- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Mobility Grants
- Housing Aid Grants.



Kildare County Council's allocated 2022 budget across the element of the programme relating to private applicants is €3,028,663. The allocated budget for Disabled Persons Grants is €1,062,775.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to breakdown grant statistics by Municipal District. However, the figures presented, in the following tables, are an overall picture for the entire county of Kildare as of 28 October, 2022. It is important to consider the applications on hand in line with the various stages of processing and to note that an average of 27 new applications per week are being received and there are currently 1,353 applications at various stages of progression.

Table 1: Private Housing Grants (Housing Adaptation Grants)

<b>Housing Adaptation Grant - Private</b>		<b>Funding Committed</b>
<b>Number of applications on hand</b>	520	N/A
<b>Approved applications awaiting completion of works</b>	300	€2,311,697
<b>Applications under Assessment</b>	141	N/A
<b>Applications paid to date in 2022</b>	184	€1,496,758
<b>Mobility Grant - Private</b>		
<b>Number of applications on hand</b>	11	N/A
<b>Approved applications awaiting completion of works</b>	7	€16,100
<b>Applications under Assessment</b>	0	N/A
<b>Applications paid to date in 2022</b>	12	€34,350
<b>Housing Aid Grant - Private</b>		
<b>Number of Applications on hand</b>	619	N/A
<b>Approved applications awaiting completion of works</b>	232	€1,444,058
<b>Applications under Assessment</b>	270	N/A
<b>Applications paid to date in 2022</b>	222	€1,457,800
<b>Total Funding Committed</b>		€6,760,763
<b>Total Annual Budget - 2022</b>		€3,028,663



Table 2: Local Authority Tenants Grants (Disable Persons Grants)

<b>Housing Adaptation Grant - Tenant</b>		<b>Funding Committed</b>
<b>Number of applications on hand</b>	203	
<b>Number of applications completed in 2022</b>	40	€657,418
<b>Number of Applications Approved and Progressing</b>	93	€1,285,290
<b>Number of applications referred to Architects</b>	36	N/A
<b>Number of applications on waiting list</b>	34	N/A
<b>Total Funding Committed</b>		€1,942,708
<b>Total Annual Budget - 2022</b>		€1,062,775

As noted in table 1, above, to date € 2,988,908 has been paid and €3,771,855 has been committed for applications to carry out works in privately owned houses across the entire county of Kildare. Due to the rolling nature of the grants process, and delays on the private side with implementation of works and finalising claims, the payments and commitments made in 2022 will span a number of years.

The 2022 allocation for DPG housing grants is €1,062,775 and to date the sum of €657,418 has been paid. The current DPG work programme has a value of €1,285,290 and all Priority 1 applications are now in hand. These projects are all moving through the detailed design and tendering process with significant progress, particularly given the current difficulties posed by both inflation and availability of building contractors.

It is also noted that, due to rollover of applications from year to year and the length of time sometimes required for their implementation, a multi annual approach to funding allocation would assist this process and provide more certainty to the Council in terms of assessment and progression of the various work streams

The report was noted.

**CM31/1122**

**No Clamping is a Condition of Planning Permissions for Private Parking**

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



That the council put processes in place so that no clamping is a condition of further planning permissions for private parking in the municipal district and that a 30-minute grace period is required to match council practice.

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

A report was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that all planning permissions are considered in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development. The enforcement of such a condition on private property would not be in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The members raised the following points:

- Does the council have no control on enforcement for private parking? Has the council any means by which to influence private carpark owners?
- The grace period in private carparks should be brought to the same 30-minute time period.

Mr G Conlon agreed that it wasn't right that private carparks were not enforced in a similar manner to public carparks and that they don't issue reminder letters to people who have been given a ticket and have not paid within the prescribed period. The private carparks cannot be governed by planning policy and the council had no power to influence the private carpark owners.

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

### **CM32/1122**

#### **Provision of a Business Park in Kilcock**

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

That the council provide a comprehensive update on the provision of a business park in Kilcock.

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



A report was received from Economic Development, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that a tender was published on the 21 October seeking to appoint a consultant to carry out a feasibility study on suitable land in Kilcock. The tender closed on the 14 November. Subject to tender responses and evaluation, The council hope to be in a position to appoint a consultant by the end of 2022. The study is expected to examine the optimal future sustainable use of the lands in question in accordance with planning regulations and commercial viability

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

**CM33/1122**

**Planned Developments in Carton Retail Park, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
Can the council clarify if they are aware of further planned developments in Carton Retail Park, Maynooth?

A report was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that there are no current planning applications before the Council consideration at the present time

The report was noted.

**CM34/1122**

The Cathaoirleach suggested that items 35 and 36 be taken together as the related to the same topic. All members agreed.

**Item 35:**

**Cleaning on the Slate River and its Tributaries**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
That the council carry out cleaning on the Slate River and its tributaries in the Robertstown Area.



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

A report was received from Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that the River Slate forms part of a drainage district. Drainage Districts are areas where drainage schemes to improve land for agricultural purposes were constructed. The duty of maintenance for these districts lies with the Local Authorities concerned. The Flood Risk Management section delivers a multi-annual programme of maintenance across all drainage districts within Kildare.

