



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District held on Friday, 07 October 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 P O'Brien (A/District Manager), Mr E Ryan (Director of Service) Mr J McGowan, Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineers), Mr J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Mr C Buggie (District Engineer), Ms F Byrne, Mr J Shannon (Administrative Officers), Ms Christine O'Grady (Meetings Administrator), Mr Simon Higgins (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CM01/1022**

**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. Councillor McEvoy stated that he was party to a group being considered for LPT funding and that he would absent himself during that agenda item.

**CM02/1022**

**Bereavement**

The Cathaoirleach on behalf of the members and everyone present extended their sympathies to Cyril Buggie District Engineer on the recent passing of his mother, Elizabeth Buggie. One minutes silence was observed.



**CM03/1022**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

To approve the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 02 September 2022, the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee held on 09 September 2022 and to note the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 02 September 2022 and the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee held on 09 September 2022 were approved. The progress report was noted.

**CM04/1022**

**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**

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 Pluckerstowns.
- 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 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 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 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 commenced on Monday 04 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>

### CM04/1022

#### Update on 2022 LPT expenditure year to date

Councillor McEvoy left the meeting for this item.

The LPT Coordinator advised that the members had been previously circulated with a report regarding the latest update on the 2022 LPT expenditure year to date.



The members noted that the County Kildare Joint Policing Committee had been circulated with the draft CCTV scheme proposed by Clane Community Council for its September meeting and had recommended that it proceed as planned.

Councillor Feeney asked if more funding could be provided for the First Responders for more bags if and when required.

Councillor Farrelly asked if it would be possible to review how information about LPT funded projects could be made available to the public.

Councillor Ó Cearúil suggested that there should be engagement with the Communications Team and that news regarding LPT funded projects could be highlighted on the council's social media pages as well as through local media outlets.

The District Manager advised that this suggestion had been raised previously and that she would make contact with the Communications Team about the idea of highlighting or profiling LPT funded projects on social media. She also noted that projects have been mentioned in the Annual Report and also via the Community Stories Facebook page.

Councillor Durkan noted that the funding set aside for the First Responder Groups was meant to be for the maintenance of pads and the batteries of the defibrillators.

Councillor Weld also noted that the money had been set aside to support defibrillators for the community, he said the public had found it difficult to fund these purchases. He stressed the importance of focusing on the existing stock and ensuring that the batteries were in working order.

Councillor Feeney explained that she was not suggesting stopping any funding being provided to the First Responder Groups but that she was asking for more money for extra first aid bags for the groups.

The LPT Coordinator advised that there were a number of groups applying for grants and that he would assess grants to include this suggestion.



Councillor Feeney proposed and Councillor Ó Cearúil seconded that extra funding be made available for the First Responder Groups extra first aid bags.

Councillor Weld and Durkan said they were both keen to see the money go to the right place. Councillor Durkan asked if the First Responder Groups could be contacted to check the out of date on all of their defibrillator's batteries.

The LPT Coordinator agreed to write to the groups and come back to the members.

### **CM05/1022**

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

The members considered the taking in charge of Emerson Court, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members that the taking in charge of Emerson Court, Prosperous, Co. Kildare was approved.

Councillor Farrelly thanked Ms C Barrett and all the Building and Development Control team for their time and work that aided the residents of Emerson Court, Prosperous with this process.

### **CM06/1022**

#### **Taking in Charge of Royal Meadows estate, Kilcock**

The members considered the taking in charge of Royal Meadows estate, Kilcock, Co. Kildare (Ref. DC3107).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members that the taking in charge of Royal Meadows estate, Kilcock, Co. Kildare was approved.

Councillor Ward thanked the representatives of the Building and Development Control team for their hard work on the taking in charge of Royal Meadows estate. He acknowledged it had taken quite a long time, 20 years to get to this stage.

### **CM07/1022**

#### **Taking in Charge of Ballintine Park at Allen**

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





Can the council confirm if there are any proposals to take in charge Ballintine Park at Allen? A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is no request to take this estate in charge and it remains the responsibility of the developer.

Councillor Fitzpatrick sought clarification on the procedure for the taking in charge of an estate.

