

**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 06 May 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
On Microsoft Teams**

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

Officials Present: Ms P O'Brien (A/District Manager), Mr J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr Cyril Buggie (District Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Ms A M Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms A O'Malley (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr S Higgins (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the May meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. He also welcomed Ms J Woodhouse and noted that she had recently started her new role as Meetings Secretary to the Celbridge-Leixlip Committee and wished her well in her new role.

CL01/0522

Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

The following declarations were made by the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

CM02/0522

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the draft minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 01 April 2022 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal

District meeting held on Friday, 01 April 2022 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

Matters arising:

CM19/0322

Traffic calming measures on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth

Councillor Ó Cearúil said that he previously raised the motion in March in relation to traffic calming measures on the Moyglare Road. He asked what measures were to be introduced.

The District Engineer advised that the speed radar box which had initially been installed had been vandalised and another had to be put in place. He noted that as stated in the report, the speed survey revealed that the speed limit had been exceeded on a number of occasions.

CM11/0122

Assessment of Safety of Junction in Maynooth

Councillor Ó Cearúil noted that there was no update for this item on the progress report. He asked when would an update be provided. He suggested moving the crossing from this junction to possibly improve the safety of the pedestrians crossing.

The District Engineer said that a number of junctions were due to be assessed and that this junction was included in that list. He noted that at a recent visit to the junction, that up to 40 people had been observed crossing at the wrong point at the junction. He advised that moving the pedestrian crossing would not help the problem as it would not be at the desired crossing point but that a zebra crossing might be a solution to this issue.

CM17/0921

Maynooth Eastern Ring Road Project

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update or progress on this item.

CM11/0122

Assessment of Safety of Junction in Maynooth

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update or progress on this item.

The Senior Engineer advised that there was no updates on these items since the last meeting.

CM09/0920

Progress on Sections of Kilcock Ring Road

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update on this item.

The Senior Engineer advised that Mr S Deegan had given updates at the last two municipal district meetings and that these schemes were ongoing and updates would be provided by the project teams when available.

The Cathaoirleach noted that any updates when available would be appreciated.

The acting District Manager Ms P O'Brien advised that there had been two lists of Festival Grants previously brought forward for approval which had caused confusion. It was necessary for a grant to be reapproved as there had been a conflict of interest at the last meeting which had not been declared.

Councillor Ó Cearúil apologised for this oversight at the previous meeting and said that he would vacate this month's meeting so that the Festival Grants may be approved appropriately.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that Councillor Ó Cearúil was making his declaration of a pecuniary or beneficial interest under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Councillor Ó Cearúil asked if there would be a need to retrospectively make declarations and the Meetings Administrator noted this query and said that she would revert to the members on this.

Councillor Ó Cearúil vacated the meeting.

Ms P O'Brien confirmed that there was only one item to be approved which was the grant for the Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade Committee. She noted that the grant requested was for €2,000 and that the proposed grant was €1,700.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members present that the grant for the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee was approved.

Councillor Ó Cearúil rejoined the meeting.

CM03/0522

Deputation from the Kilcock Business Association

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Tara Lane, Ger McGiney and Flan Hederman of the Kilcock Business Association to the meeting.

The presentation given by the Kilcock Business Association informed the members as follows:

- That their mission for the Kilcock Incubator Hub and Business Park was to provide business space, information, support and a peer to peer network to encourage and support entrepreneurs from Start-Up to High Potential Growth stage.
- They gave a background of the Kilcock Business Association. Formed as a committee of local business people in 2009 to represent, promote and support the businesses of Kilcock. To advance the regeneration of Kilcock and increase employment opportunities.
- The Kilcock community had a population of over 8,000 people. In the town there was one post primary school and three national schools and many community groups.
- The aim of the Kilcock Business Association was to form a Kilcock Incubator Hub and Business Park, Light Retail and Enterprise Unit and Serviced Sites.
- The Incubator Hub would be a central office with hot desk facilities, individual offices, meeting rooms, training rooms, kitchen, toilets, etc.

- The Light Retail would have from 1,000 square feet in space, growth opportunities, secure parking, stand alone offices, broadband and it would be ideal for start ups with high potential for growth.
- The Serviced Sites would have road access, infrastructure to support development, bespoke to individual needs and growth opportunities.
- Kilcock had suffered a lot of loss with respect to business leaving the town and companies closing down.
- There was currently nowhere available for businesses to locate to in Kilcock area. The cost of suitable sites was prohibitive for businesses to buy and to develop. Businesses were being squeezed out of the town. People were leaving the town to go to work. Entrepreneurs were starting up their businesses in surrounding towns and not in Kilcock.
- The suggestions for what could be done to help were.
 - o To develop the Kilcock Incubation Hub and Business Park.
 - o This in turn would keep jobs local. To try and support auxiliary businesses and help them benefit. The Kilcock Incubation Hub would attract new businesses to Kilcock.
 - o The the carbon footprint could be reduced
 - o It would support and help entrepreneurs grow their businesses and provide local jobs for our youth and skilled workforces.
- The presentation closed with the suggestion of a solution was to make use of the 31 acres at the Cow Park, Kilcock. It has excellent road access and easy access from the town. This would be big enough to have a green belt around the development. It would be positive for local business community support.

