



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District Meeting held on Friday, 01 September 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Boardroom**

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

**Attended Via Teams** Councillor N Ó Cearúil.

**Officials Present:** Mr. C Galvin (A/District Manager) Senior Engineer, Environment, Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. D Hodgins (A/Director of Services, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces), Mr. J McGowan (Senior Engineer, Roads Design), Mr. A Gaynor (Economic Development Officer at Merits), Ms. S Farrar (Administrative Officer Housing Department), Ms. A Keaveney (A/Senior Engineer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm), Ms. P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms. S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CM01/0923**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

There were no declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.



**CM02/0923**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the annual and monthly Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 07 July 2023, the special Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 28 July 2023 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members, the minutes of the annual and monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 07 July 2023 and the special Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 28 July 2023 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**CM03/0923**

**Municipal District Works**

The District Engineer gave an update on the Municipal District roadworks, informing the members of the following:

- Surface dressing was almost complete, with the outstanding Prosperous Road, Clane resurfacing due to be carried out next Monday.
- Alexandra Bridge would be next.
- Sallins to Clane would follow with diversions on the R148 and works would be carried out in two sections.
- Road lining in Maynooth was also planned.
- The same contractor would be carrying out all works.
- Traffic restrictions would be in place for the Irish Open, a shuttle bus would be operating and Gardai would be at various junctions.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired if there would be any monies remaining.

The District Engineer advised there was a shortage of skilled labour. Work was arranged at a fixed price and when remeasured if measured less, the charge would be less and if measured more the charge would be more. Johnstownbridge needed an amount of works to bring it to a reasonable standard, so monies were needed there. If there was money left over then other requests could be looked at.



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Councillor Feeney enquired about an area on the R148 at Carton, in relation to the installation of a footpath from the hard shoulder to the bus stop or alternatively for the bus stop to be moved to the Carton gate.

Councillor Durkan also enquired if the Municipal District Engineer could contact Carton in relation to a large section of wall at Carton which is collapsing.

### LPT Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2022 and 2023.

### General Works

Surface dressing has now been completed for 2023. Grass cutting at junctions to maintain sightlines has been carried out over the last few weeks and will be continuing as required.

<b>Restoration Improvement Schemes 2023</b>				
<b>Road Class</b>	<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Road Name and Townland Name</b>	<b>Length Road (m)</b>	<b>Status</b>
R	403	Brockagh	1,000	Onsite
R	403	Prosperous Road Clane	750	Awarded
R	415	Kilmeague	900	Completed
R	407	Sallins Road Clane	530	Awarded
R	415	Allen	500	Completed
L	7081	Healys Bridge	900	Onsite
L	70733	Bluetown	800	Onsite
L	70761	Green Lane	800	Completed
R	402	Johnstownbridge	1,000	Awarded
R	401	Ballygibbon	500	Completed
L	5012	Kilmurray , Kilshanroe	1,000	Onsite
L	1003	Martinstown	1,000	Deferred
L	1002	Tandargee	750	Completed
L	1002	Broadford	600	Completed
L	1013	Old Dunboyne Road	500	Onsite
L	5039	Laragh Courtown (changed to Kilcock)	700	Onsite
L:	1017	Derryvarroe	1,500	Complete



## Restoration Maintenance Schemes 2023

### Surface Dressing

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
R	R414	Barnaran	1,250	Completed
L	L41400	Drumsru	960	Completed
L	L1005	Knoccurr	1,800	Completed
L	L5015	Kinnafad	1,800	Completed
L	L5021	Island Road	2,000	Completed
L	L5008	Derryart	1,000	Completed
L	L5025	Drehid	1,000	Completed
R	R405	Celbridge Road	1,000	Deferred
L	L5035	Painstown	850	Completed
L	L5039	Clonfert	1,000	Completed
L	L5041	Ballycurraghan	1,250	Deferred
L	L5054	Ballygoran	2,000	Completed
L	L5053	Railpark	1,200	Completed
L	L5074	Ballynafagh	2,000	Completed
L	L1019	Corduff	1,320	Completed
L	L50131	Killyon	700	Completed
L	L5013	Dunfiert	1,100	Completed
L	L89994	Clonagh	1,180	Completed
L	L5028	Ballycaghan	1,550	Completed
L	L5031	Ballycannon	1,150	Deferred
L	L1019	Blackwood	1,000	Completed
L	L1007	Ballyvoneen	1,050	Completed
L	L1010	Loughtown	1,250	Completed
L	L5070	Hodgestown	1,200	Completed

## Climate Action Schemes 2023

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
L	1017	Derryvarouge	3,500	Completed
L	5025	Timahoe West	1,000	Completed
L	5051	Rahan to Edenderry	1,000	Completed



## Former National Road Schemes 2023

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
R	148	Killeighter	1,500	Awarded

## Safety Improvement Schemes 2023

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
R	148	Killeighter Cross	NA	Design
R	407	Baltreacy Cross	NA	Design
L	5025	Drehid Cross	NA	Design

