



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District held on Friday, 03 June 2022 at 10:00 a.m.  
In the Council Chamber**

**Members Present:** Councillor D Fitzpatrick (Leas chathaoirleach), Councillors T Durkan, A Farrelly, A Feeney, P McEvoy, N Ó Cearúil, and B Weld.

**Apologies:** Councillor B Wyse (Cathaoirleach), P Ward and P Hamilton,

**Officials Present:** Ms M Higgins (District Manager), Mr J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr Ronan Linnane (District Engineer), Mr G Maher (Administrative Officer), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Mr B O’Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms C Talbot (Administrative Officer), Ms A O’Malley (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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The Leaschathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the June meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. He advised that he would be chairing the meeting in the absence of the Cathaoirleach and that Councillor Wyse had given him written notice to deal with his motions.

**CM01/0622**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

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



**CM02/0622**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

To approve the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 06 May 2022 and to note the progress report.

Councillor Feeney requested an update to a letter to be sent to the National Transport Authority.

Mr McGowan advised that a letter had issued but to date no response had been received.

Councillor Durkan requested updates to items CM16/05422, CM18/0322 and CM17/0921.

Mr Linnane advised that he would ask Mr Buggie to revert to the member.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members that the minutes of Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting held 5 May 2022 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**CM03/0622**

**Municipal District Works**

To receive an update on the municipal district road works.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the crews had 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 was progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2022

**General Works**

National grant funding for this Municipal District.

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



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Contract 2 had been awarded and currently awaiting a start date from the contractor now likely to be June

Contract 3 had been awarded and L70044 Mahers Way Allenwood, L5080 River Road Allenwood were completed. Works on R414 Lullymore were scheduled to start on Wednesday 1 June and should be completed by Friday evening with just surface dressing remaining.

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

Contract 5 R406 Straffan Road Maynooth works were now completed.

Contract 6 Tender issued in May. This was 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

Currently at contract award stage with works due to start in July and August.

Contract 7 documents had issued for the roads listed below. Works would be carried out in July and August and would require road closures and possible nightworks.

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

### **NTA Funded Schemes**

Section 38 process had commenced for both schemes.

- Derrinturn National School
- Robertsown National School



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

### Restoration Improvement Programme of Works 2022

#### Road Class

Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Estimated Cost of Work
R403	Brockagh	1,200	€195,000
R414	Lullymore	1,000	€175,000
R415	Kilmeague to Allenwood	800	€168,000
R403	Prosperous Main Street	1,000	€195,000
R401	Ballindoolin	1,500	€262,500
R403	Killina National School	1,000	€175,000
R407	Main Street Clane	1,000	€210,000
L70044	Mahers Way, Allenwood South	430	€69,875
L5080	River Road, Allenwood	430	€43,000
L70056	Murphys Lock, Ballyteague	1,000	€100,000
L7085	Kilmeague. Rectory Road	1,000	€150,000
L7076	Robertstown Road, Kilmeague	450	€67,500
L70052	Crosspatrick, Kilmeague	930	€102,220
L5074	Ballynafagh Road, Prosperous	1,400	€168,000
L1002	Broadford	1,000	€180,000
L50051	Cadamstown Cul De Sac	650	€52,000
L5036	Kilnamoragh South	800	€64,000
L10133	Doctor's Lane, Maynooth	250	€37,500
			€2,414,595



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### Restoration Maintenance Programme of Works 2022

#### Road Class

Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Estimated Cost of Work
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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

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



## **Road Markings**

Yellow boxes in Maynooth have been renewed from the M4 towards Kilcock and along the Main street

Mr Linnane thanked the public for their patience in regard to road closures.

The members thanked Mr Linnane and the Municipal District Office for the works.

Councillor Feeney queried the nature of works relating to Doctors Lane in contract 7. Mr Linnane advised that he would revert to the member regarding the exact details of works involved.

The report was noted.

### **CM04/0622**

#### **Annual Meeting**

To note the date and venue for the Annual Meeting.