Maintenance was carried out on the Slate (between Allenwood and Rathangan) in 2020 and to Robertstown GAA in 2021. As with all drainage districts, the Slate is regularly inspected and maintenance scheduled if and when required. All maintenance is subject to environmental and health and safety constraints, as well as resourcing.

In-stream works with machinery are limited to the months of July, August and September. Tree cutting is limited to between September and February. Works in watercourses that are Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or discharge into SACs require an Appropriate Assessment to be carried out before any works can be done. All works are carried out in accordance with the OPW Environmental Management Protocols and Standard Operating Procedures for Drainage Maintenance Service and with the Councils own Health & Safety requirements.

Other issues which can affect works include restrictions from Inland Fisheries Ireland, such as the current restrictions aimed at minimising the impact of the Crayfish plague currently in the River Slate.

The members raised the following points:

- The River Slate was prone to flooding and the area that was being flooded included the Tougher Road.
- Part of the River Slate was in the Kildare-Newbridge area and that was believed to be blocked. This might have been the source of the problem.
- The tributary of the River Slate also needed attention and to be cleaned.
- Regular maintenance of the river was needed. A programme of cleaning for the River Slate should be created, it would need to be cleaned at least once every three years. The silt from the bog builds up on the bed of the river.
- This request should be placed on the progress report.



Ms L Kennedy said she would bring the comments of the councillors back to the team.

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

### Item 36:

#### **Cleaning Programme for the Slate River**

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

Can the council confirm when will a cleaning programme commence on the Slate River?

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Other issues which can affect works include restrictions from Inland Fisheries Ireland, such as the current restrictions aimed at minimising the impact of the Crayfish plague currently in the River Slate.

The report was noted.





**CM35/1122**

**Sewerage Smells in in the Allenwood Area**

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

Can the council confirm if it has investigated the bad sewerage smells in people's houses in the Allenwood area?

A report was received from Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that the elected member should contact Irish Water via the dedicated Local Representative Service Desk in compliance with Irish Water instructions and protocol and provide exact location of reported issues, dates on when they occurred and contact details of customers, The contact details are as follows; Telephone: 0818 178 178 or Email: [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) Alternatively, the councillor could raise this issue at the next Councillors Clinic held by Irish Water (date to be confirmed) as most recent one was held on the 24 October 2022.

The report was noted.

**CM36/1122**

**Community Centre in Maynooth**

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

That the council commence the planning process, without delay for a Community Centre in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Director of Services will provide a verbal report at the meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee on 04 November 2022.

The members raised the following points:

- There was a joint meeting had with the District Manager and a former Senior Executive Officer of Planning.
- The possibility of URDF funding should be considered. Any other possible funding should be applied for too.



- A landmark that was being freed up should be made into something great in the middle of the town.
- The Maynooth Local Area Plan was coming down the line and this project should be of high importance within that plan.
- The last community centre was in the parish hall and that had been demolished in 2012 or 2013. Maynooth was a town in need of another community centre.

The District Manager noted that this was a landmark and strategic site for Maynooth and the council were very much committed in delivering the new community centre. The proximity to the town and the university was important. Funds had been allocated within the capital programme for this project already. The Local Area Plan had a closing date of the 11 November for submissions and the public were being encouraged to make submissions.

Mr G Conlon advised that there was a member of the Public Realm team who was a designer and was working on this project. He stated that URDF funding had been earmarked and that future URDF and Part 8 funding would be sought if and when required. He noted that the site was currently occupied and when it was vacated that modification would potentially be needed.

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

### **CM37/1122**

#### **Wheelchair Accessible Swing in Prosperous Town Park**

The members considered the following question in the names of Councillors Farrelly and Wyse.

Can the council update members as to the progress made for the installation of a wheelchair accessible swing in Prosperous Town Park (LPT monies was assigned to this last year)?

A report was received from Economic Development, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the wheelchair swing will be ordered before the end of the year and installed in early 2023.

The report was noted.



**CM38/1122**

**Tendering Process for Allenwood Playground**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
Can the council provide an update on the status of the second tendering process for Allenwood Playground, along with estimated timelines for the process?

A report was received from Economic Development, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the tender for Allenwood Playground will be reissued in the next 2 weeks. The council would expect to have a contractor appointed by the early February 2023. The council would hope that construction on the playground would start in Summer 2023 subject to confirming when the appointed contractor can start and what lead times are required for the availability of equipment.

Councillor Wyse asked where the tender would be advertised, whether the council had approached a contractor and if they had any fears.

Mr S Wallace advised that the advertisement had been placed in the Leinster Leader for six weeks and the tender details were sent out to contractors on the framework. He said that prices of works had doubled since the last tender which they had advertised and that it would probably cost substantially more.

The report was noted.

**CM39/1122**

**Opening of the new Library in Clane**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
Can the council confirm the timeframe around the opening of the new Library in Clane?

A report was received from Library Services Department informing the members that the Library Service had been waiting on a response from the Department of Rural and Community Development in order to progress the project which was received last week. The Design Team are finalising the Part 8 Planning application which will be submitted to planning in the coming weeks.

The statutory period for Part 8 is 20 weeks after which the tender for the construction phase will be ran and a contractor appointed by summer 2023.



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Construction phase is estimated at 10 – 12 months.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.