



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 01 December 2023 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber**

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

Remote Attendance: Councillor P Ward

Officials Present: Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr. S Deegan (Senior Engineer), Ms. P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr. J. Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. Katie Lane (Administrative Officer), Ms. P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. E McGrath (A/Administrative Officer), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Ms. S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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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.

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Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the Special Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 23 October 2023, the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 03 November together with the progress report.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members that the minutes of the Special Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 23 October 2023, the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 03 November be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

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Municipal District Works

The District Engineer gave an update on the Municipal District roadworks.

LPT Funding

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

General Works

General maintenance has been continuing over the last four weeks. Gully cleaning and drainage maintenance is currently being carried out with the crews. Leaf collection and sweeping is generating a number of request to the Municipal District office and we are currently working through this.

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



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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	Completed



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Safety Improvement Schemes 2023				
Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
R	148	Killeighter Cross	NA	Completed
R	407	Baltreacy Cross	NA	Completed
L	5025	Drehid Cross	NA	Completed

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
- Ashmount, Derrinturn
- Graces Pk, Derrinturn

Contract 3

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



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- Collegewood Manor, Clane – Footpaths

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- Oatfield Park, Clane - Footpaths
- Ottomy, Clane – Footpaths
- Oak lawns, Kilmeague - Footpaths
- Butterstream, Clane - Footpaths
- Killybegs Manor, Prosperous - Footpaths
- Maple Toft Close, Prosperous– Footpaths

Footpath works completed in September/October

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

Road works onsite/completed in November

- Aughamore entrance on R407
- R403 at Tesco
- Junction of the L5040 with R407
- Entrance to Fr Murphy Park, Roberstown

The report was noted.

CM04/1223

Brigid 1500 Festival

The members received an update on the programme for the 2024 Brigid 1500 Festival.

Ms. K. Lane outlined highlights in relation to the launch and media coverage of the 2024 Brigid 1500 Festival. Also informing the members that there were 101 Community and Creative Grant Applications received, with 58 Applications approved awarding over €188,000 to Creative and Community Groups across the county. The members were also informed of a number of Flagship Events which would be taking place in each Municipal District during the 2024 Brigid 1500 Festival from 27th January 2024 to 4th February 2024, details of which were available on www.brigid1500.ie



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A School's Resource Pack 'The Life and Times of St. Brigid' would be distributed to primary school children and will be available in both English and Irish languages. Circulation will also be through Kildare Education Network and available through Kildare Library Service and at www.brigid1500.ie

The members made the following comments:

- The launch of Brigid 1500 Festival at Barberstown Castle had been a wonderful event.
- Enquired if the rail and sail connection with the UK could be examined. This was an opportunity to promote sustainable transport.
- Could the use of sign language interpreters at events be examined.
- A social media strategy was key. Requested that the strategy be circulated to the members to show what the plans were.

The report was noted.

CM05/1223

Just Transition Tourism Scheme

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

Can the council provide an update on its proposals for funding under the Just Transition Tourism scheme in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are currently engaged with Failte Ireland in the early stages of the Just Transition Tourism Scheme and this engagement involves the prioritisation and agreement of projects across the two Municipal Districts in the Just Transition area. This prioritisation will likely mean that there will, initially, be one project put forward in each Municipal District with options currently being explored for the development of feasibility study to deliver an accessible walkway and interpretive route around and adjacent to Ballynafagh Lake. Other options within the Just Transition Programme are also being explored for the completion/development of an Eco Park in Robertstown.

The report was noted.



CM06/1223

Community Hub for Maynooth

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

That the council prepare a plan for the vacated fire brigade and council yard in tandem with the Harbourfield area to create a community hub for Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the provision for a community centre at the vacated fire brigade/council site in Maynooth is expected to emerge from the Town Renewal Masterplan for Maynooth as one of the ten key town renewal projects. The business case, which forms part of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) application, has recently been approved by the Department. It is expected that the Town Renewal Masterplan for Maynooth will take place in 2024. The timelines for the Harbourfield developments have yet to be finalised.

Councillor Feeney enquired if there was a timeline in relation to the Fire Brigade moving out, would it be six or twelve months.

Councillor O’Cearúil informed the members that there was a collective frustration in Maynooth from all the councillors based there. A tracker system was needed with these large scale schemes to see what stage they were at and what political support was needed.