### Footpath Works Completed in 2023

- R157 Dunboyne Road Maynooth
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- Bridge Street Kilcock
- Abbeyfields Estate Kilcock
- Highfield Estate Kilcock
- Cluain Aoibhinn/College Green Maynooth
- R148 Church Street Kilcock
- Footpath Repairs Coill Dubh

#### Contract 1

- Central Park Avenue, Clane
- Central Park Way, Clane
- Churchfield, Clane
- Ardnagappagh, Clane
- Hillview, Clane
- College Grove, Clane
- Collegewood Park, Clane

#### Contract 2

- Lios An Rí, Clogherinka
- Ashgrove, Derrinturn



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- Ashmount, Derrinturn
- Graces Pk, Derrinturn

### Contract 3

- An Crochan, Clane - Footpaths
- Clonwood Heights, Clane - Footpaths
- Meadow Court Estate, Clane - Footpaths
- The Cloisters, Clane - Footpaths
- Collegewood Manor, Clane – Footpaths

### Contract 4 2023

- Oatfield Park, Clane - Footpaths
- Otommy, Clane – Footpaths
- Oak lawns, Kilmeague - Footpaths
- Butterstream, Clane - Footpaths
- Killybegs Manor, Prosperous - Footpaths
- Maple Toft Close, Prosperous– Footpaths
- R125 Bridge Street Kilcock Footpaths
- Old Dunboyne Road Footpaths

### Tendered Footpath works.

- R403, Clane - Footpath
- Clonwood Heights - Footpath
- Painstown cross - Footpath
- R148, Carton Maynooth – Footpath
- R407, Baltreacy Cross - Improvement to sight lines

The report was noted.



**CM04/0923**

**Allocation of residual LPT**

The members considered the allocation of residual LPT. It was agreed by the members that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Municipal District, which will be held on 06 October 2023.

**CM05/0923**

**Section 38 – Traffic Calming Measures at Maynooth North-South Corridor**

To note Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994 (as amended) – the Submissions Report on proposed traffic calming measures at Maynooth North-South Corridor–Mill Street Active Travel Scheme, Maynooth. The report had been previously circulated to the members. It was agreed by the members that the report be noted.

**CM06/0923**

**Footpath between Staplestown Village and St. Kevin's GAA**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.  
That the council install a footpath between Staplestown Village and St. Kevin's GAA funded by recent Development Levies.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District office does not have the resources to install a footpath between Staplestown Village and St. Kevin's GAA.

Councillor Weld did not accept the report and said planning permissions had been granted, levies were paid and therefore the monies should be there. He did not understand why a number of planning permissions were not in compliance with conditions. It appeared there were conditions on planning permissions, developers were paying levies and then there were no footpaths installed. Councillor Weld requested an answer and also requested this item to remain on the Progress Report. A footpath was badly needed as many children use



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this route. A person was knocked down and badly injured at this location. The council need to go back and look at these planning permissions.

Councillor Wyse added a similar situation had occurred in Allenwood in relation to levies paid and works not carried out, and if the two works could be carried out together, that would optimise resources.

The District Engineer advised the members he would engage with the Planning Department in relation to whether levies were paid for works to be carried out by the council or whether it was conditioned for the Developer to install, in this case, the footpath.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members that the report be noted and for this item to remain on the Progress Report.

### **CM07/0923**

#### **Bus Terminal in Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton. That the council begin proper planning for a bus terminal in Maynooth with adequate capacity to support both current and planned significant increases in volume and quality of public transport, and inclusion of this plan in the LAP process.

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

A report was received from the Roads Project Team in the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members they are in the process of finalising an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Maynooth and Environs. As part of this ABTA, future public transport, including provision for a bus terminal (or interchange) was analysed. Two locations for an interchange were considered during the ABTA process:

1. A bus interchange at Market Square or;
2. A bus/train interchange at the train station





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Following negative feedback during the second round of consultation on the Market Square bus interchange idea, it was decided to progress the second option, a bus/ train interchange at the train station in the final ABTA. This option is described in the ABTA document as follows:

### 3.4.2.6.4 Option 9D - New bus rail interchange

Kildare County Council will work collaboratively with the National Transport Authority and Irish Rail to agree and implement a new bus rail interchange at Maynooth Train Station. This option would involve the relocation of general parking at Maynooth Train Station to a new Western Train Station delivered under Dart+ West. Kildare County Council will also collaborate with the NTA to agree the new and proposed bus services that could use this new interchange.

The ABTA is a non-statutory document, however, the measures outlined in the ABTA will be transcribed into the upcoming Draft Maynooth and Environs Local Area Plan 2023-2029 (Joint LAP).

Councillor Hamilton mentioned the following:

- Looked for the Members support in this matter.
- Service provision was poor, whilst at the same time encouraging everyone to shift to Public Transport.
- During a recent visit to town of Bracknall, which was same size as Kilcock, he observed six buses parked in a row, pointing out Maynooth is actually three times the size of Bracknall.
- Market Square was a landmark in the town.
- Rail Station was the other option, could enlarge what was there and extend existing parking area and for this to be looked at in the Local Area Plan.

Councillor Feeney supported the motion along with the suggestion to extend what was already there, and it was important for Maynooth to be prioritised. Also having lived in Maynooth all her life, the previous reference to Market Square should be referred to as Carton House Square.