Mr Hennessy advised that there could be a request made by the developer or by a plebiscite. He said that he would assist with forms if the councillor required further guidance.

The report was noted.

### **CM08/1022**

#### **Section 38 Bus Shelter on the L-5049 (Straffan Community Hall), Straffan (Out-bound)**

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38 proposed Construction of New Bus Shelter on the New Road L-5049 (Outside Straffan Community Hall), Straffan (Out-bound).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38 proposed Construction of New Bus Shelter on the New Road L-5049 (Outside Straffan Community Hall), Straffan (Out-bound) was approved.

### **CM09/1022**

#### **Section 38 Bus Shelter on the L-5049 (Straffan Community Hall), Straffan (In-bound)**

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38 proposed Construction of New Bus Shelter on the New Road L-5049 (Opposite Straffan Community Hall), Straffan (In-bound).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38 proposed Construction of New Bus Shelter on the New Road L-5049 (Opposite Straffan Community Hall), Straffan (In-bound) was approved.



**CM10/1022**

The Cathaoirleach noted that items 10 and 11 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 10:**

**Yellow Box at the Hayfield Estate, Maynooth**

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

That the council install a yellow box at the Hayfield Estate, Maynooth.

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

**Item 11:**

**Yellow Box outside the entrance to Hayfield estate**

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

That the council install a yellow box outside the entrance to Hayfield estate on the Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will assess this request in line with Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual and the Road Markings Guidance for Kildare County Council and will revert to the councillor.

Councillor Feeney raised the following points:

- Traffic had recently been very heavy in the town of Maynooth and made it difficult for residents to exit the Hayfield estate.
- A yellow box would make life much more bearable for the residents who are being blocked from leaving their estate at busy times of the day.

Councillor Ó Cearúil raised the following points:

- He acknowledged it was not common practice to include yellow boxes in this kind of scenario but asked if an exception could be made.



- The traffic in the morning, which included children in vehicles in need of getting to creche and school, was badly backed up on the link road causing stress for the residents.

The District Engineer agreed to look at this issue in line with the policy regarding the installation of yellow boxes.

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

### **CM11/1022**

#### **Mill Street/Main Street, Maynooth Junction**

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

That the council carry out a study of the Mill Street/Main Street, Maynooth junction to identify any modifications or remedial works required to accommodate the extra-long buses now running on Bus Éireann routes (115 and others in the future).

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 council is scheduling improvements to the Urban Traffic Control System in Maynooth and following this update, the issue can be examined. However, the impact on junction capacity and the progression of traffic through the town centre will need to be considered in the context of any proposed amendments for example, the moving of stop lines and the removal of right turning lanes would have a significant effect on transport movements in the town including delays to public transport.

The members raised the following points:

- The new buses running on the Bus Éireann routes were struggling to make the turn at the Mill Street/Main Street, Maynooth junction.
- Support for public transport was necessary but an engineering solution was needed at this and other locations if buses were to be part of the move to sustainable transport.
- A dialogue with the NTA might be necessary to address these issues.



- The size of the buses needed to be reviewed. They were a potential safety hazard as were HGVs that travelled through the town.
- Pedestrian safety at junctions was the highest importance.
- If the right turn on Mill Street were removed would there be further impact?
- A compromise on an agreed bus length could be an alternative.

Mr D Hodgins noted that the response touched on the comments made but that there would be no simple answer to this problem. He stated that a lack of consultation regarding the extra vehicles and the type of vehicles had created this issue. He also noted that a number of right turns would have to be examined and removed if that were the case.

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

#### **CM12/1022**

##### **One-way system at Derrymullen (Bond) Bridge in Allenwood**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That the council investigate the potential for making Derrymullen (Bond) Bridge in Allenwood a one-way traffic system, in order to make the road safer for people accessing the Grand Canal towpath from the village.

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 Derrymullen Bridge is over the Grand Canal and as such would be an asset of the OPW. The Municipal District Office will carry out an assessment to determine the feasibility of a one-way system.