The Meetings Administrator advised the following:

In accordance with Standing Order No 2, we propose that the Annual Meeting of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee take place at 10.00am on Friday 1 July in the Council Chamber. It is also proposed to suspend Standing Order No 1 for the July ordinary monthly meeting, to enable it to commence at 10.30am.

The members agreed.

**Resolved** with the agreement of the members present that the Annual Meeting of the Clane Maynooth Municipal District would take place in the council chamber at 10.00am on 1 July.

### **CM05/0622**

#### **Windmill Grove Derrinturn**

To consider the taking in charge of Windmill Grove, Derrinturn

Ms S Walsh informed the members that this was a legacy estate and Irish Water were now satisfied with works completed so the estate was now ready to be taken in charge.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that Windmill Grove, Derrinturn be taken in charge.



The Leaschathaoirleach suggested that as motions 6 and 7 dealt with the same issue they could be taken together. The members agreed.

### **CM06/0622**

#### **Flooding at Station Road Allenwood**

##### **Item 6**

##### **Flooding at Station Road Allenwood**

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

That the council investigates the cause of regular flooding on Station Road, Allenwood, at the entrance of Whitethorn Park estate and proposes a solution to the issue.

In Councillor Wyse's absence the motion was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that the Development Control Engineer was investigating as requested and would liaise with the developer as necessary and provide an update to the members.

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

##### **Item 7**

##### **Whitethorn Estate Allenwood**

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

That the council investigate the flooding issue at the entrance to Whitethorn Estate Allenwood.

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

A report was received from the Building Control Department informing the members that the Development Control Engineer was investigating as requested and would liaise with the developer as necessary and provide an update to the members.



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

**CM07/0622**

**R408 Meadowbrook Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
That the council repair the ramps and potholes on the R408 Meadowbrook Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that local roads area would the repair the potholes on the R408. The ramps would require a contract and would be carried out as part of a resurfacing project during the summer months.

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

**CM08/0622**

**Pinchpoints Dunboyne Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
That the council assess the pinchpoints on the Dunboyne Road outside Charter House and on Parson Street with a view to making the roads safer.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office had no plans to alter the road layout at these locations, unfortunately there was limited available space from boundry to boundary. If the members were in agreement the council could look at removing parking and relocating this space.

The members raised the following points:





- There had been numerous incidents at this particular pinchpoint.
- Could the Municipal District Office engage with residents regarding a solution.
- As neither the wall at Charter House nor the river could be moved options were limited but the members hoped a resolution could be found that did not involve removing parking spaces.
- As there was a school nearby this pinchpoint required investigation.
- As there were a number of pinchpoints in the Maynooth area could they possibly be investigated from the prospect of a public realm upgrade.

Mr J McGowan advised that the area could be investigated.

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

### **CM09/0622**

#### **Bus Stops Johnstownbridge**

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

That the council provides a timeline for the installation and operation of the new bus stops in Johnstownbridge.

As Councillor Wyse was not in attendance the motion was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Weld

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority was responsible for the installation of the new bus stops in Johnstownbridge. The Council expected that they would be installed and operational by Quarter 3 2022, subject to approval of the finalised design.

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

### **CM10/0622**

#### **M4 Upgrade**

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



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That the council give an update on the M4 Motorway upgrade to include information regarding resurfacing, junction improvements and the provision of an additional lane. The motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the “Maynooth to Leixlip Project” was in options selection phase. The options selection phase consisted of a 2 stage appraisal process:

- Stage 1 – consisted of the development and appraisal of a long-list of options to reduce to a short-list of options
- Stage 2 – appraisal of the shortlist of options from Stage 1, to identify the emerging preferred option(s).

The Stage 1 assessment was substantially complete and was currently being finalised. The team had begun to prepare public consultation material which would provide information including the following:

- Introduction, project background and description;
- Current issues and project objectives;
- Potential transport interventions (such as options being considered); and
- Progress to date and timeline / programme.

The event would be an important opportunity to obtain valuable feedback and comments from the public and elected members for the project.

The public consultation was being planned for this summer 2022. This event would be advertised in advance.