Councillor Hamilton said that the members were all aware of the various irritations in relation to the Community Centre and that this had been going on for the last 10 years. He put forward the idea of a multi-facility centre to include Health, Amenities and Services, perhaps to include a Cinema or Theatre.

Ms. P Pender advised the members that there were over 60 projects at various different stages currently underway. She advised that 2024 would be the earliest, that the business



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case had been approved and there was a body of work involved before the tender process adding that any one project could not be bumped up the line.

Ms. M Higgins informed the members that discussions were taking place in relation to the Area Machinery Yard and the vacating of the Fire Station. The Maynooth Masterplan was prioritised for 2024 and that these were all parts of the jigsaw and Capital Programme Funding had to be ensured. Ms. M Higgins advised the members that a meeting was taking place the following week with various different departments to make everyone aware of each other's timelines, to ensure they were all on the one path.

The report was noted.

CM07/1223

Swimming Pool Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the most recent developments on the swimming pool for Maynooth?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that Kildare County Council are currently in discussions with Swim Ireland with a view to advancing a swimming facility for North Kildare. Meetings have been held with various suppliers and consultants with a view to exploring alternative solutions.

Councillor Ó Cearúil said that information was not being shared and that the members needed to be made aware of developments. People were asking for information and that they had no answers as they did not know what was happening. He advised that he would be happy to make a phone call to the Minister of State for Sport and Physical Education, Mr. Thomas Byrne.

Ms. P O'Brien informed the members that they were looking at other solutions and maybe not what was in the original funding application. They were looking at different providers and new technologies. A meeting had taken place with Swim Ireland and they were looking



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to the UK also. The statistics from the Pop-Up Swimming Pool in Leixlip had provided great insights in relation to its use within the Community.

Ms. M Higgins advised the members that there had been no formal response to the appeal and that they were going to Plan B behind the scenes. Swim Ireland had provided excellent advice and that technology had moved on. A meeting had taken place with a company this week that used fabrics instead of concrete.

The report was noted.

CM08/1223

Capital Projects Update

The members received an update from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate on Roads Capital Projects.

Mr. S Deegan informed the members of the following:

- Total works underway 2023 of €37.65m.
- Detailed Design Stage of Maynooth Eastern Ring Road is 90% complete and the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) stage was currently with An Bord Pleanála.
- Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) - MERR – Part 8 Planning in place for the road itself and details were outlined in relation to various applications for Housing Developments.
- Junction Programme Phase 1A and 1B were outlined along with details of the Bridge Programmes works completed in 2022 and the Programme for 2023.
- Transportation Strategies Projects are ongoing in Maynooth and Newbridge. Each project will provide recommendations for walking, cycling, public transport, parking and traffic.
- Decarbonisation.
- CAP23-Transport: Avoid–Shift–Improve
- Key Metrics-Target Year 2030-Baseline 2018



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The members agreed to take Motion 14, 15 and Question 16 from the Agenda together.

CM09/1223

Allenwood Cross

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

That the council commit to finding the necessary funding to deliver essential improvements and traffic lights at Allenwood Cross.

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

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that an update on all capital projects will be provided at the meeting.

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

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

That the council provide an update on the planned design works at junctions including Firmount Cross, Dag Welds and Allenwood Cross, to include a proposed funding and works schedule.

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

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that an update on all capital projects will be provided at the meeting.

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

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



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Can the council provide an update on the work done at Allenwood Cross as part of the Junction Improvement Programme which was initiated in 2022?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that an update on all capital projects will be provided at the meeting.

The members raised the following:

- Motions were ongoing on this issue for a long period of time.
- They had concerns about safety at Allenwood Cross.
- Acknowledged that drivers were not heeding the warning signage.
- People of Allenwood were looking for assistance and they did not know where to go or what to do.
- Children should be able to cycle around their own village.
- Traffic Wardens were required.
- Good news to see the Capital Allocation.
- Issues with haulage traffic from the Solar Farm.
- Request for Mr. S Deegan and Mr. C Buggie to come out to the crossroads to meet the residents and discuss some short-term solutions to address concerns.

Mr. S Deegan informed the members that tenders for construction took time and that this was at construction/design stage now. There were ten junctions and appropriate designs needed to be put to the Department. It was agreed that a briefing on this matter would take place in April 2024.