The members raised the following points:

- Irish Water had previously put in temporary lights at this location which had not been an issue at all. Those lights were on a timer setting.
- With the Drenth Landfill upgrade on the way a new traffic system needed to be considered. Something similar to the one-way system in Newbridge that has a footpath alongside the one-way road might work.



- The concern was the safety of pedestrians, people with buggies and dog walkers using the Derrymullen Bridge. Lorries were especially dangerous to these road users.
- Would a setup of lights that worked off a sensor system be feasible?
- Could this be included on the Progress Report?

Mr J McGowan advised that a further assessment would be needed and that due to the road being a regional road it was unlikely that a one-way system would be implemented. He also advised that he would raise this with the Traffic Management team.

Mr D Hodgins advised that there was no problem with it being placed on the progress report for a further report but advised that it would likely be a report advising that this could not be carried out.

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

### **CM13/1022**

#### **Repair of metal barrier beside the footpath at Eleson House, Kilmeague**

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

That the council provide an estimated timeline for the repair of the metal barrier beside the footpath at the corner of Eleson House in Kilmeague and reviews the need for the concrete bollards up the hill beside the footpath.

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 the Municipal District Office is currently assessing the procurement of a contractor to carry out repair works at this location with the intention of progressing the works in Quarter 4 2022.

Councillor Wyse noted that the barrier had been hit by vehicles a number of times.



The District Engineer said that there had been CCTV footage of the barrier being hit three times. He advised that a contractor had been contacted and that a start date was awaited.

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

### **CM14/1022**

#### **Intermittent traffic lights issues in Maynooth**

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

That the council resolve the intermittent traffic lights issues in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the member has specific details, please refer to the Traffic Management Section ([tmc@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:tmc@kildarecoco.ie)) and the issue will be investigated. In terms of Maynooth the traffic signals in the town are controlled/synchronised by an urban traffic control (UTC) system. For a time on Thursday 22 September, the UTC system went offline due to a communications link issue – our maintenance contractors attended the fault and repaired as soon as possible. Other methods of communications are being investigated and are planned to be implemented.

The members raised the following points:

- The roads around Maynooth were becoming blocked due to the issues with the traffic lights. Driver frustration was leading to yellow boxes and junctions being blocked. Traffic coming off the motorway was also backing up due to this.
- What was the communications link from the traffic lights? Was it a physical cable or a wireless/Wi-Fi connection? Was the traffic lights communication system radio wave based? Could the intermittent issue be examined? Could this issue be placed on the progress report?
- There have been numerous traffic issues occurring especially at weekends. If one link in the system is faulty traffic congestion has a knock-on effect for the day. This impacted local businesses dependent on customers accessing the town.



- There was no ring road of a substantial nature to alleviate these traffic issues. A reliance on the developers to build the much needed ring road was unrealistic.
- There didn't seem to be any logic with the signalling system. At times as few as three cars would get through a particular junction and at other times up to ten cars would. The time setting for junctions needed to be examined.
- More roads would not improve this situation, a traffic modal shift would be a better option. Buses travelling from Clane to Maynooth were generally full and the Maynooth University could be engaged with to organise more buses for the students and faculty.
- A one-way traffic system could improve the towns traffic situation.
- Maynooth was a high growth town going into a Local Area Plan process.

Mr D Hodgins said that the current Urban Traffic Control System was a fifteen-year-old traffic management system and that it covered the Naas, Newbridge and Maynooth towns. He stated that the council had plans to upgrade the system in the future. He acknowledged that there was an intermittent fault with the communication of the lights to the system base in Naas and that there were people on the case to examine whether the interference was accidental or not. He explained that the NTA would require two bus stops to be installed on Mill Street which would be a short-term solution to these traffic issues, a medium-term solution would be a traffic management system change and a long-term solution would be the utilization of sustainable transport. In the interim a broadband cabinet was to be installed roadside in Maynooth which would improve the resilience of the traffic light communication system, it would be based off Wi-Fi and mobile internet.

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

### **CM15/1022**

#### **Intermittent traffic lights issues in Kilcock**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the council resolve the intermittent traffic lights issues in Kilcock.