The following points were made by the members:

- Thanked the Kilcock Business Association for the wonderful and very positive presentation.
- Businesses in Kilcock were in need of locations to do business.
- The land in the town of Kilcock had been sterilised and was in need of business.
- The Kilcock Business Association was acknowledged as a good group to advance the town of Kilcock.

- The frustration of the Kilcock Business Association was completely understood given the strong business history of the town.
- Support from Kildare LEO and the IDA could be sought. The Head of Enterprise for Kildare could potentially help by creating a business case for the town of Kilcock.
- Childcare services were something that needed to be improved alongside the need for locations to do business
- Some sort of business campus was vitally needed for the town. It was the only major town in the north of the county that did not have it's own campus.
- Funding and finding sources of funding would be one of the main goals of the Kilcock Business Association
- It was evident from the presentation that there was business people in Kilcock looking to stay and do business in the town.
- LPT funding might be a possibility to give a helping hand to the association and other businesses within the town.
- Kilcock had always been an enterprising town and the renewal of that history was of importance to the people of the area.
- A model of a sustainable circular economy should be aimed for.
- Kilcock had become a dormitory town and this should become a thing of the past.
- With the upgrading of the local train station there should be an aim to reduce the local carbon footprint .

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Association for an informative and interesting presentation and wished them well in the future.

CM04/0522

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer stated a report had been circulated to the members detailing a summary of essential works which had been undertaken in the past month. He confirmed that crews have continued with general maintenance over the past month with a strong emphasis on road repairs and preparation for the surface dressing season.

General Works:

LPT Funding

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

General Works

National grant funding was 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 been awarded and the council are awaiting a start date from the contractor likely to be May as this is road recycling contract and needs higher ambient road temperatures. L5074 Ballynafagh Road Prosperous

Contract 3 has been awarded and L70044 Mahers Way Allenwood, L5080 River Road Allenwood have commenced. The council require a road closure to resurface the R414 Lullymore and it is planned to start this works around the 16 May.

Contract 4 has been awarded. Works to repair the section of road at Pluckerstownns have now been completed. The other roads (L 70056 Murphys Lock Ballyteigue, L70052 Crosspatrick, R415 Kilmeague towards Allenwood, L7076 Robertstown Road to Kilmeague, L7085 Kilmeague Rectory Road) in this contract are pending road closures and will commence in late May and June.

Contract 5 R406 Straffan Road Maynooth works are now completed.

Contract 6 Tender to issue in May. This is for the following roads

- R401 Ballindoolin (subject to road closure)
- L1002 Broadford (At National School so July.August)
- L50051 Cadamstown cul de sac
- L5036 Kilnamore South

NTA Funded Schemes

Derrinturn National School

Robertsown National School

Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) will commence in the district on Tuesday 31 May for two weeks initially with an additional week later in the summer.

Restoration Improvement Programme of Works 2022

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

Restoration Maintenance Programme of Works 2022

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Estimated Cost of Work
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R	403	Carbury Roundabout towards Derrinturn	1,350	€52,718
R	401	Carrick	820	€27,511
R	409	Downings Cross toward Dag welds	1,050	€36,383
R	403	Windmill Crds. Towards Allenwood	858	€29,722
L	5047	Ovidstown Straffan	1,200	€21,600
L	5041	Laragh Kilcock	1,500	€27,000
L	5065	Oldtown Road	1,200	€21,600
L	5013	Timahoe East (Brady Meats)	2,000	€40,500
L	5071	Hodgestown / Giltown	2,000	€45,000
L	1009	Donadea/Newtownhortland/Ballagh Cross	2,400	€54,000
L	5033	Cooltrim North/South	1,100	€19,800

L	5028	Ballycaghan (Duncreevan) to Kicock	2,100	€37,800
L	1006	Tee junction at Derelict pub Clogherinka toward Nan Brenan's	1,000	€25,650
L	5008	Tee junction at Derelict pub toward Clogherinka	1,250	€23,063
L	1002	Nan Brenan's toward Millpond cross	950	€26,933
L	5004	Mill pond junction toward Kilglass	1,000	€18,000
L	50212	Ticknevin, turn right over canal bridge toward bog	1,200	€20,520
L	7081	Annsboro towards Kilmeague	850	€30,388
L	7078	Mylerstown Cross to Cock Bridge	3,300	€75,735
L	6001	Longtown farm toward Hatters Cross	775	€29,644
L	70051	Ballyteigue recycling 2021	2,500	€52,875
L	70056	Derrymullen recycling 2021	1,400	€22,050
				€738,489