Councillor Durkan supported the motion and suggested contact be made with local land owners, Maynooth College, to provide some service.

Mr. D Hodgins advised the members he was in favour of the re-allocation of road space, but reliability was what was important, not speed and a frustration developed when services were unreliable. He advised the members that buses were a priority, but a Mobility Hub located at the Train Station would result in a reduction of car parking spaces.

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

### **CM08/0923**

#### **Road markings outside the school in Allenwood**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council repaint the road markings outside the school in Allenwood in the interest of student safety.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for the existing road markings to be refreshed.

Councillor Fitzpatrick commended the District Engineer for all the works undertaken at schools at Millicent, Clane and Allenwood in relation to visibility and road markings. He also added the hot rolled asphalt (HRA) was worn at Allenwood School site, especially at the Edenderry side and this needed a lift.

The District Engineer agreed and advised the members he would review and look at getting new markings.

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



**CM09/0923**

**Repair works to Canal Bridges**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council carry out repair works, at the earliest possible date, to canal bridges impacted by multiple collisions in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads Design, Projects Team informing the members bridges over canals are the responsibility of Waterways Ireland. The council work closely with our contacts in Waterways Ireland if damage has been identified to a bridge so repairs can be scheduled by them. Sometimes Waterways Ireland have to issue a tender for these works to appoint a contractor so it can take some time for the repair works to be completed.

The members raised the following:

- Recent bridge strike at Healys Bridge in need of repair.
- Previous damage was caused to bridges at Derrymullen and Cock Bridge.
- Questioned whether it was a signage issue.
- These occurrences cannot continue.
- A situation could arise similar to Caragh Bridge resulting in the bridges having to close for repairs for a long period.
- Engagement with Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail in an effort to reduce incidents.
- The size of vehicles had increased.

The District Engineer advised the members in some cases it could be driver error or speed. He had ad been waiting eighteen months or longer for Waterways Ireland to engage.

Mr. D Hodgins advised the members the environment on the bridges had changed and it was difficult to control.



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**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by the members that the report be noted. It was agreed by the members letters be written to Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail inviting them to come in for a discussion.

### CM10/0923

#### **Removal of large tree which has fallen during Storm Betty**

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

That the council work with Manor Mills, Maynooth to have the large tree removed that has fallen during Storm Betty.

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

A report was received from The Parks Section informing the members they have been in contact with a representative from Manor Mills Shopping Centre. It has been established that the fallen tree is located on property under the ownership of the Shopping Centre and Maynooth University. Therefore the removal is a matter for both property owners.

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

### CM11/0923

#### **Re-allocate road space on the L1023 Ballinagappa Road**

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

That the council re-allocate road space on the L1023 Ballinagappa Road approaching Main Street, Clane, to improve sustainable travel by replacing five in-line parking spaces with double yellow lines.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members if the members are in agreement, then a Section 38 process can be commenced.



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Councillor McEvoy advised the members he was not clear on the mechanism required in relation to nearby local traders receiving complaints from customers about damage to their vehicles by passing vehicles. There was a general demand and request for something to be done and enquired if a Section 38 could be commenced. He also advised there were over 1,000 parking spaces in Clane.

Mr. J McGowan enquired if those spaces were private and Councillor McEvoy confirmed that they were.

The District Engineer advised the members a Section 38 or bye-law was needed if the members were in agreement.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members that the report be noted. It was agreed by the members that a Section 38 be commenced.

### CM12/0923

#### **Signage to alert drivers on the L5077 Butterstream Lane**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
That the council install signage to alert drivers on the L5077 Butterstream Lane to take account of walkers between Nancy's Lane and Prosperous Road, Clane.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer would arrange for signs to be erected.

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



**CM13/0923**

**'Children at Play' or equivalent road signs**

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

That the council install 'Children at Play' or equivalent road signs on either side of the approach road leading to Prosperous United grounds in Ballinafagh, Prosperous.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer would organise appropriate signs to make cars aware of the presence of pedestrians in this area.

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

**CM14/0923**

**Resurfacing works in Fr Murphy Park, Robertstown**

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

That the council consider resurfacing works in Fr Murphy Park, Robertstown.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer would carry out an inspection and schedule appropriate action following this inspection.

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



**CM15/0923**

**Attenuation pond area in Radharc na hEaglais Estate**

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

That the council make safe the attenuation pond area in Radharc na hEaglais Estate in Derrinturn where a child sustained serious injury while cycling in it recently.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members this attenuation pond was constructed by the developer in line with the planning permission for the development. This attenuation pond is in line with SUDS and is the approved method of drainage management.

Councillor Wyse commented this was not the only one of its kind in the County. Although in line with SuDs (Sustainable Drainage Systems) there was no Guidance Document. Dublin City Council had a new, good document on SuDs which should be referred to. This attenuation pond area was being used as a BMX Track, which it was not, and he had seen young people at this location covered head to toe in muck. The safety of toddlers also needed to be taken into account. He suggested consulting with the District Manager on this issue in an effort to see if something could be done at that level.