The report was noted.

CM10/1223

Pedestrian Crossing in Johnstownbridge

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

That the council reallocate unspent NTA funding for 2023 towards a new pedestrian crossing in Johnstownbridge or make a specific application for new funding for this project in 2024.



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

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that provision of Active Travel Funding to the council from the National Transport Authority (NTA) is based on a number of conditions and adherence to the requirements of the NTA's Project Appraisal Guidelines. Kildare County Council receives funding based on monies spent in accordance with the funding allocation for agreed projects. Therefore, there would never be any unspent funding which is available to be reassigned to alternative projects. The list of current projects is documented, and funding is provided by the NTA for this existing portfolio, with priority assigned to active travel schemes in major towns. During the year, there are opportunities to make supplementary applications, however, these are dependent on the approval of the NTA and require an increase in the allocation made to Kildare County Council.

Councillor Wyse enquired if an application could be made for specific funding to do this project.

Mr. C Buggie advised that he would speak to the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team to enquire if an application could be made.

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

CM11/1223

Traffic layout at Clocha Rince National School

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

That the council review the traffic layout at Clocha Rince National School with regard to pedestrian and cyclist safety and prepare a funding application to the NTA for a pedestrian crossing and any other necessary improvements in 2024.

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



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A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) provides funding for infrastructure works outside schools as part of the Safe Routes to School Project in association with An Taisce Green Schools Programme. The Clocha Rince National School was not selected as a school in either Round 1 and Round 2 of the Programme and therefore does not qualify for NTA funding.

Councillor Wyse enquired if a specific application could be made for Clocha Rince National School.

Councillor Durkan advised that Local Property Tax 2014/2015 was allocated to alleviate this issue and also advised that this matter would have to be taken off line.

The District Engineer informed the members that he would speak with the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team.

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

CM12/1223

Speed safety review in Moyglare Village Estate, Maynooth

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

That the council carry out a speed safety review in the Moyglare Village Estate, Maynooth.

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

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A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for a speed survey to be carried out.



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

It was agreed by the members that Item 8 and Item 12 from the Agenda to be taken together.

CM13/1223

Pedestrian Crossing Clane

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

That the council advance improvements for pedestrian movements across the R407 Kilcock Road, Clane, alongside the preparation of the Clane Town Centre First Plan.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the area close to the junction of R407 Kilcock Road and R403 Celbridge Road has many conflicting vehicular movements. In order to improve the provision for vulnerable road users, Kildare County Council can examine a reallocation of road space to reduce the carriageway width on the approaches to the area from the junction to Hillview Estate. This will assist in reducing vehicular speeds and provide a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians. The provision of a signalised crossing is complicated due to the number of turning movements into and out of private premises. The option of reconfiguring the main R407/R403/Ballinagappa Road/Main Street and the potential signalisation of this junction can be explored. It should be noted that no funding sources is available for such extensive works and any proposals will be developed in the context of the Clane Town Centre First Plan.

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

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



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That the council provide a pedestrian crossing on College Road at the Woods Centre, Clane in light of recent accidents at this location.

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

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The members raised the following:

- Number of accidents at this location with two hospitalisations.
- The number of private entrances at this location.
- There was an uncontrolled entrance at the side of the Pharmacy.
- This location was intercepted by the bus stop.
- Large number of houses in the town and applications for further housing.
- Vulnerable road users and large volumes of traffic in the town.
- Yellow Box was refused.
- Major health and safety issue, that needs to be addressed.

The District Engineer informed the members that he would speak with the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team. He was aware of the issue and will enquire about the possibility of a Pedestrian Crossing, if possible in 2024. He also added that ramps were not in line with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).



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

CM14/1223

Carton House Maynooth

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

That the council write to the owners of Carton House Maynooth requesting repair works to be carried out to the collapsed wall along the R148 in County Kildare.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the with the agreement of the members the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department will contact the owners of Carton House as requested.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the report be noted and a letter would issue.

CM15/1223

Upgrading of Celbridge Road Maynooth

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

That the council set out a timeline of events and deadlines for the proposed upgrading of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth and the reasons why these timelines have continuously slipped.