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



A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the junctions in Kilcock operate remotely and are connected to the Traffic Management Centre in Áras Chill Dara, there have been no reports of intermittent issues received or registered on our monitoring systems. If the member has specific details, please refer to the Traffic Management Section (tmc@kildarecoco.ie) and the council shall investigate.

Councillor Durkan raised the following points:

- There had been one very bad traffic jam extending 1.8 kilometres out of Kilcock due to the intermittent traffic light issues.
- The lights had been disconnected one day and this seemed to alleviate any traffic issues.
- Could this issue be also placed on the progress report?

Mr D Hodgins advised that checks had been carried out on the system for faults and that none had been discovered so far. He said that turning the lights off to improve traffic issues was not a possibility as vulnerable road users would be unable to cross the road safely.

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

### **CM16/1022**

Councillor Ward had to leave the meeting early and Councillor Fitzpatrick moved his motions on his behalf.

#### **Safety review of Connaught Street, Kilcock**

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

That the council undertake a safety review of Connaught Street, Kilcock to include the potential provision of road safety signage and additional public lighting on the road.

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

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 Kildare County Council to deal with and any improvement works will be challenging as there is a constrained road corridor.

The Municipal District office could initially examine any road improvement works in relation to signage and public lighting. It should be noted that any additional land take for road works would possibly require land acquisition by CPO which is costly and takes time to complete.

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

### **CM17/1022**

#### **Bushes and Sight Lines in Highfield Estate in Kilcock**

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

That the council undertake to cut back the bushes and make safe the sight lines in Highfield Estate in Kilcock due to the obstruction of junction sightlines in the estate.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the arrangements will be made in the next three weeks to prune the bushes at the location.

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

### **CM18/1022**

#### **Streetlight at the cul de sac in Curryhills Park, Prosperous**

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



That the council install one streetlight at the cul de sac in Curryhills Park, Prosperous.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting section does not have funds for additional lighting in this year's budget. The request has been added to the KLIPS register. However, should LPT funds be made available, the lighting at Curryhills Park, Prosperous will be provided sooner.

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

#### **CM19/1022**

##### **Warning Signage for HGV traffic on the Hatters Cross Road**

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

That the council install signage warning HGV traffic on the Hatters Cross Road and at the proximity of Digby Bridge of the inaccessible canal bridge crossing at Landenstown.

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 Office will undertake a review of the signage in the area and identify if there is a need for additional signage.

Councillor Farrelly explained that there was no sign to advise HGVs, buses, lorries and trucks that the bridge could not facilitate them to turn and they were forced to reverse. This was causing damage to walls, kerbs and properties next to the bridge.

The District Engineer advised that he would review signage at the bridge.

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

#### **CM20/1022**



### **Repairs at Lowtown, Robertstown**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
That the council carry out essential repairs at Lowtown, Robertstown in the interest of public safety.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor McEvoy. A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will carry out an assessment of the area and will add to programme works where necessary.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if he could meet the District Engineer on site to review the repairs needed.

The District Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Fitzpatrick to review the repairs.

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

### **CM21/1022**

#### **Electronic Speed Sign on the Pikes Bridge Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney.  
Can the council provide an update on the installation of an electronic speed sign on the Pikes Bridge Road?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office is in the process of collecting speed count data once analysed any additional measures deemed necessary will be reviewed.

The report was noted.

### **CM22/1022**

#### **Collapsed Wall at the entrance to Moyglare Hall**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
Can the council confirm if it has engaged with the landowner to request the repair of a collapsed wall at the entrance to Moyglare Hall estate in Maynooth?



A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that arrangements have been made to have the wall repaired. This should be completed in the next month.

The report was noted.

**CM23/1022**

**Paid Parking in Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
Can the council clarify the position on grace periods for paid parking in Maynooth?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is a 30-minute observation prior to the purchase and on the expiry of a valid pay and display ticket or pay by phone for pay and display only. This applies across all pay parking towns in the county. Stickers providing this information are on all parking machines.

Councillor Hamilton sought clarification on whether there was a grace period available to people who paid via the APCOA phone app and if there was anything for private car parks. He also asked if there were any regulations that the council could enforce on private car park owners.