The members raised the following points:

- A number of residents living in the area were subjected to unbearable noise especially in wet weather.
- Some residents were moving out of the area altogether because of the noise.
- Potential purchasers were also put off buying in the area due to the noise.



- In 2017 the then Director of Services had advised that funding had been received for this project.
- A public consultation should not take place during the summer when people could be away on holidays.
- The road from Maynooth to Leixlip was already at capacity with 45 minute delays at times and traffic coming to a complete standstill in the event of an accident.
- Could the work be done in a similar way to the M7 where some lanes were deactivated to allow for resurfacing.

Mr J McGowan informed the members that a third lane had not been in the original plan in 2017. A public consultation would have to take place first before any works could take place.

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

### **CM11/0622**

#### **Bicycle Racks Maynooth**

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

That the council install bicycle racks in the vicinity of bus stops in Maynooth to facilitate and support the increased uptake of cycling in the community.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section was prioritising the current approved National Transport Authority Work Programme for 2022, as outlined at previous Municipal District meetings. These schemes included Mill Street North – South Corridor Phase 5, Kilcock Road, Celbridge Road and Meadowbrook Road Cycle track schemes.

In parallel, the Council would continue to identify works and initiatives to support the increased uptake of cycling in the community that aligned with ongoing active travel projects and objectives. These projects would be further developed in 2023.



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Councillor Feeney queried whether bicycle racks could be installed at bus stops to make it convenient for commuters.

Mr J McGowan advised that he would follow up on the query.

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

### **CM12/0622**

#### **Moyglare Hall**

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

That the council take in charge a section of Moyglare Hall near the new Maynooth Education Campus campus.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that in order to take in charge any development, Kildare County Council must go through the statutory processes set out in Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), and comply with the requirements of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993. In the first instance, a request to take in charge must be received from either the developer or the majority of house owners. Procedurally, a public consultation period must be held and submissions received during the public display must be considered when preparing a report and recommendation for the consideration of the elected members.

There was no request on file from either the developer or the majority of house owners to take in charge Moyglare Hall. Furthermore, the area referred to in (details attached) was in the ownership of Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board per Folio KE61354F.

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

### **CM13/0622**

#### **Green lane Robertstown**

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



That the council resurfaces Green Lane in Robertstown West.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no plans to resurface Green Lane in 2022. The request would be noted and the road would be assessed along with other roads for a future road works programme.

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

#### **CM14/0622**

#### **Resurfacing Works Clane and Prosperous**

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

Can the council update members on any planned resurfacing works on both Main Street Clane and Main Street Prosperous.

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the tender process had begun for both of these locations and it was planned to carry out the resurfacing in late July and August. The members and the public would be advised in advance. Main Street, Clane would most likely be night works. The report was noted.

#### **CM15/0622**

#### **Carton Demesne Maynooth**

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

Can the council clarify what the public access and right of way arrangements are for Carton Demesne, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that condition 4 of planning reference 91/441 required the applicant to enter into an agreement under Section 38 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963 in respect of public



access to certain parts of the demesne. The council is aware that during recent covid-19 pandemic that access was restricted. The Planning Department will liaise with the current owners to clarify the position.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that a recent sign advising that the right of way was only open from 9-5 Monday to Friday had angered local residents as people wanted to use the area to walk or run before or after work and not during these hours.

The report was noted.

### **CM16/0622**

#### **Speed Counts Pikes Bridge Road**

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

Can the Council provide a report on the speed counts carried out on the Pikes Bridge Road, Maynooth (L5053)?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal Engineer would arrange for the results to be circulated to the members.

Councillor Feeney stated that traffic volumes had increased hugely in the area.

Mr R Linnane advised that the data was still being processed and would be circulated to the members when it was available.

The report was noted.

### **CM17/0622**

#### **Unoccupied Council Houses**

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

That the council provides a detailed timeline to re-allocate unoccupied council houses in (details provided).