Mr. C Galvin informed the members he had experience of working in local Authorities in the area involving SuDs and he would take away their views and comments. There was different types of infrastructure which needed to be looked at.

The District Engineer also mentioned this was not the only one of its kind in the County.

Councillor McEvoy added there was also such an area in Naas.

Councillor Wyse added there were four Pillars within the SuDs Guidance and one of those was Amenity and again suggested the Dublin City Council Document should be consulted.



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Councillor Durkan referred to Millerstown, Kilcock which had a substantial similar attenuation pond.

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

### **CM16/0923**

#### **Resurfacing works on the R125**

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

That the council undertake resurfacing works on the R125 from Courtown Roundabout to the Clane Roundabout (R125 Roundabout with M4 slip road) in Kilcock.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer would assess this road and consider it for inclusion in the roads programme for 2024 if required.

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

### **CM17/0923**

#### **Traffic calming measures at Laraghbryan West, Maynooth**

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

That the council install traffic calming measures at Laraghbryan West, Maynooth given the number of accidents at this location in recent years.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer would carry out a survey in line with our traffic calming





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guidelines. The results of this survey will determine the appropriate course of action to be taken.

Councillor Durkan mentioned he had brought this up several times before and he welcomed the report.

The District Engineer advised the members he had engaged with An Garda Síochana in relation to an initial speed survey and the cause of some accidents.

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

### CM18/0923

#### Speed ramp on Fagan's Lane, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council install a speed ramp on Fagan's Lane, Maynooth to counter excessive speeding.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer would carry out a survey in line with our traffic calming guidelines. The results of this survey will determine the appropriate course of action to be taken.

Councillor Ó Cearúil mentioned there was quite a lot of speeding at this location, with people also going the wrong way. He had been in touch with An Garda Síochana in relation to this matter and the road needed to be made safe for vulnerable road users. He suggested two ramps, one on each side, but he would leave this decision to the District Engineer.



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The District Engineer advised the members he would review the area, consult with Councillor Ó Cearúil and look and see what could be done.

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

### CM19/0923

#### **EV charger installation in Maynooth Town Centre council car park**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
Can the council provide an update and timeline for completion of the EV charger installation in Maynooth Town Centre council car park, in conjunction with the ESB?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer was in contact with ESB networks on the timeline for the connection.

Councillor Hamilton said he was hopeful for an update and appreciated ESB were hard to deal with. The council were way behind on decarbonisation and need to get this done.

The District Engineer advised the members that application was made in November 2022, works commenced in April 2023, ESB were paid five days ago and the wait continues. The update was, on Tuesday connection to the sub-station was due to be carried out and then join the queue to get the fuse installed.

The report was noted.

### CM20/0923

#### **Safety and active transport upgrade of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
Can the council outline if there is a mechanism to allow it to seed fund the urgent safety and active transport upgrade of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth for pedestrians and cyclists?



A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members funding of €10,000 was provided by the National Transport Authority for the scheme in 2023. The Sustainable Transport Section is preparing the relevant documentation for NTA approval to progress to a public consultation process in Q4 2023. Once NTA approval is received then the scheme can be put on display for a statutory Part 8 consultation process. It is usual for the NTA to await the outcome of the public consultation process before committing to funding further works on a Project. The Sustainable Transport Section has confirmed to the NTA, the elected members desire to proceed with the scheme as soon as possible. The current projected construction cost of the entire NTA funded Sustainable Transport portfolio is in excess of €130M with an annual allocation promised of €10M. Therefore, there is little scope to prioritising singular schemes unless funding allocations are increased, and the scheme has completed its consultation and detailed design phases. Any process to fund schemes, outside of the national allocation from the NTA, would require the Council to fund the entire design and construction costs from within our revenue budget.

Councillor Hamilton said it was good to have had €10,000 to get started. Active Transport was a top priority and he welcomed the Part 8 process in Q4.

Mr. D Hodgins informed the members he acknowledged the question and a lengthy answer was provided. However, the update is, there was not sufficient funding to progress. There was no approval from the National Transport Authority to proceed and they have asked for additional analysis on the route.

Councillor Hamilton responded and said the members would discuss and decide what was advisable.

The report was noted.



**CM21/0923**

**Remedial work on the Lullymore Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out remedial work on the Lullymore Road just before the heritage centre in light of flooding at this location?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer would assess this location and if works are required, they will be arranged.

Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked the District Engineer for the report and requested he came back to him after he visits the location. He also mentioned there was constant flooding on both sides of the road.

The report was noted.

**CM22/0923**

**Proposed road improvements to businesses on Mill Street**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
Can the council confirm if it has pro-actively reached out to the businesses on Mill Street in relation to the proposed road improvements?

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members all businesses on Mill Street including the asset managers of the Manor Mills shopping centre were notified by postal letter of the Section 38 associated with the Active Travel Scheme and proposed changes to the road layout and streetscape. Two submissions were received from two of the businesses as part of the Section 38 consultation process. Discussions and site meetings have taken place with the two businesses to go through the proposed changes and discuss their concerns.

Councillor Ó Cearúil thanked the Sustainable Transport Team for the report. He appreciated it was hard to get responses given that only two responses came back. He thanked the section for going out to meet the businesses.