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

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the report provided at the October 2023 meeting stands as follows:
Commitments given by the Executive to members for National Transport Authority (NTA)



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funded projects are clearly dependent on NTA approval of the design proposals, in accordance with their Project Approval Guidelines. Whilst the NTA remain supportive of the scheme, they have requested further investigations of design interventions for the options selection stage of the project. The council has been asked to progress a more cost-effective design and we are currently reviewing alternative designs. Once the NTA commit to funding an agreed design, a confirmed timeline for public consultation can be agreed with the members. The Sustainable Transport Section is progressing the completion of a revised Option Selection Report for the Scheme for submission before the end of 2023 to the NTA for consideration and approval. This report will include consideration of a cost-effective design. Once Phase 2 approval (Concept Development and Option Selection) is received then the team will continue on Phase 3 (Preliminary Design) which on approval leads to Phase 4 – the Statutory Process. A copy of the Project Approval Guidelines is available at: <https://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/project-approval-guidelines/>

Councillor Durkan said that when he was elected that this was out to consultation, it then came back in house and at that time he attended a meeting in Buswells Hotel. He added that this was 950m of road with 850 Students attending 2 schools at this location. There had previously been a deputation from parents from both schools. He was sick and tired of this and the excuses as to why this project has not moved forward.

The members raised the following:

- It would be helpful if a member of the Sustainable Transport Team attended the meetings.
- National Transport Authority (NTA) had huge power over these issues and clarity was needed.
- Councillors were accountable to the people.
- Enquired if councillors could pull funds to push this issue on.
- Request for a Deputation from Kildare County Council Staff, Councillors and Parents to go to the NTA or to meet in the Chamber, to thrash this out.
- Dereliction of duty in relation to safety of the children of the area.



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Ms. M Higgins informed the members that she understood their frustration. She was meeting next week with the Director of Roads and the Citizens of Maynooth to look at options and the support of the members would also be needed to unlock NTA.

Councillor Durkan advised that the NTA wrote to Kildare County Council in January. The drawings are now done and all drawings should be made available to Councillors as they were being left in the dark.

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

CM16/1223

Resurfacing/reinstatement works on the L5040

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

That the council undertake resurfacing/reinstatement works on the road (L5040) from Clonfert Pet Farm up through Graiguepottle to the junction of the R407.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for these works to be assessed and if necessary the works will be carried out.

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

CM17/1223

Solar panelled junction signs

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



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That the council investigate or trail the use of solar panelled junction signs, similar to those used in Meath, at a selected junction in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will engage with Councillor Fitzpatrick on selecting a suitable location and subject to funding trailing this sign.

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

CM18/1223

Extending the single white line in Derrinturn

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

Can the council outline a schedule for extending the single white line in Derrinturn from the village centre to the far side of Windmill Cross?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the road markings are carried out in line with the guidelines issued by the Department of Transport. The Municipal District engineer will assess this location in line with these and apply the appropriate markings to the road.

The report was noted.

CM19/1223

Footpath repairs for Main Street Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the planned footpath repairs for Main Street, Maynooth?



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A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that the planned footpath repairs referred to were bundled into the delivery of the Town Renewal Masterplan for Maynooth (TRMP). The process to deliver the Masterplan will commence in Q1 2024. It is envisaged that a number of key projects will be identified for delivery during the consultation process and may include the redesign of Main Street and Court House Square. The URDF package announced for Maynooth provides funds to develop key town renewal projects identified in the TRMP to Part 8, Detail Design and Tender Stages.

The report was noted.

CM20/1223

Maynooth Orbital Route

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

Can the council confirm when the Straffan Road to Celbridge Road section of the Maynooth Orbital Route will open to public traffic?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section has engaged with the developer in relation to this question and the developer has confirmed that the main Distributor Road through the Mullen Park Development should be open in May 2024 (Q2 2024) subject to the outstanding works and compliance conditions being completed to the satisfaction of Kildare County Council. Kildare County Council Transport Department will keep the members updated on this matter.

The report was noted.

CM21/1223

Capital Projects

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

Can the council provide details about all Capital Projects delivered in Maynooth during the length of this council term to date?



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A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that an update on all capital projects will be provided at the meeting.