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



A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that there were currently four properties available for reletting in Anne Street, Prosperous. All four units had been offered to prospective tenants and the respective offers had been accepted. The required background work was now being undertaken. Naturally, prospective tenants cannot always immediately leave their current address but it was expected that all the offered homes would be occupied within the next few weeks. Of the remaining two vacant properties, one property was fire-damaged and it would take a considerable amount of time to complete the repairs on it. It was anticipated that the other property would be available for offer and allocation within the next two weeks. Finally, No. 4 Anne Street had been allocated for use as a community centre facility for the local community.

Councillor Farrelly requested that more information be provided on the community centre facility.

Mr B O’Gorman advised that he would follow up and revert.

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

### **CM18/0622**

#### **Ashgrove Derrinturn**

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

That the council provides a progress report on the piece of land owned by Kildare County Council at Ashgrove, Derrinturn to include what plans the council have and what clean up arrangements are planned for this land at the back of the council owned houses.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the matter was being investigated at present and the Housing Department were trying to progress the matter to everyone’s satisfaction. A report would issue to the members as soon as possible. As this was a complex issue, the assistance of a number of council departments may be required as part of the resolution.



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Councillor Weld stated that the area needed a long term solution and requested that it be followed up through the progress report.

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

### CM19/0622

#### Maynooth Local Area Plan

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

That the council give an update on when the Maynooth Local Area Plan will commence and timelines for delivery.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Feeney. A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern Midlands Region required the preparation of a Joint Local Area Plan (LAP) for Maynooth by Kildare and Meath County Council. The RSES stated that the purpose of the joint LAP was to provide a co-ordinated planning framework for the Maynooth area. Kildare County Council had commenced the review process and were at the early stages of the background data collection and analysis. Arrangements with respect to the roles and responsibilities of each local authority in the statutory plan making process would be clarified over the coming months once the County Development Plan was sufficiently progressed. It was anticipated that pre-draft consultation would take place in Quarter 3 2022.

Councillor Durkan advised that the Maynooth Local Area Plan was out of date since 2019. He accepted that the County Development Plan was taking up time and resources but in a growing town like Maynooth it was imperative that an up to date Local Area Plan be developed.

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





**CM20/0622**

**Unauthorised Development Files**

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

Can the council confirm when the public will be able to access the councils planning system detailing all unauthorised development files in this Municipal District, on the councils website?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that it was not the Council's intention to publish details of unauthorised development files on the council's website. Members of the public could arrange to have a search carried out through the Council's drawing office whereby they were advised of any warning letters or enforcement notices issued. Publishing data on warning notices or enforcement notices issued, particularly in cases that had not been determined by the courts, was a breach of a person's personal data under GDPR rules.

Councillor Durkan stated that the public should be able to access some information regarding location and nature of unauthorised developments with a brief update without there being any GDPR breach. The public had a right to this information and not everyone would be able to visit the public counter to carry out a search.

Ms C Talbot advised that the current system did not allow this approach but was still being reviewed.

The report was noted.

**CM21/0622**

**Tidy Towns Grants**

The members considered the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups for 2022.

Councillor McEvoy stated that he was treasurer of Clane Community Council (Tidy Towns) and excused himself from the meeting while the item was being discussed.



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Tidy Towns Grants Allocation 2022						
	TT Group (12)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Proposed LPT Allocation	Total	
Clane-Maynooth MD	Maynooth	G (15,001 to 25,000)	€ 6,484	€ 4,951	€ 11,435	
	Clane	E (5,001 to 10,000)	€ 2,748	€ 3,890	€ 6,638	
	Kilcock	E (5,001 to 10,000)	€ 2,748	€ 3,890	€ 6,638	
	Straffan	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,078	€ 2,358	€ 3,436	
	Prosperous	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,078	€ 2,358	€ 3,436	
	Coill Dubh	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,078	€ 2,358	€ 3,436	
	Newtown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 305	€ 943	€ 1,248	
	Broadford	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 305	€ 943	€ 1,248	
	Allenwood	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 305	€ 943	€ 1,248	
	Robertstown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 305	€ 943	€ 1,248	
	Kilmeague	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 305	€ 943	€ 1,248	
	Carbury	A (up to 200)	€ 232	€ 480	€ 712	
		<b>Total</b>		€ 16,971	€ 25,000	€ 41,971

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that the Tidy Towns grant allocations be paid as presented.