The report was noted.

**CM23/0923**

**Review of the 139 Bus Service**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council confirm if it has been consulted on the review of the 139 bus service between Naas and Blanchardstown, given that people are seeking improvements to the hours of operation, the frequency and the capacity of the service and possible linkages with the requirements of other public transport users?

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members neither the National Transport Authority nor the bus operator has contacted the Sustainable Transport Section in relation to the review being undertaken.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the Sustainable Transport Team for the report and for the answer given. This was a public spirited campaign to raise awareness in the Community. He suggested submissions from Councillors be sent to the National Transport Authority.

Mr. D Hodgins informed the members this was a Public Service Obligation (PSO) initiative. He agreed with the decision to make the NTA aware of the public support for this service in the Municipal District.

The report was noted.

**CM24/0923**

**Reinstate the yellow box at the R407-L2004**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council confirm if it plans to reinstate the yellow box at the R407-L2004 junction of Millicent and Sallins Roads, Clane?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer had sent the request to remark the yellow box to the road marking contractor.



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The report was noted.

### **CM25/0923**

#### **Bus shelter in Coill Dubh village**

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

Can the council provide an estimated timeline for the replacement of the bus shelter in Coill Dubh village which is in a state of disrepair?

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members the replacement of this bus shelter is programmed to be undertaken in Q3 2024. Fifteen new locations have been prioritised in 2023 across the county.

Councillor Wyse requested the replacement of the bus shelter in Coill Dubh be prioritised.

Mr. D Hodgins advised if there was an option to expedite this work, this would be done.

The report was noted.

### **CM26/0923**

#### **Upgrading of the M4 Motorway and interchange Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an update on the upgrading of the M4 Motorway and interchange Maynooth?

A report was received from the National Roads Office informing the members of the following:

#### **Maynooth to Leixlip Project**

The project held a public consultation on the shortlist of options in September 2022. A further and more detailed assessment is currently underway to identify the emerging preferred option from the shortlisted options presented at the consultation. It is hoped the emerging preferred option will be identified by the end of 2023.



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Full details of the previous consultation and other project information are available on the project website: <https://maynoothleixlip.ie/>

### **M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measure Pilot project**

The M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot project has approved Part 8 planning in Q1 2023. The project team is currently preparing tender documentation to carry out the procurement for technical advisors required to complete the detailed design, which is required prior to tendering and construction. Progress of this project is subject to relevant funding and approvals. Further detail can be found at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-proposed-m4-bus-priority-measures-planning-ref-p8202220>

The District Engineer informed the members of update on the report provided as Follows:

M4 Resurface West bound commencement date 18 September.

North West Carraige will be closed for 3 weeks between 21.00hrs and 06.00hrs.

Westbound to be carried out in 5-7 stages. The works will be managed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, National Roads Office and Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

### **CM27/0923**

#### **Playground in Straffan**

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

Can the council update the members on the provision of a playground in Straffan?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members further to the report issues in relation to this, in May a meeting was held with Straffan GAA regarding locating a playground within their grounds. The club have a identified an area within the site but the progression of this would be subject to the club redeveloping their existing changing facilities. Additionally Kildare County Council would need to identify a budget to deliver the playground and any work required to deliver the playground will have to be considered in the context of other project commitments within the Municipal District and across the county.



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Councillor Feeney thanked the Parks Section for the report and notwithstanding funding needs, she was happy to discuss and had some possible suggestions from the local community.

The report was noted.

### **CM28/0923**

#### **Communication Boards and Wheelchair Accessible equipment**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.  
Can the council update members on the installation of Communication Boards and Wheelchair Accessible equipment in Prosperous Town Park?

A report was received from Parks Section informing the members quotations for the installation of a Communication Board for another pilot site in Athy are currently awaited. Upon review of the received quotations, it is planned to progress with the receipt of quotations for the installation of the Communication Board in Prosperous Town Park. It will be installed before the end of the year. The wheelchair-accessible swing is on order and we are awaiting confirmation of an installation date from the supplier.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Parks Section for the report and explained that along with Councillor Wyse they had co-funded the wheelchair-accessible swing and the local people were looking forward to this facility. She urged that the pressure for this be kept up.

Mr. S Wallace informed the members it was anticipated to take six to eight weeks for delivery and installation. In the next couple of months works would be complete.

The report was noted.

### **CM29/0923**

#### **Playground at the Bawnogues, Kilcock**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.  
Can the council provide a comprehensive update on the design/equipment for the new playground at the Bawnogues, Kilcock; and a timeline going forward?





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A report was received from Parks Section informing the members design proposals for the new playground are complete. A tender for the construction of the new playground is to be completed. Upon completion of the tender process, the date for commencement of construction will be subject to a lead time as advised by the winning tenderer. It is likely to be Summer 2024 before the playground is delivered.

Councillor Ward said the report was positive news, a budget was secured and design is now complete, also a tender process and delivery of the playground in Summer 2024.

He also commented, the last reply he had on this issue was in June and works were due to begin before the end of this year and now works have been pushed back.