Capital Programme – Maynooth MD Area		
Type of scheme	Name	Status
Capital Schemes	Maynooth Eastern Relief Road	Awaiting ABP decision on CPO
	Maynooth Outer Orbital Route	Objective of LAP. Different stages
	ABTA	Final Draft
Third Party/ Through Planning	Dunboyne Road Realignment Works, Maynooth (Developer Cairn).	Works now substantially completed with RSA Stage 3 carried out on completed works)
	Dart West + Extension (Maynooth/ Kilcock) NTA funded, Railway Order and subject to planning permission by ABP.	Decision on Oral Hearing awaited.
	Sky Castle MOOR Maynooth managed by Meath Co. Co.	Granted planning permission by KCC for Bridge Works Element of the MOOR
	Mullen Park.	May 2024 for completion according to developer.
	Pedestrian/ Cycle Footbridge over River Lyreen Maynooth.	To be assigned to Roads Project team - funding to be confirmed.
Project Team	Royal Canal Greenway	Project Team managed the delivery of the Royal Canal Greenway from Maynooth to the border with Meath. This was delivered and project is now closed.



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A report was received from Capital and Housing Maintenance informing the members of the following Social Housing developments which were completed in the Maynooth Municipal District since mid-2019.

- Anne Street, Prosperous – 12 units
- Nancy's Lane (Cluain Ailbhe), Clane – 77 units

The development of 10 social units at Coill Dubh is nearing completion.

Tenders are currently being assessed for the development of 65 social units at Old Greenfield, Maynooth.

Proposals are being developed for the following sites:

- Whitestown, Kilcock,
- The Courthouse, Kilcock
- Dispensary site, Carbury
- Ashgrove, Derrinturn

The members raised the following:

- Vast majority of items in Maynooth were not yet developed.
- Maynooth Orbital Road not yet delivered.
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assemble (ERMA) – lack of supports to support the needs of the town.
- Maynooth needed to be prioritised.

Ms. M Higgins informed the members that these projects take time. She referenced the library and said that nothing was straight forward and that the project took 8 years, pointing out also that Kildare County Council were the owners of that building. She advised that there were so many hoops to get through and that these all take time. There were projects in the pipeline and that these would all come to a conclusion.

The reports were noted.



CM22/1223

Bike Path Flooding Maynooth

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

Can the council outline what improvements could be put in place to eliminate the persistent bike path flooding at the entrance to Hayfield, Straffan Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the final layer of the road surface has not been applied here by the developer. The Municipal District Engineer will raise this issue with the development control team.

The report was noted.

CM23/1223

Leaf Sweeping Schedule in the Municipal District

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

Can the council outline the footpath leaf sweeping schedule in the municipal district, particularly where there is a build-up of wet and slippery leaves in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District staff are engaged in routine maintenance, and it is this crew that will be deployed to assist with leaf clearance. Where possible additional footpath sweepers will be engaged provided funding is available in built up areas.

Councillor Hamilton informed the members that the Municipal District Office were helpful over the last two weeks and the wider community were very grateful. There were a few pinch points with narrow footpaths and the Tidy Towns were due to spend time on this over the weekend. He said that he would have an update for the District Engineer the following week.



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Mr. C Buggie said that the Tidy Towns could contact the District Office and they could liaise with them to get specific locations looked at.

The report was noted.

CM24/1223

Street cleaning regime Kilcock

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

Can the council outline the current street cleaning regime undertaken in Kilcock?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the street bins are emptied twice a week and monitored in case additional emptying is required. They are also emptied on a Saturday morning and a litter pick is carried out. The road sweeper is assigned to Kilcock for two days a week.

The report was noted.

CM25/1223

Ballagh Cross Donadea

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to install additional signage and road markings at Ballagh Cross, Donadea?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that there are no plans to install additional signage at Ballagh Cross.

Councillor Weld advised that he was disappointed with the response and that the sightlines were difficult on the Knockanally to Timahoe road

Mr. C Buggie informed the members that plans had now changed and that he would meet Councillor Weld at that location. He added that feedback from locals would be useful and that he was not aware of any incidents there.

The report was noted.



CM26/1223

Overhead Cabling in Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm if there is any planned works with different agencies to remove all overhead cabling and place underground in Prosperous town centre?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer is not aware of any plans.

The report was noted.