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

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 Killock)	€280,000
Total			€560,000

2022 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads		
Road No.	Location	Amount €
R409	Dagwelds to Cock Bridge	€17,000
R409/L7078	Cock Bridge	€30,000
L7078-L7081	Mylerstown Cross	€17,000
R403/L7073	Brockagh Cross	€15,000
		€79,000

Councillor Weld asked what was the situation regarding the LPT that had been awarded for the scheme at the Robertstown National School since there had been NTA funding received for same. He also noted that there was LPT awarded for public lighting and asked could an update be provided on that funding.

Councillor Durkan asked for an update on the Broadford National School and the Clogherinkoe National School safety upgrades.

Councillor Durkan also requested an update on the removal of the bollards on the Dublin Road leaving Maynooth. He stated that he had submitted a motion previously requesting same which had been approved by the members, and that the report had been that they would be removed once COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

The District Engineer confirmed that the LPT funding awarded for the Robertstown National School scheme would be returned as the NTA funding had come through. He also advised that he would seek an update regarding the public lighting that had been awarded funding. He also confirmed that the bollards on the Dublin Road from Maynooth would be removed.

The District Engineer also advised that the upgrade on the surface at the Broadford and Clogherinkoe National Schools were planned to take place.

The District Engineer advised the members that the Section 38 process for the proposed traffic calming works at both Derrinturn and Robertstown Schools would start immediately to allow time for the works to be carried out during the school holidays.

CM05/0522

Capital Programme 2022-2024

The Cathaoirleach advised that the Capital Programme 2022-2024 had been listed for discussion and that if the elected members had any questions on the programme.

Councillor Feeney said that funding for a community centre in Maynooth was needed and asked if a discussion could be had to ringfence funding for this project.

The acting District Manager advised that some funding had been allocated already for the Maynooth Community Centre and that the Community Department would be linking in with the Public Realm team on this project.

CM06/0522

Taking in Charge of Curryhills Park, Prosperous

The Cathaoirleach noted that a report had been circulated previously to the members for the consideration of the taking in charge of Curryhills Park, Prosperous.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all the members present that the taking in charge of Curryhills Park, Prosperous was approved.

CM07/0522

Taking in Charge of Estates in Kilcock

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

That the council commence the necessary examination/works for the Taking in Charge process to commence in the following estates in Kilcock - Chambers Park, Hawthorn Estate and Rochford Estate (including Bakers Walk) and to provide any updates available for the TIC of these estates.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Chambers Park, Hawthorn Estate and Rochford Estate (including Bakers Walk) cannot be taken in charge until Royal Meadows has been taken in charge.

The Development Control engineer is currently working intensely to progress Royal Meadows estate through the taking in charge process. Additionally, the Development Control engineer is monitoring 49 active sites across the Municipal District and endeavouring to progress a number of older estates through the taking in charge process also, and would not have capacity currently to commence the preparatory work suggested.

It should be noted that Kildare County Council has no record of a formal request to take in charge any of the three estates the subject of this motion, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Councillor Ward welcomed the excellent report and noted that there had been efforts for the last 20 years to get other estates in the area taken in charge.

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

CM08/0522

Strip of land between Chambers Park and Oughterany Village

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council confirm if it owns the unmanaged strip of land and culvert between the rear gardens of Chambers Park and Oughterany Village, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that following clarification of the location being referred to by Councillor Hamilton, it appears the land in question has no markings, therefore has no Folio ID associated with it, therefore the council cannot confirm ownership of it. The land may be registered in the Registry of Deeds which is the register of property ownership in operation prior to and current to the Land Direct system of Folio IDs.

Councillor Hamilton asked what help could the council provide in relation to this strip of land and what advice could the council give to find out the ownership.

Ms A M Burke advised that the council would not be taking in charge this strip of land and that the Environment Department had confirmed that this was not the responsibility of the council. She advised that the land owners either side of the area were responsible for the land and its drainage.

The report was noted.

CM09/0522

Pedestrian Safety at Ballagh Cross, Donadea

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council meet with members on site at Ballagh Cross, Donadea to discuss options to increase pedestrian safety at this location.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that subject to the members agreement, the Municipal District Engineer will meet with members on site to discuss options at this location. Councillor Farrelly said that he had met with the local residents of Ballagh Cross, Donadea and they had requested that pedestrian safety be improved at the crossroads. He invited the District Engineer to meet at the location and to set a time and date that suited him. He also requested that the other elected members be included in the meeting on site.

The District Engineer agreed to meet the members onsite.