The District Engineer advised that he would have to check with Pay Parking regarding the grace period in relation to the phone app. He explained that traffic wardens enter a cars registration into their handheld device and were unable to printout a ticket for 30 minutes. He stated that the council do not clamp vehicles and that clamping only takes places in private car parks. He noted that the council cannot control enforcement of clamping in private car parks.

The report was noted.

**CM24/1022**

**Metal Bollards at the Footpath in front of School Walk, Allenwood**

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



Can the council confirm, if and when metal bollards will be installed at the eastern end of the footpath in front of School Walk, Allenwood?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will inspect the area. If merited and subject to available funding the Municipal District Office will install the bollards.

The report was noted.

### **CM25/1022**

#### **Speed counts near to the entrance of Hawthorn Manor estate**

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

Can the council provide the results of speed counts on the approach road to Coill Dubh from the Brockagh direction, near to the entrance of Hawthorn Manor estate?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office is in the process of collecting speed count data and once processed the information will be circulated to the councillor.

The report was noted.

### **CM26/1022**

#### **Update on the Provision of Ring Roads in this Municipal District**

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

Can the council provide an update on the provision of ring roads in this municipal district, in particular, Maynooth and Kilcock?

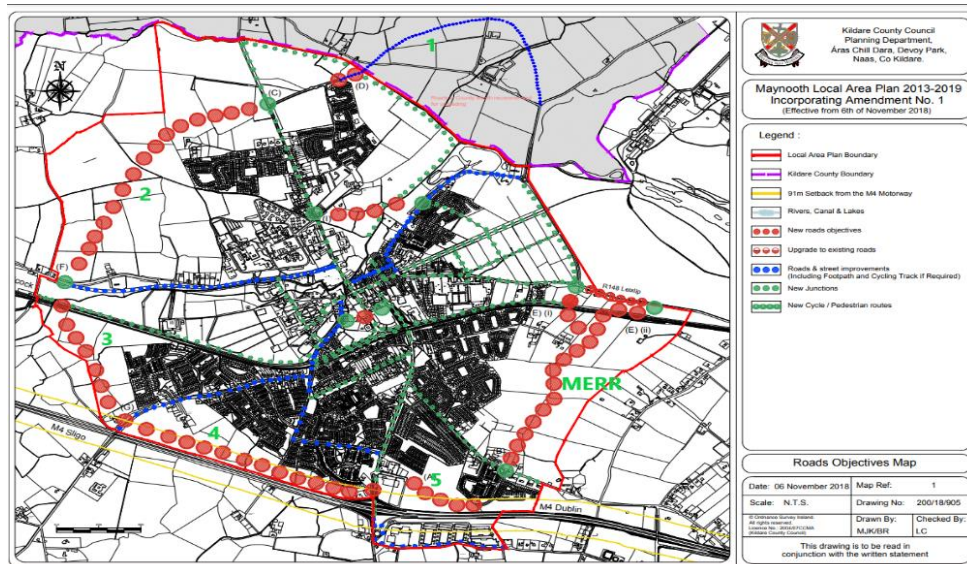
A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Traffic Objectives as per the Maynooth Local Area Plan (Map below)

**(a) Maynooth Eastern Ring Road.** Progressing to CPO

**(b) Maynooth Outer Orbital Route.**

1. Section in Meath - Sky Castle have submitted their Stage 3 SHD application to ABP for 360 residential units at Moygaddy, Co. Meath: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/314548>. This will include upgrades to the MOOR at the County Boundary

2. No Update – see below map
3. No Update – see below map
4. No Update – see below map
5. Mullen Park Section – This is substantially constructed, and Roads Planning are seeking clarification on an opening date.



There is currently no update on the provision of ring roads in Kilcock.  
The report was noted.

### CM27/1022

The Cathaoirleach suggested to take item 32 on the agenda next as Councillor Ó Cearúil needed to leave the meeting. All of the members agreed.

#### Item 32:

#### Invitation to ESB Regarding Outages

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
That this municipal district committee writes to the ESB inviting them to meet with the members to discuss capacity in the district and the cause of the recent outages.