CM27/1223

Landscaping Plan along the R407

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

That the council prepare a landscaping plan along the R407 at Loughbollard, Clane, in anticipation of the roundabout junction for the Capdoo extension of the Clane Inner Relief Road.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there is no scope within the existing programme of works to undertake a landscaping plan for the R407 until the works and projects outlined in the 2023 Parks Works Programme are completed. A number of these are in progress or have to be progressed before any additional works can be committed to. These are Allenwood Playground, Bawnogues Playground and Outdoor Gym and storage cabin, Communications Board for Prosperous Playground and Carton Avenue conservation plan. The landscaping plan for the R407 will be considered for next year's works programme.



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Councillor McEvoy welcomed these works being part of the Programme of Works for next year and encouraged design works to be put forward. He added that the M50 in Tallaght had improved landscaping. He appreciated that the works were not simple and hedge cutting was needed and considerations would need to be given to biodiversity and wildlife. He said the opportunity should not be wasted and the space should be used well.

Mr. S Wallace informed the members that he was happy to meet up to scope out and get ideas.

Councillor Weld requested biodiversity and pollination be included in the plans and welcomed the report adding this was positive for next year. He enquired if works could be carried out in stages and that the works would make a huge improvement to the approach to Clane.

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

CM28/1223

Trees awaiting works in the Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can the council provide an update on the scheduling and tendering of contracts for the comprehensive list of trees awaiting works in the Kilcock area, the timespan involved for the awarding of these contracts and the commencement date for these works.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that inspections have been completed for tree works in the Clane Municipal District. It is expected the works will be carried out in late Q1- early Q2 2024.

Councillor Ward said he appreciated the report and requested that the list from the inspections be made available.

Mr. S Wallace informed the members that tenders were back this week. He said that they



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had a lot of requests to top trees, which would not be done as this could ruin habitats and structure, adding that every tree cannot be turned into a lollipop.

The report was noted.

CM29/1223

Pedestrian/cycle way linking Prosperous and Canal

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

That the council conduct a feasibility study on the installation of a pedestrian/cycle way linking Prosperous and the canal.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that the delivery of the Greenway and Blueway will significantly increase requests from towns and villages to provide permeability connections however, funding of these permeability links is not included in the scheme. The Strategic Projects and Public Realm (SPPR) team have had briefings with each Municipal District to prioritise projects in the SPPR work programme with the completion of Health Checks/Urban Analysis and Town Renewal Plans identifying further projects to be considered.

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

CM30/1223

Affordable Housing Schemes

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

Can the council provide an update outlining what affordable housing schemes are planned for the Municipal District?



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A report was received from Capital and Housing Maintenance informing the members that there is a plan for 75 affordable housing units at Nancy's Lane, Clane.

The report was noted.

CM31/1223

Clane Town Centre First Plan

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

Can the council summarize progress and the next steps in preparing the Clane Town Centre First Plan?

A report was received from Housing and Regeneration Department informing the members that in October the public were asked to get involved in the preparation of the Clane Town Centre First Plan by completing a survey, sharing their views and providing feedback on how they think Clane can be developed and revitalized into a sustainable, radiant and dynamic centre. 766 responses were received to the survey. A public workshop was also held in early November. The consultants are currently compiling all data from both the public survey and the workshop with the intention to issue a baseline report in December. The Town Regeneration Officer has also made contact with local schools and has asked them to participate in the town centre plan process. Following the baseline report the focus will be on town centre themes, project identification, categorisation and mapping, with the intention of having a second public workshop around this time also.

The report was noted.

CM32/1223

10-Minute Communities

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

That the council set a vision and long-term plan for village centres and 'quarters' in the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) integrating residential, commercial/retail and community centres including the new region proposed to the west of Maynooth, in the Kilcloon area,



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and in existing quarters of the town – towards creating more sustainable, circular 10-minute communities supporting high quality of life in new quarters of a high growth town.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the '10 Minute Settlement' principle is enshrined in Objective UD O3 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2029 whereby all Local Area Plans are required to incorporate policies that will assist in its implementation. The development strategy for the Joint Maynooth and Environs Local Area Plan, being prepared by Kildare and Meath County Council, will be evidence-based, supported by a Social Infrastructure Audit, a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and Habitat Survey to ensure the settlement as a whole is vibrant, connected, well-functioning and supports the development of 10-minute communities whose needs are met within the neighbourhood as far as possible. To ensure consistency with the planning policy hierarchy, existing and new neighbourhoods within the plan area will be considered and brought forward under the shared regional Key Principle of 'Healthy Placemaking' as contained in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).