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

CM10/0522

Traffic Signals at Prosperous Crossroads

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly. That the council remedies the traffic signals at Prosperous crossroads, as the new lights have been installed on the wrong side of the junction.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that no modifications have been carried out to the traffic signals at the Prosperous crossroads. The four-aspect secondary traffic signal with associate right hand green arrow provided on the Southern and Northern arm approaches to the junction being referred to have always been in-situ. This signal arrangement is a standard set up where the staging is such that opposing stages are run separately.

Councillor Farrelly stated that the current traffic signals were at odds with the layout of the Prosperous crossroads. He said that it was causing confusion for motorists, especially those unfamiliar with the area.

The District Engineer agreed to meet onsite.

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

CM11/0522

Celbridge Road (R403) and Kilcock Road (R407) junction in Clane

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

That the council prepare a re-design of the Celbridge Road (R403) and Kilcock Road (R407) junction in Clane to take account of issues for the vulnerable road users, with housing construction associated with the Capdoo Inner Relief Road now commenced.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Sustainable Transport team will review this junction and report back to the members.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the junction was quite complex and that traffic flow had become an increasing issue. He requested that it be added to the the list for a redesign for the safety of pedestrians

Mr D Hodgins said that the Sustainable Transport team would review the junction and advise the members of the outcome.

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

CM12/0522

Labels on Wheelie Bins to Support Awareness of Speed Limits in Estates

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

That this council writes to private refuse collection operators asking them to participate in a pilot safety initiative in the municipal district for adhesive labels to be placed on wheelie bins to support awareness of the forthcoming 20 kph speed limits within residential estates taken in charge by Kildare County Council in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the speed limit in the majority of residential areas in Kildare is 50km/h. Currently, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management in Kildare County Council are finalising the Kildare Speed Limit Review which will be presented to the full council for adoption. The Speed Limit Review will propose 177 residential estates be a Residential Slow Zones of 30km/h (Jakes Law) in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District, with a further of 373 residential estates proposed in the remaining Municipal Districts in Kildare.

Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management would form the opinion that the merit of a pilot scheme to use adhesive labels on wheelie bins to support awareness of the new Residential Slow Zone of 30km/h (Jakes Law) speed limits is premature and would advise waiting until the following is achieved:-

1. The adoption of Residential Slow Zone of 30km/h (Jakes Law) bye-laws
2. Speed Limit Signage is installed on the ground
3. Further consultation with Road Safety and Environment Sections in Kildare County Council.

Councillor McEvoy said that the public do not tend to see static signage and that the use of the adhesive labels on wheelie bins would be a new addition to the signage structure and would not be at much of a cost. All the members agreed that this was a new initiative that could be used to raise awareness.

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

CM13/0522

The following items 13 and 19 on the agenda were taken together.

Item 13:

Traffic Calming Measures in the Vicinity of Rathcoffey National School

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council explore improvement of traffic calming measures in the vicinity of Rathcoffey National School to include ramps, flashing speed signs all with a view to enhancing safety for the growing school population in the area.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer met with the School Principal on site to discuss the issues. It has been agreed to change the zebra crossing to pedestrian lights. It was also agreed to review the signage in the area, and carry out speed survey.

The following points were raised by the members:

- Meetings had been held with the Principal and parents regarding the traffic safety around the Rathcoffey National School. There had been a number of reports of near misses.
- Speeding had been occurring the long road and motorists were running into difficulties at the corners. Traffic calming was needed along this long stretch of road.
- A former councillor had put aside LPT funds to alleviate the traffic issues in this area.
- Flashing lights at pedestrian crossings weren't enough of a deterrent. A light system with a red colour would encourage traffic to stop. The volume of HGVs and cars has increased.

The District Engineer advised that he met with the Traffic Management team and that they were considering different options. He noted that changing from a zebra crossing to a full signal system had been considered. He acknowledged that funding was available for the works to be done but that a full plan was needed for Rathcoffey and the whole area with respect to traffic calming measures.

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

Item 19:

Lights at the Pedestrian Crossing in Rathcoffey

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council confirm what plans it has regarding changing the lights at the pedestrian crossing in Rathcoffey to traffic lights?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a design is being prepared by the Traffic Management Section to modify the existing Zebra Crossing provided at Rathcoffey to a signal-controlled crossing with push button units.

The report was noted.