Mr. S Wallace informed the members a Bill of Quantities had been commenced and it was anticipated to be more than previously calculated. There was a programme of works to be done commencing with Allenwood on 11 September and the Soccer Club, Kilcock ongoing and the Athletic Track. There were problems with Allenwood and that was why this was pushed on.

Councillor Ward said he would like to be able to give hope to people waiting on the playground and it would be beneficial if the design could be made available.

Mr. S Wallace informed the members he would circulate the design to the members.  
The report was noted.

The members agreed Item 30 (Public Realm Projects update, Item 32 Motion Councillor Feeney (Community Amenities in Maynooth) and Item 34 Question Councillor Ó Cearúil (Harbour Field) could be taken together.

### **CM30/0923**

#### **Public Realm Projects**

A report had been circulated to the members in relation to an update on Public Realm Projects.

#### **Item 32 Community amenities in Maynooth**

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

That the council provide members with a detailed plan with timelines for the provision of planned community amenities in Maynooth, including a Community Centre and the Harbour Field project, following the recent Urban Regeneration and Development Fund funding announcement.

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

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members in 2022, a Preliminary Business Case was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage satisfying the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. The Preliminary Business Case was approved for Decision Gate 1 of the Public Spending Code in July. Approval has now been granted to advance the subprojects to the next stages, determined by the Department. An update on each individual subproject, including next steps, is set out in the Public Realm Projects report attached to item 30. It is premature at this point to provide timelines until the additional workload is factored into the Strategic Projects and Public Realm (SPPR) work programme.

Ref	Subproject Title	Approved To:
A	Maynooth Town Centre Renewal – Strengthening the Grid – Town Renewal Masterplan (TRMP)	Proceed to tender for the preparation of the Town Renewal Masterplan, aligned with Town Centre First policy
B	District Heating Exploration project in the historic grid town centre – Feasibility study and report on the potential for a scheme to serve the commercial and residential community	Proceed with consultation with residents and building owners and to tender for the preparation of a feasibility study and report
C	Potential pilot project- participatory urban design with NUIM academics and students –	Proceed with consultation with stakeholders and the community for participatory urban design pilot project and to tender for design team



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	may include development of an online platform	
E	Development of Key Town renewal projects	On completion of the Masterplan process, a copy of the Masterplan and a Preliminary Business Case must be submitted to the Department on the priority projects identified through that process for further development.
F	Harbourfield Park – redevelopment of existing park and canal walkway	Proceed to tender for the design team and subsequently with detailed design and secure all necessary permissions/consents.

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

### Item 34 Harbour Field

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.  
Can the council clarify what is happening with the Harbour Field and when we expect to see progress on the agreed plans?

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members the Strategic Projects and Public Realm (SPPR) team will need to procure a Landscape Architect led design team to develop the project Post Part 8 to completion. For this Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) stage, funding has been secured to bring this project to detailed design and tender stages. It would be premature to indicate a timeline at this juncture. All elements of the Maynooth town Centre Renewal Project which will now progress, will need to be factored into the SPPR work programme.

Ms. P Pender informed the members a document had been previously circulated to them in relation to an update on Public Realm Projects and if there were any questions she could take them.



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Councillor Feeney thanked Ms. Pender for the report and enquired about what was happening with Harbour Field. Was there a timeline for the Community Centre as she would like to go back to the people with some hope or movement.

Councillor Ó Cearúil said there was huge frustration and indicative timelines were needed. There was such fanfare about the Harbour Field Project and more needed to be done to push this along.

Ms. P Pender thanked the members for their comments of the revised preliminary business case for the Maynooth Town Centre Renewal Project was made to the Department in November 2022 and notification came through a few weeks ago that the revised Preliminary Business Case was approved to the next stage. The intention was to meet with the Director before the next Municipal District meeting to discuss how this now fits into the SPPR work programme.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired about any progress in relation to the Grand Canal Greenway.

Ms. A. Keaveney informed the members that they were dealing with Waterways Ireland. Waterways Ireland will be undertaking some of the more environmentally sensitive works from Lock 20 to the Offaly border early next year. The tender for the remaining tow path works was due to be published late November 2023. A Part 8 was required for 2 additional bridges, which would be launched in November, Part 8 for the Sallins tie-in, linking Phase 1 and 2 of the Greenway, launched in October.

Councillor Wyse enquired about Hazel Hatch to Sallins works. He advised students would be able to use this location for access to local schools. He requested Ticknevin and schools in Edenderry be prioritised.

Ms. A. Keaveney informed the members the timeline was the end of March 2024, minus the bridge in Rathangan, as additional funding from the Department was required. She advised that four crews were currently in place, could look at resources and perhaps put one or two crews at the Travellers Rest.



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Councillor McEvoy informed the members he would always endorse a tourism aspect but the biggest amenity users are the local people.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired about the possibility of updating each of the Municipal Districts on any progress.

Ms. P Pender said that Public Realm could facilitate this.

It was agreed by the members this item was to remain on the Progress Report.  
The report was noted.

### **CM31/0923**

#### **Retrofitting works in the council houses in Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney.  
That the council carry out retrofitting works in the council houses in Maynooth to assist in achieving the objectives of the decarbonisation zone for the town.