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

CM33/1223

Tourism Campaign for Maynooth

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

That the council work with Kildare Fáilte and Local Businesses to develop a tourism campaign for Maynooth.

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



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A report was received from Head of Economic Development and Enterprise informing the members that Kildare County Council are currently recruiting for a Tourism Activator Role which is co funded by Failte Ireland under Just Transition and Kildare County Council. We anticipate the successful candidate under the guidance of the Economic Development Department will be in a position to commence the role early February. Part of their remit is to work with local businesses and community groups to identify tourism opportunities in Maynooth and to access funding to realise suitable projects.

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

CM34/1223

Green Space between Towns and Villages in the Municipal District

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

That the council include a plan for protection of green space between towns and villages in the planning process for the municipal district and relevant Local Area Plan (LAP) processes.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 provides the policy context for protecting green spaces between settlements in County Kildare. Of relevance are; Chapter 3: Housing provides a robust Rural Housing Policy that seeks to maintain green spaces between settlements in Zone 1 – Areas of Strong Urban Influence between defined settlements, which covers most of the County, by only allowing new homes where there is a demonstrable ‘economic or social’ need to live in a rural area and build their home to live on their productive land. A key part of the policy framework is for new housing in rural areas to be facilitated by “Serviced Sites” across a series of villages and rural settlements in County Kildare as a sustainable alternative to rural housing, thus contributing towards the protection of the open countryside.



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Chapter 11: Built and Cultural Heritage that seeks to protect, conserve, and sensitively manage the built and cultural heritage, including historic landscapes and Architectural Conservation Areas that lie between settlements.

Chapter 12: Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, which includes the Green Infrastructure Maps that illustrate areas of land that benefit from designation for a variety of purposes. There is a specific objective in Chapter 12 of relevance to the motion: Objective BI O66 states the following; Develop a strategy, to identify a series of greenbelt/green spaces (in addition to those identified in this CDP) to retain and protect between the growing settlements within Kildare during the lifetime of the Plan with particular attention to the undeveloped areas between Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth and to collaborate with South Dublin County Council, where appropriate.

Chapter 13: Landscape, Recreation and Amenity that seeks to protect the County's landscape of significance (e.g., Landscape Sensitivity Areas) and to ensure that appropriate recreational and amenity provision is made across the County (e.g. in the form of Regional Parks and Urban Neighbourhood Parks), including in those areas between settlements. One example objective is LR 066: Liffey Valley Park objective that seeks to progress the delivery of the park that will provide a pedestrian link along the River Liffey connecting green and open spaces along the river valley. A feasibility study on the first section of the River Liffey Park, between Celbridge and Leixlip Saint Catherine's Park, is programmed for completion in 2024.

The development plan therefore provides a broad-based protection to green space of significance between towns and villages, and objectives to provide further protection. Of direct relevance to the motion will be the implementation of Objective BI 066 to prepare a strategy for the protection and productive use of green spaces between settlements. This strategy will be delivered according to priorities and as resources allow.

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



CM35/1223

Taking in Charge Moyglare Hall Maynooth

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

Can the council provide a full update on the taking in charge of Moyglare Hall, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that Development Control recently met with the developer and their design team in Kildare County Council's offices in order to progress the taking in charge of the Moyglare Hall estate. The developer has confirmed that they have had CCTV surveys, and any repairs identified completed on both the storm and foul lines throughout the estate. Development Control await the submission of a formal taking in charge request from the developer along with the associated documentation including the CCTV surveys, matching as-constructed drawings, taking in charge and vesting maps and any data sheets and operating and maintenance manuals pertaining to storm infrastructure. Any documentation required in relation to the pumping station serving the Moyglare Housing estate (originally constructed by the developer of Moyglare) must be submitted by the design team acting on behalf of the KWETB. This is because the pumping station was subsequently upgraded by the KWETB in order to serve the Maynooth Education Campus.

The report was noted.

CM36/1223

Sewarage Scheme Allenwood

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

Can the council confirm if the sewage scheme in Allenwood has reached capacity?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that the members should contact Uisce Eireann directly with regards to this motion, this matter can be raised via their dedicated email support address at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phoning 0818178178.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.