CM14/0522

Grand Canal Greenway at Allenwood and Robertstown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse.
That the council provide an update on the required changes to the plans for the Grand Canal Greenway at Allenwood and Robertstown, following the detailed design stage.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that a detailed design is currently underway. As part of this, there will be a boardwalk to the west of Shee Bridge which will connect

Shee Bridge to the towpath at Allenwood North which facilitates the removal of two bridges from the original proposal and in accordance with the Part 8 planning conditions. The boardwalk will be approximately 800m in length and will be constructed over the grassed bank as opposed to extending out over the navigable channel in order to maintain the canal width. With regards to the Robertstown area there is an amendment required to the Part 8 for changes to the proposed route from Robertstown to Lowtown with the requirement for an additional pedestrian bridge at Lowtown. This is to facilitate the Greenway coming in to the town on the south side, which serves Robertstown better. The project team are considering the options with regard to whether the bridge will be a fixed bridge or if a swing bridge can be installed at this location, which would eliminate the need for ramps.

Councillor Wyse asked when did the council expect to have a design of the bridge.

Ms M Hunt advised that the bridge at Robertstown would require a Part 8 application and that the members would have a briefing before it was sent before them for consideration.

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

CM15/0522

Provision of White Line on R403

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse. That the council provide a continuous white line, or other measures that would prevent overtaking, when leaving Allenwood Village near the entrance to Grand Canal Wood estate on the R403.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will arrange for the continuous white centre line to be extended to cover the entrance to Grand Canal Wood.

Councillor Wyse asked what was the standard practice for a solid white line, could a person cross the line while making a turning into a residence. The District Engineer advised that it was not against the rules of the road for a person to cross a solid white line to enter a residence.

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

CM16/0522

Assessment of the Road Network in the Maynooth Environs

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council undertakes an assessment of the road network in the Maynooth Environs, including all traffic lights and tributary roads to address traffic, safety and practical issues.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this will be covered in the Maynooth Area Based Transport Assessment, which is currently underway and has entered the options development stage. Draft options for walking, cycling and parking are nearly complete and AECOM are working on the public transport options. Once the traffic modelling stage has been completed, a full suite of draft transport measures for the town will be available. This is still a few months away.

Councillor Ó Cearúil raised the following points:

- He appreciated that cycling and walking were important options for travel.
- Maynooth University had 17,000 people attending the college, the town itself had a growing population and people travelled to the town everyday to work.
- It was a key growth town that was suffering with traffic build ups.
- When would the councillors be provided with the draft transport assessment?
- Would it include a scooter system review?
- It was crucial that the work was done before the Maynooth Local Area Plan.

The Senior Engineer advised that Mr S Deegan was currently looking at the review. He noted that the scoot system was continually operational. He stated that the aim was to get as many unnecessary vehicle trips off the road to reduce traffic in the town.

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

CM17/0522

Traffic Build up at the Meadowbrook Link Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council addresses the continuing issues around traffic build up at the Meadowbrook Link Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there has been recent significant upgrade works carried out by a Developer/Municipal District Office in the area of the Meadowbrook Road/Lidl junctions on the Straffan Road. These works included kerb realignment, provision of additional pedestrian crossing point, provision of new traffic signals and resurfacing/relining works. As part of these works the inductive loop detectors located in the road surface that provide data to the traffic controllers were damaged and required replacement. During the period between the detectors being damaged and replaced, the junctions at Lidl/Meadowbrook Road did not function with normal efficiency. These detectors have now been replaced and the junctions are now functioning normally. If the member has any specific query not related to recent works please contact the Traffic Management Section at trafficlighs@kildarecoco.ie and it shall be investigated.

The following points were raised by the members:

- The lights at the junction at Lidl/Meadowbrook Road were not working fairly and were giving more leeway to motorists leaving Lidl.

- A similar motion was submitted last month, could the traffic on the Meadowbrook Link Road continue to be monitored.
- The council were bearing down on the Local Area Plan and the removal of one of the junctions should be considered. Traffic capacity and flow continued to be an issue.

Mr D Hodgins acknowledged that there had been a detector issue at the junction that has been addressed. He noted that 15 seconds was given to the traffic leaving Lidl, even if it was just one vehicle. He said that any information submitted by the public was useful to inform that council of any issues.

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

CM18/0522

Zebra Crossing on the Meadowbrook Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council install a zebra crossing with warning lights on the Meadowbrook Road to aid safe crossing for people who are visually impaired.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section shall contact Councillor Durkan in relation to this motion to investigate the specifics of the request.

The following points were raised by the members:

- A zebra crossing was the only pedestrian crossing working on the Meadowbrook Road.
- All pedestrians especially vulnerable road users need care and help crossing roads.

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

CM19/0522

Traffic Counts on the R407

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council provide the details of traffic counts on the R407 inbound to Clane from Kilcock and Sallins?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members of the Traffic Count Figures issued by the Roads Design Team.