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

A report was received from Housing Section informing the members Kildare County Council have been participating in the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme for the past three years. The programme is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Under Circular 22/2023 received from the Department 31 May 2023, Kildare County Council have been allocated 86 Units for 2023. We have targeted the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District area for 2023 retrofits. Greenfield Estate, Maynooth was included in this regard, 52 tenants were invited and to date only 6 tenants have accepted. Works are scheduled to commence the first week of September to these houses. We may find once works commence that more tenants in Greenfields may opt in for energy upgrade works to their homes. Housing Maintenance welcome the Councillors support in encouraging tenants to participate in the retrofit Scheme.



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Councillor Feeney welcomed the report and enquired as to what was entailed to get more households to engage. Need to encourage the oldest council stock to participate as part of meeting the decarbonization targets.

Councillor Hamilton also supported the motion and added 87 Units in 2023 was good news but he would like more. He suggested the six success stories could be used to promote participation.

Councillor McEvoy said there had been little or no dialogue or communication from the Climate Officer.

Councillor Wyse mentioned some people have had Solar Panels installed and others have had House Wrapping. Perhaps a small video would inspire people, demonstrating the costs before and the savings after. If a neighbour said they were an early adopter then this would create a local trust factor.

Councillor Durkan mentioned Heat Pumps and Smart Meters which created a €120 saving.

Ms. S Farrar informed the members she would bring their comments back to the Housing Maintenance Team. Works were due to start next week. Six accepting tenants may seem small but different work would be carried out in each property, from light bulbs to heat pumps. She will ask Mr. P Kealy, Engineer to give the members a call and would also mention the suggestion of creating a promotional video.

Councillor Feeney commended the positive outcomes here in encouraging people to engage and she was looking forward to the call.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that the report be noted and that Mr P Kealy, Engineer contact members.



**CM32/0923**

**Village health checks for Johnstownbridge and Derrinturn**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
That the council provide the latest drafts of the village health checks which are being completed for Johnstownbridge and Derrinturn and outline the progress made to date on the accessibility checks which are being carried out as part of the health checks.

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

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members there are 6 Health Check/Urban Design and Town Renewal Plans currently in final edits with Johnstownbridge and Derrinturn part of bundle. The 6 Plans are progressing simultaneously with edits now in the final stages. Edits include a review of the mapping prepared, the photographs selected and alignment with the County Development Plan and other strategic documents which have developed since these Plans commenced. Accessibility checks in consultation with Kildare County Council Accessibility Officer and relevant community groups will take place at detailed design stage.

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

**CM33/0923**

**Small Village Renewal Masterplans, Allenwood, Coill Dubh, Kilmeague and Robertstown**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
Can the council confirm when the draft copies of the Small Village Renewal Masterplans for Allenwood, Coill Dubh, Kilmeague and Robertstown will be made available to the elected members, and if the associated traffic survey works have been completed and were used to inform the drafts?



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A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members a presentation to the elected members is scheduled for Friday 01 September following the Municipal District meeting. A Draft of each Small Village Renewal Masterplan will be presented to the members for their comments which will feed into the draft document. A public consultation piece will then take place. It is proposed that one suitable venue is selected to host a public consultation piece for the four Masterplans, rather than four individual events.

The report was noted.

### **CM34/0923**

#### **Delivery of Crèche spaces during the Maynooth Local Area Plan**

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

That the council set up a working group from all relevant departments and stakeholders to ensure additional crèche spaces will be delivered during the Maynooth Local Area Plan.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members the Maynooth and Environs Joint Local Area Plan will be informed by a Social Infrastructure Audit which will provide a current needs and future demand analysis for the provision of social infrastructure (including Creches) in Maynooth over the lifetime of the plan. The LAP will identify the most optimum lands/locations where such facilities should be provided. It should also be noted that the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 requires the provision of creche facilities as part of the first phase of all new developments. The SIA for Maynooth and Environs will be published as an accompanying document to the LAP and will be publicly available.

Councillor Durkan accepted the report while also referring to the lack of crèche spaces and empty buildings where crèches had been planned. This issue should also be put out to other Local Area Plans.

Councillor Feeney advised of a campaign for many years and parents could not secure





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crèche spaces. Young families were moving into developments having been promised crèche spaces, and this trend could also be seen outside of Maynooth. Parents were having to take career breaks due to the lack of crèche spaces. As part of the planning permission, Kildare County Council should require that crèches be put in, in the first phase.

Councillor Hamilton advised he was in full support of the motion. There had been significant family changes and the remedies being looked at were long term. Could planning permissions be looked at to enquire if anything could be done in the short term.

Councillor McEvoy suggested referring to the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) as phased conditions were not being seen on the ground.

Mr. C Galvin informed the members he would consult with the planners where conditions were not being complied with.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the report be noted and to remain on the Progress Report.