### CM22/0622

#### 2021 LPT

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

That this council agrees to re-allocate €2,500 from the 2021 LPT allocations from Litter Awareness Campaign to The Ellen L group.

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

A report was received from the meetings administrator informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Farrelly advised that he had previously allocated €5000 from 2021 to Litter Awareness Campaign which had not all been used because of Covid and he would now like to reallocate €2500 to the Ellen L Group.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members that €2500 from 2021 allocation to Litter Awareness Campaign be reallocated to The Ellen L Group.



**CM23/0622**

**Sewage Capacity Maynooth and Kilcock**

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

Can the council provide an update on how it plans to resolve the lack of sewage capacity in Maynooth and Kilcock?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that this was a matter for Irish Water Capital Assets/Asset delivery. Councillor Durkan should contact them via their dedicated email address for local representatives at

[localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie)

Councillor Durkan queried if Irish Water could be invited in to clarify the situation as a past meeting had been productive.

The Leaschathaoirleach advised that this would require the item to be raised as a motion.

The report was noted.

**CM24/0622**

**Dog waste Bin Prosperous**

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

Can the council confirm who is responsible for emptying the 'dog waste box' at the entrance to the public park in Prosperous, which needs to be emptied on a regular basis.

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the Parks Section did not install the dog waste box and did not know who installed it. The section did not have the capacity to empty it but could arrange for its removal if the box in its current location was an issue.

Councillor Weld advised that the box had been installed by the Environment section and was serving a need as it was the only bin on this walk. The tidy towns group had no facility to maintain the bin or arrange for it to be emptied. Arrangements needed to be made to have this bin emptied on a regular basis.

The report was noted.



**CM25/0622**

**Health Centre Building Carbury**

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

Can the council provide an update on the old 'Health Centre' in Carbury village including what plans the council has to give it back to the local community.

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Community team had been engaging with the local community group and had visited the old 'Health Centre' site in Carbury village along with the facilities team to assess the amount of work required so the building could be used by the local community. Work had already commenced on clearing the outside area.

The community team was working with the local group, to make a funding application for the project from the recently launched Community Centres Investment Fund (a new capital fund of €15 million which would provide funding for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres in both urban and rural areas). Once funding had been identified, work would commence on the building so that it could be used by the community as soon as possible.

Councillor Weld stated that commitment had been given on this building 12 months ago and it was imperative that it be ready for use by Care of the Aged and Meals on Wheels before next winter.

The report was noted.

**CM26/0622**

**Communications Boards**

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

Can the council provide an update on the design and installation of Communication Boards in playgrounds in this municipal district following the allocation of LPT funds in 2021.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a graphic design company had been procured to design the sign. It was hoped a link to sign language 'Little Lámh' could be incorporated into the design subject to permission from the owners of



this. It was planned to discuss the issue with Lámh to see if this was feasible and then to proceed with completing the signs for the pilot playgrounds around the county.

Councillor Farrelly stated that it was exciting to see this progressing and that all children should have access to the boards.

The report was noted.

**CM27/0622**

**Dog Park Maynooth**

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

Can the council confirm what progress has been made on providing a Dog Park in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there was currently no suitable location for a dog park in Maynooth. A location would need to be identified along with the necessary finance to install it. Any work required would have to be considered in the context of existing commitments within the municipal district and the staff resources available to deliver these.

The report was noted.

**CM28/0622**

**Trees Carton Avenue**

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

Can the council provide a report on the trees on Carton Avenue and what recent maintenance measures have taken place?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there had been no recent maintenance of the trees in Carton Avenue. However it was proposed to list the trees for works in the next programme of works which would be compiled at the end of the year. The work would involve removal of the basal suckers in the trees. Due to the quantity of trees this may have to be phased over a number of years.



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Councillor Feeney stated that there was a lot of work that needed to be done as the trees were looking neglected.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.