Traffic Counts R 407 (Sallins - Clane)	Date	AADT	HGV
	Nov-19	10,639	4.9
	Jan-20	11,610	5.1
	May-21	11,827	4.3
	Nov-21	12,681	6.6
R 407 (Clane - Mainham)	Dat	AADT	HGV%
	Feb-19	7,035	4.4
	Jan-20	7,451	5.0
	Jun-21	7,566	
	Nov-21	7,058	7.3
R 407 (Mainham – Kilcock)	Date	AADT	HGV%
	May-18	6,237	3.0
	Feb-19	6,395	1.7
	Jan-20	7,251	3.1
	Jun-21	6,699	5.3

The report was noted.

CM20/0522

Walkway between Mullen Park Road and Griffen Rath Road, Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.
Can the council confirm the status of the walkway between Mullen Park Road and Griffen Rath Road, Maynooth and the potential to open this as a temporary connection pending the opening of the connecting road planned in this location?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the walkway between Mullen Park Road and Griffen Rath Road Maynooth cannot be opened up as a temporary connection pending the opening of the connecting road planned in this location. This is on the grounds of safety as construction work is currently being carried out in the Mullen Park Residential Development.

The report was noted.

CM21/0522

Review of Parking Bye-laws

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council advise members when the parking bye-laws for the municipal district will be reviewed?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the following is the order in which the towns will have their parking bye-laws reviewed. 1. Kildare Town; 2. Monasterevin; 3. Kilcullen; 4. Celbridge; 5. Leixlip; 6. Kilcock; 7. Castledermot; 8. Athy; 9. Maynooth; 10. Clane; 11. Sallins; 12. Johnstown; 13. Naas. Work has started on the Kildare and Newbridge Parking Bye-laws review. We cannot give a definitive timeline for when the Maynooth and Clane bye-laws will be reviewed. The timeline depends on factors outside our control such as length of time to review the other bye-laws in the schedule, other projects such as Public Realm, Active Travel and projects being carried out by Roads Design. However, it was hoped that the reviews will commence in 2023.

The report was noted.

CM22/0522

Footpath between Brookfield Park and College Green

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council confirm if there are plans to create a footpath link between Brookfield Park and College Green estates in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office has no plans to create a footpath at this location.

The report was noted.

CM23/0522

Footpath Repairs on Shaw Bridge

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

Can the council provide an update on the undertaking of footpath repairs on Shaw Bridge in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office plans to carry out these repairs during the summer season.

The report was noted.

CM24/0522

Roadside Tactile Paving at Bus Stops

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

Can the council confirm why newly installed bus stops in this municipal district no longer have roadside tactile paving?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the NTA designed and installed these bus stops, however the sustainable transport team will inspect the bus stops and liaise with the NTA to make any necessary changes.

The report was noted.

CM25/0522

Dished Apron between Rail Park, Parklands and Rockfield

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

Can the council confirm when a dished apron will be installed at the area known as the Y between Rail Park, Parklands and Rockfield, Maynooth in the interest of public safety?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office has no plans to alter the recently installed foot path.

The report was noted.

CM26/0522

Suspension of Standing Order

Councillor Farrelly proposed a suspension of standing orders to submit a motion in relation to issues regarding bus services in the municipal district. The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting that in accordance with Standing Order 28 two thirds of the members present would have to vote in favour of this request. The Cathaoirleach called for a show of hands vote.

Resolved with 8 members voting in favour of the suspension of standings order to enable Councillor Farrelly submit a motion in relation to issues regarding bus services in the municipal district.

Councillor Farrelly proposed the following motion:

That the Clane Maynooth Municipal District Committee requests the National Transport Authority and Go-Ahead Ireland to attend a special meeting of the committee to discuss issues relating to the Prosperous to Dublin Bus Route.

Councillor Farrelly said that he had heard of a number of people who had been left stranded by Go-Ahead Ireland as some of their bus services had not showed up. He added that the NTA had confirmed that the Go-Ahead had not been meeting the required standards.

The members raised the following concerns

- This was was not the right forum to raise this issue and that representations could be made directly to Go-Ahead Ireland

- Members of the public who were dependent on public transport couldn't get to work and were forced to either skip work or use their annual leave when buses didn't turn up as scheduled.
- Students could miss their exams and lectures because of an inconsistent and unreliable bus service
- There had been similar issues with the C4 Maynooth bus service
- There were also issues with the 120 bus service to Edenderry and the 115 bus service to Kilcock.

Having regard to the issues raised Councillor Farrelly proposed an amendment to this motion to include details of the other bus services mentioned:

That the Clane Maynooth Municipal District Committee requests the National Transport Authority and Go-Ahead Ireland to attend a special meeting of the committee to discuss issues relating to the 120 Edenderry/Prosperous to Dublin Route, C4 Maynooth to Dublin Route and the 115 Route.

The amended motion was seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the majority of the members present.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the majority of the members present that a letter be issued to the National Transport Authority and Go-Ahead Ireland asking them to attend a special meeting of the committee to discuss issues relating to the 120/Edenderry/Prosperous to Dublin Route, C4 Maynooth to Dublin Route and the 115 Route.