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



A report was received from Corporate Services Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Ó Cearúil asked the members for their support to issue an invitation to the ESB to attend a meeting of the municipal district to discuss capacity in the district and the cause of the recent outages.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members that a letter of invitation be issued to the ESB and the report be noted.

**CM28/1022**

**Alleviation of Road Traffic Collisions at Firmount Cross**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council confirm what progress has been made to alleviate risk of road traffic collisions at Firmount Cross?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that This list of initial junctions being considered for upgrade is below.

Phase 1a:  Phase 1b:

No.1	Junction Name	Roads		LOI Ref
JP01	<u>Dagwelds Cross</u>	R403	R409	R403-KE-24
JP02	Prosperous Main Junction	R403	L2002	R403-KE-21.3
JP03	Allenwood <u>Cross Roads</u>	R403	R415	
JP04	<u>Firmount Cross</u>	R403	L2002	
JP05	Cloncurry Cross	R148	L1007	
JP06	<u>Athy – Berts Cross</u>	R417	L8068/7	
JP07	Naas – Perry St	R411	L2026	
JP08	Naas – Watchhouse Cross	R411	L2023	
JP09	Newbridge / Kildare – Thompsons Cross	R448	R418	R448-KE-11.8
JP10	Newbridge / Kildare – Allen Cross	R415		

A framework of consulting engineers has been established and Phase 1a will go to tender in Quarter 4 2022. Phase 1b which includes Firmount Cross will go to tender in Quarter 1 2023.



The report was noted.

**CM29/1022**

**Update Footpath Repairs in the Municipal District**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney.  
Can the council update the members on planned footpath repairs in the municipal district confirming if older estates such as Railpark and Greenfield Drive in Maynooth will be included?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office is currently examining locations and identifying a list of works to repair minor footpath falls/disrepairs throughout the Municipal District. Railpark and Greenfield Drive estates are included on this list.

The report was noted.

**CM30/1022**

**Invitation to Croi Laighean Credit Union**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
That this municipal district committee writes to Croi Laighean Credit Union to ask them to ensure that they keep their office in Allenwood open.

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

A report was received from Corporate Services Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree.

The members raised the following points:

- There had been Credit Unions across the country closing. This was having a big impact on the rural population. Customers who had reduced access to transport would struggle to get to the branches which remained open.





- With the Credit Unions closed in a number of towns/villages what would replace them? Vulnerable people relied on this service.
- A letter should be issued to invite Croí Laighean Credit Union to discuss the closure of the sub officers.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that a letter of invitation be issued to Croí Laighean Credit Union to meet the members and the report be noted.

### **CM31/1022**

#### **Housing Delivery on the site off the Straffan Road, Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an update on housing delivery on the site off the Straffan Road, Maynooth acquired by the council a number of years ago?

A report was received from the Housing Department that it is hoped to go to Part 8 with this site in October for 65 units, with expected completion in 2025. Updates on capital projects are provided to members in the Chief Executives report to full council each month.

Councillor Durkan sought clarification on the expected date for the Part 8.

Ms F Byrne advised that the Part 8 was due to be launched the following month and would come back to the members in December.

The report was noted.

### **CM32/1022**

#### **Strategic Housing Development application at Boycetown, Kilcock**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Eoghan Lynch, Senior Executive Planner to the meeting.

Mr E Lynch advised the members that he was present to seek the views of the members in respect of a Strategic Housing Development at Boycetown, Kilcock (ABP ref: 314564).

Mr E Lynch delivered the presentation to the members making the following points

- Stage 1
  - o Preplanning between Local Authority and Developer Cairn Homes



- Stage 2
  - o Tripartite meeting with LA, Applicant and An Bord Pleanála
  - o ABP issues opinion
- Stage 3 –
  - o Applicant makes application directly with ABP,
  - o Period for 3rd Party Submissions,
  - o Info presented to Municipal District – views recorded at meeting,
  - o LA submits CE's report to ABP,
  - o ABP makes decision
- Description of the proposed development: 272 residential units (149 houses 58 Duplexes and 65 apartments) and childcare facility (526sqm) is proposed within Block D with a capacity to cater for 67 children (66 required as a minimum), overall site area: 7.46 hectares, 36.46 units per hectare, Part 5 provision: 54 units (20 one Bed units, 23 two bed units and 11 three beds units). The proposed development includes the provision of a link street through the subject site. Application Lodged: 08 September 2022. Submissions to An Bord Pleanála by: Wednesday 11 October 2022. Chief Executive's Report due by: 02 November 2022.