### CM35/0923

#### Mullen Park Estate in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council provide an update as to when Mullen Park Estate in Maynooth will be completed and what engagement has taken place with the developer?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members the Development Control Section are in on-going liaison with the developers of Mullen Park, Maynooth. The developers have outlined that it is their intention to complete the roads and open spaces in the occupied sections of the estate in the coming months. The extremely wet conditions in July impacted on their ability to complete the landscaping and they are now waiting for the areas to dry sufficiently to allow them to landscape. In the interim, they have agreed to sweep all the roads and keep clean and will put up the road signs in coming days. The remaining phases of the estate are expected to complete in the next 24 months.



The report was noted.

**CM36/0923**

**Parking lot in Doctor's Lane, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
Can the council provide an update on the status of the locked parking lot in Doctor's Lane, Maynooth, the provision of which was understood to be a planning condition for a restaurant/bar development in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members, this file is currently under review and we would revert to members with an update on completion of the review report.

Councillor Hamilton informed the members this car park was opened two years ago and now it was closed again. The opening of this car park would solve a lot of problems in relation to spaces. He questioned why the gates were now locked and signs removed.

Mr. C Galvin advised the members to await the report.

The report was noted.

It was agreed by the members to take Items 40, 41 and 42 next.

**CM37/0923**

**Wastewater Treatment Plants**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.  
Can the council provide a progress report on the wastewater treatment plants at Ballagh Woods, Donadea and The Close, Tirmoghan, Donadea?

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members the Council continues to monitor and carry out work on the Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) across the county including the plants at Ballagh Woods, Donadea and The Close, Tirmoghan, Donadea. This is done to prevent Public Health issues and to prevent pollution of the receiving environment. The council continues to seek long term solutions for these



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sites across the county including seeking funding sources to complete works in many cases. The minister announced funding for Developer Provided Infrastructure in June, and while a couple of sites in Kildare were on the list the sites listed above were not included. We will continue to seek a long term solution for the DPI sites across the county.

Councillor Weld said he did not accept the report. He outlined his question was in relation to Ballagh Wood, Donadea and The Close, Tirmoghan, Donadea and he wanted an answer specifically in relation to those areas. He requested an update on these two locations to be sent to him.

The report was noted.

### **CM38/0923**

#### **Provision of land for Cloncurry Cemetery**

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the provision of land for Cloncurry Cemetery?

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members the land is being assessed and discussions are ongoing in relation to the land.

The report was noted.

### **CM39/0923**

#### **Health Centre in Derrinturn**

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

Can the council provide an update on works being carried out at the old Health Centre in Derrinturn?

A report was received from the Community Section informing the members Kildare County Council is continuing to work with the contractors in order to complete the works to Carbury Community Centre as soon as possible. There have been delays due to the ESB however the connection agreement for the electricity supply has been signed and returned to ESB Networks and is scheduled into their work programme for connection to the community centre at the earliest possible date.



Councillor Fitzpatrick said he had been to the location of the old Health Centre in Carbury and there was not a thing going on there. He enquired had Kildare County Council engaged with the local community about the running costs and added Kildare County Council should carry the running costs. He also advised that the Community want this Centre.

Mr. C Galvin would follow up on this matter and revert back to Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
The report was noted.

### **CM40/0923**

#### **Proposed business campus in Kilcock**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
Can the council provide an update and progress report on the proposed business campus in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Economic Development Officer Merits, Local Enterprise Office informing the members Kildare County Council has received an initial draft report on the “feasibility study to examine the use of lands at Duncreevan Townland, Kilcock, Co. Kildare”. The report is currently being reviewed with a view to providing further edits to the consultants. It is anticipated the report will be finalised in advance of the next Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting in October.

Mr. A Gaynor informed the members the “Feasibility Study to Examine the Use of Lands at Duncreevan Townland, Kilcock, County Kildare” was at draft stage and it was anticipated this would be available at the next Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting.  
The report was noted.

### **CM41/0923**

#### **Bottle Banks**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.  
Can the council update members as to the number and location of bottle banks in this municipal district and outline the criteria for the installation of new bottle banks?



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A report was received from the Environment Awareness Officer informing the members Recycling Banks are located at the following twelve sites in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District:

- Broadford (opposite KCC depot)
- Clane GAA
- Clane Supervalu
- Clogherinkoe GAA
- Dag Welds public house
- Kilcock GAA
- Kilcock Tesco's
- Maynooth Aldi
- Maynooth KCC carpark
- Maynooth Tesco
- Rathcoffey GAA
- St. Kevins GAA, Staplestown

Environment section looks at potential sites for recycling banks through the planning process, particularly commercial and community applications, and will condition the site for banks where appropriate. Many of the existing sites are developed by agreement with the landowner outside of the planning process as a facility for the wider community. The limiting factors for developing sites are proximity to dwellings (there must be a 50 metre setback) as well as access for the collection vehicle (sufficient turning space as well as no overhead cables). Sites must also be safe for the public to use in terms of access, lighting etc. The Environment section is always willing to look at proposals for new sites.

The report was noted.

### **CM42/0923**

#### **Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock**

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



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Can the council provide an update on the required sewage connection works necessary to be completed in Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock to the mainline sewage network?

A report was received from Water Services informing the members this was a matter for Uisce Éireann. The Councillor should contact Uisce Eireann directly via their dedicated email support address at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or by phoning 0818178178

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.