CM27/0522

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Heritage Officer Ms B Loughlin to the meeting. Ms Loughlin listed the number of community heritage grants that had been applied for and that were to be considered for approval. The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 allocation for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. **See Appendix 1**

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members present that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 allocation for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District be approved.

CM28/0522

Part 8 for Court House Square, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council move forward a Part 8 consultation process for Court House Square, Maynooth using paid parking money to complete the project. The motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the URDF funding of €1.9 million awarded for the development of Maynooth Town Centre Masterplan includes Court House Square as part of the masterplan design process. The Strategic Projects & Public Realm is preparing a Business Plan for issue to the Department for approval, following which the masterplan process will commence.

It would be premature to advance the design of Court House Square separate to that of the masterplan process as this important public space needs to be considered, in design terms, in the wider context of the town.

The members raised the following points:

- What was the pay-parking figure?
- There were constant complaints about the surface of the square.
- The Court House Square and the Main Street had not been looked at for the past 23 or 24 years. There had been an agreement during the last term of the council to do works on the square as part of the update to Harbourfield.

Ms M Hunt advised that separate Part 8s had to be carried out for the Court House Square and Harbourfield. She said that she was aware of a figure of €200,000 from the pay-parking fund. She noted that this would be used for the construction part of the process for Court House Square and that URDF funding would also be important for the construction.

Councillor Durkan stated that traditionally it was a figure of €200,000 per year and requested that the overall funding be clarified. Ms Hunt said that she would contact the Transportation Department regarding the pay-parking funding.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by the members present that the report was noted.

CM29/0522

Self-sustaining Town

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy. Can the council identify the public funding associated with self-sustaining towns and confirm if Clane is eligible given the Planning Department's assessment that the town did not meet the planning criteria for a self-sustaining town?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the settlement typology (i.e. Self-Sustaining Growth Town, Self-Sustaining Towns and Towns etc) in the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 derives from the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and is supported by a number of funds to stimulate renewal and investment, the environment and innovation including but not limited to;

- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund;
- Rural Development Fund;
- Climate Action Fund;
- Disruptive Technologies Fund.

Additional funding streams have also come available from more recent Government Policy Guidance such as 'Our Rural Future' and 'Housing for All' and other schemes which predated the NPF and RSES.

The designation of settlements within the County Development Plan is not directly related to the funding streams outlined above. Each of the aforementioned and other relevant funding streams have a series of criteria for which applications must comply, in many cases the determining factor is population rather than settlement type. At present there are no funding streams specific to any category of settlement in the County Development Plan.

The report was noted.

CM30/0522

Request to Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld. That the members of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District write to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamonn Ryan TD, asking him to postpone the 'ban on sale of turf' out of concern for the high number of elderly people in this municipal district depending on turf as a fuel source.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that subject to the agreement of the members, correspondence will issue to the Minister as requested.

The members raised the following points:

- There were a lot of people under pressure regarding the supply of solid fuel for their homes. There was so much uncertainty around the availability of and cost of kerosene and oil
- The majority of these depending on solid fuel were elderly.
- Many people cannot afford to retrofit their homes.

- It was understood that there were people suffering with breathing related issues associated with the burning of turf but until a proper alternative was provided that the ban be deferred.
- The Clane-Maynooth Municipal District alongside the Athy and Kildare-Newbridge Municipal Districts had all signed up for the Just Transition strategy. A copy of this should accompany the letter when issued.
- The Midlands Regional Transition Team (MRTT) was to provide projects which can assist a positive transition.
- Smokey coal and turf were methods that needed to become a thing of the past. There were no changes due to come into affect this September.
- There was merit in the measures which the Government were looking to introduce, especially with fuel prices increasing. Minister Eamonn Ryan did well to introduce and bring forward the proposed ban.
- The letter should include a request for information outlining the measures Minister Ryan intends to put in place to ensure those who rely on turf as a main fuel source are prioritised in making the transition to more environmentally sustainable home heating methods.

The Cathaoireach called for a show of hands vote on the matter and if agreed that a draft letter be circulated to the members for their prior approval.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by the majority of the members present the report was noted, and that a draft letter would be circulated to the members for their approval prior to it being issued to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamonn Ryan TD.

CM31/0522

Tree Surgery Works in the Kilcock Graveyard

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

That the council provide a comprehensive report and update as to when the necessary tree surgery works will commence in the Kilcock Graveyard to include the timeframes and expected dates of the commencement of these works.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that all the immediate, high and moderate works have been carried out in Boycetown. There is some lower priority work that will need to be carried out later in the year when we are permitted. This was not major works and should only take a few days to complete. These low priority works are mainly for the maintenance and to improve the longevity of the trees. Once these works were completed, the programme of work as per the Tree Survey report will be completed.