Mr E Lynch then asked if the members had any comments regarding the application.

The members raised the following points:

- In terms of existing housing development in Kilcock, what number has been permitted/developed since Variation #1 of the Core Strategy in 2020? Does the council believe that the quantity of land zoned aligns with the CDP targets?
- The NTA draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area lists Kilcock train station for a future upgrade to a possible Dart+(+) service. It will take c.7 years to complete the changes to Maynooth station and the Dart+ scheme. The NTA DTS has not been approved by the Minister. Given the peripheral location of the zoned land, with respect to the town centre, what impact will flow from developing this site, taking account of the CDP core strategy? The planners in Kildare should be mindful that the proposed <https://maynoothleixlip.ie/> project targets bus services from the west, rather than local bus services.



- Was there any principal request to include the creche services in the early stage of the development? In other developments the creche exterior was finished but the interior was left incomplete. There was a childcare crisis in county Kildare and the response to An Bord Pleanála needed to stress these concerns.
- There was a reduction of the units since the previous application.
- The road now connects Courtown to the link road.

Mr E Lynch responded with the following points:

- The concerns regarding the car-based nature of the development were raised with the developer at the tripartite.
- There were footpath proposals by the developer, 1.9 kilometre to the train station.
- The land was zoned as residential during the previous Local Area Plan process.
- The creche in this development was part of a bigger building and this would hopefully secure the delivery of the creche building. The creche was planned to cater for 67 children which was more viable than the minimum of 40.

### **CM33/1022**

#### **Update on Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team**

To receive an update on Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team.

Director of Services E Ryan advised the members that a report had been circulated and previously discussed with the members.

The report was noted.

### **CM34/1022**

#### **Removal of the Stone Wall at the Boys' National School in Maynooth**

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

Can the council confirm what permissions were in place for the removal of the stone wall at the Boys' National School in Maynooth (corner of Moyglare and Kilcock roads) and what requirements were in place, if any, for its reinstatement?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department that the relevant permission reference is 17/379. A review of the Planning History shows that a replacement perimeter wall with railings was shown on the site layout



plan and a detail was also included in the drawings, described as “Feature boundary wall”. There is no requirement in the permission granted to reinstate the stone wall. The report was noted.

**CM35/1022**

**Columbarium Walls at Straffan Cemetery**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council install columbarium walls at Straffan cemetery.

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

A report was received from Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that the current programme for construction of columbarium walls in a number of cemeteries is currently at design stage and will likely be delivered in 2023 as part of the capital programme. Consideration can be given to the inclusion of Straffan as part of the next programme, subject to funding and site assessment.

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

**CM36/1022**

**Extension at Allen Cemetery**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. Can the council confirm when works will commence on the extension at Allen cemetery?

A report was received from Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that a pre-planning meeting was held last week with Planners. Hoping to bring Part VIII to the elected members by the end of October for decision. The report was noted.

**CM37/1022**

**Promotion of Energy-saving Information**

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



That the council promote energy-saving information through libraries and websites and consider piloting talks for community groups in the municipal district that support those in fuel poverty.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Durkan. A report was received from Libraries Services Department and Environment, Water Services and Climate Action Department informing the members that Promotion of energy-saving information is occurring throughout the county through various resources and should assist all members of society. Examples of short and longer term resource measures include:

- The Library Service currently loan home energy saving kits to all members of the public. These toolkits contain five easy-to-use tools and six practical exercises, enabling the user to achieve a better understanding of the energy usage in your home, problem areas that may need attention and potential methods to improve energy efficiency. Libraries also have literature including practical 'how to' guides. The Library Service propose to host talks on energy efficiency by the end of 2022 and will promote tips on library social media channels.
- The Climate Action Office portal page provides information on Bills Analysis as provided by the SEAI to highlight energy usage and potential efficiencies that could be achieved with an emphasis on the business sector.
- The Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) mentor, Emer Conway, is formulating talks on energy savings and is bringing this information to local communities through the SEC's (24 in the county).
- The Climate Action Office is working closely with The Energy Team and SEC's to bring up to 20 properties (potentially from the residential, commercial and community sectors) through the SEAI grant scheme and associated works to upgrade properties and improve their Building Energy Ratings (BER's) preferably to a minimum of B2. The future proofing of building stock will reduce the impact of energy cost increases and enable people to sustain a comfortable environment to live, work and recreate in. Such retrofits become focal points of discussion locally increasing awareness while showcasing potential energy saving options to the wider community.



- The council is also retrofitting housing in its remit to meet the standards and create comfortable homes with efficient energy systems.

There are a large number of websites and bodies dealing specifically with energy efficiency. Fuel poverty supports include cost comparison websites all the way through to information on financial assistance via citizen's advice and social protection services

The members raised the following points:

- Action needed to be taken to reduce heat loss.
- Library and Council's social medias could support engagement with the public.
- Could a process be started to install smart meters in public owned buildings? This could be an example to the public of an initiative.
- Can the council plan savings from 5pm-7pm and promote this.

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

### **CM38/1022**

#### **Maintenance of Access Road to Collegewood Manor**

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

That the council coordinate resources to maintain the access road to Collegewood Manor, Abbotfield and Cluan Ailbe, given that the new developments Abbotfield and Cluan Ailbe have extended Collegewood Manor, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department that the Parks Section will work with the other relevant sections to co-ordinate maintenance of the access road to the three estates.

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

### **CM39/1022**



### **Provision of a Swimming Pool in Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil who had returned to the meeting.

Can the council confirm what progress has been made with the provision of a swimming pool in Maynooth and what correspondence has been sent/received in this regard?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that in April 2019, Kildare County Council applied to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in respect of an application from the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund to provide for a swimming pool in North Kildare (at Maynooth University). The application was not successful, and an appeal was submitted in respect of the decision in February 2020

The council is still awaiting a decision on the appeal. Both Kildare County Council and Maynooth University remain committed to this project and all parties involved are anxious to know the status of the appeal.

The council has followed up a number of times with the Department, the following is an outline of most recent communications:

- March 2022
- April 2022
- June 2022
- July 2022
- September 2022

The latest update received stated that there were a lot of delays processing grants for the successful applicants to the scheme due to COVID-19 and once this was completed the appeals and further funding requests would be examined shortly.

It may strengthen the appeal if elected members could make representations on behalf of the application.

The report was noted.



**CM40/1022**

**Maintenance at Ballynafagh Lake, Prosperous**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.  
Can the council outline the current maintenance and cleaning arrangements at the carpark and paths at Ballynafagh Lake, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that traditionally the walks around Ballynafagh Lake which were developed following consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), have been maintained by a community group under the name of “Tir Na Móna” with assistance from FAS/TUS and with a nominal amount of funding from the council. However, since the covid pandemic this has not occurred as regularly as may be required, although part of the path was cut back for Heritage Week.

There is a need to develop a maintenance plan for the site, however it should be noted that Ballynafagh Lake is a “*Special Area of Conservation*” which is a site protected under the Habitats Directive with sensitive protected habitats within the site and management of this site must be done with expert knowledge of the site/species.

The report was noted.

**CM41/1022**

**Progress of New Library in Clane**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council update the committee on works to progress the new library in Clane?

A report was received from the Libraries Services Department informing the members that the Design Team are working with internal Kildare County Council departments to finalise the draft plans for the Part 8 Planning submission.

In addition, the Library team are awaiting a response to revised draft plans from the Unit Owners at the Village Centre which were presented to them last July.





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The council expect to have their input and have written support from them for the project over the coming weeks. The council hope to be in a position to submit for Part 8 Planning by November/December.

Councillor McEvoy noted concern regarding access through the carpark and safety. The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.