Councillor Ward asked if it would be possible to arrange a meeting on site at Kilcock Graveyard to review the works needed. Ms A O'Malley said that she would arrange this meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members present that a meeting be arranged in Kilcock Graveyard and that the report be noted.

CM32/0522

Reinstallation of the Main Gate at Derrinturn Graveyard

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse. Can the council provide a timeline for the reinstallation of the main gate at Derrinturn Graveyard?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the gate at Derrinturn cemetery has been repaired and is back in working order the Municipal District office has no plans to alter the recently installed foot path.

The report was noted.

CM33/0522

Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2022

The members considered the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2022 for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. **(See Appendix 2)**

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members present that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2022 for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District be approved.

CM34/0522

Survey on Trees at Coill Dubh Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.
That the council carry out a safety survey on the trees in and around Coill Dubh village.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the trees in Coill Dubh village will be surveyed and any works required will be considered for inclusion when the next programme of trees works is being compiled at the end of the year.

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

CM35/0522

Reallocation of discretionary LPT allocation

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton.
That this council reallocate €2000 of discretionary LPT allocation to the Kildare Sustainable Energy Communities project from my general footpath improvement fund and verify that the allocation of the Meadowbrook improvement fund to support footpath repairs and tree remedial works is allocated to the correct department as it is currently allocated to Community.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the District Engineer has been contacted in relation to the reallocation of the funds mentioned and the funds will be moved once this has been confirmed.

Councillor Hamilton acknowledged that this was just a minor change and that he had already spoken with the Climate Action Officer regarding the allocation.

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

CM36/0522

Action Plan for a Community Centre for Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney. That the council put in place an action plan for the delivery of a Community Centre for Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the Community Department is liaising with the Public Realm team to ensure that a suitable site for the provision of a Community Space is identified as part of the upcoming URDF funded Maynooth Town Centre Renewal Masterplan which will assist in securing future funding under various schemes.

The members raised the following points:

- A timeline for this project would be appreciated.
- There were potential sites that could be used for the community centre.
- A date for a meeting to discuss these sites would be welcomed.
- A similar motion was raised at the January or February meeting and council staff had agreed to a meeting to discuss potential sites for the community centre.
- The old Fire Station had been suggested previously which was thought to be an ideal location for the community centre.
- Since the parish hall had been demolished there was no proper location of reasonable size for community groups to meet.

Ms P O'Brien said she would be working with the Director Ms M Higgins to arrange a meeting in to explore suitable sites in the near future.

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

CM37/0522

Survey of tree at Bridgewell, Johnstown Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.
Can the council confirm if a survey is to be carried out on a dangerous tree at Bridgewell, Johnstown Bridge as it is of great concern to people living locally?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that the Parks Section are not aware of any dangerous trees in Bridgewell. If the councillor provides more details in relation to the concerns and the exact location of the tree, we will examine it.

The report was noted.

CM38/0522

The following items 38 and 39 on the agenda were taken together.

Item 38:

Status of Public Swimming Pool in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council update members on the status of a public swimming pool being developed in Maynooth, to include feedback from previous grant applications and plans to pursue funds for this development and the details of a site for this (if identified)?

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.

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

Kildare County Council has followed up a number of times with the Department for an update on the appeal - the latest update received (26 April 2022) is that a review of the appeal will take place in the next few weeks.

The Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (SCO 13 [Chapter 10]) sets out that it is an objective of the Council to progress plans for the provision of a regional swimming pool in North Kildare in conjunction with other relevant bodies which should assist future grant applications for such a facility.

Councillor Farrelly asked if an update could be brought back to the members when it was available.

Ms P O'Brien advised that the members would be kept up to date on this matter. The report was noted.

Item 39:

Swimming Pool Application with Maynooth University

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council confirm if it has progressed with a new swimming pool application with Maynooth University?

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The report was noted.

CM39/0522

New Library in Clane

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that Deaton Lysaght were appointed as the Design Team Lead for the Clane Capital Project at the start of November. They have visited the site and surveys have been conducted. They are currently working with Kildare County Council Architects and the Library Team on the design for the new library in Clane.

Initial concepts were redesigned after meetings with the Village Centre unit owners who had concerns over loss of car parking spaces. A proposal to open an access point between the library facility and the parish car park has been rejected by the parish council. Amended designs have been submitted by Design Team and consultation has begun with internal Kildare County Council departments for their technical submissions. A planned meeting with Village Centre Unit owners will be rescheduled once we have agreement on the plans from all internal departments.

If the plans are acceptable to unit owners, they will then be submitted to the Department for Part 8 planning in the coming weeks.

The immediate need to vacate the current Clane Library premises has been postponed until 2023 which is welcome news.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.