



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District Meeting held on Friday, 02 June 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
In the Council Chamber**

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

**Apologies:** Councillor B Wyse.

**Officials Present:** Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. S Deegan (Senior Engineer), Mr. M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms. C O'Grady (Executive Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms. P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. T Devlin (Administrative Officer), Mr. B O'Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms. G Allen (A/County Librarian), Ms. L Russell (Arts Officer), Mr. R Hopkins (Head of Information Technology), Mr. K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. B McGrath (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

**CM01/0623**

**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.

**CM02/0623**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 05 May 2023 together with the progress report.



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**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 05 May 2023 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

### CM03/0623

#### Municipal District Works

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the crew over the last month have been working on preparing roads for the surface dressing programme which started on Tuesday 30 May for two weeks with an additional week later in the summer. As this work is totally weather dependent dates may vary for schemes, but the council website will be updated.

#### LPT Funding

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

#### General Works

Two footpath tenders are currently onsite and the contractor is working through the locations.

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



## Restoration Maintenance Schemes 2023 Surface Dressing

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

## Climate Action Schemes 2023

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



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### Former National Road Schemes 2023

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

### 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

#### CM04/0623

#### Annual Meeting

The members considered the holding of the Annual Meeting and the July Municipal District Meeting on a Barge in Robertstown at 10am on Friday 07 July 2023.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by the members, that the Annual Meeting be held on a barge in Robertstown at 10am on Friday 07 July 2023.

The members agreed to take Items 5, 8, 9, 13,14,15, 21 and 28 consecutively.

#### CM05/0623

#### Reallocation of residual Local Property Tax

The members considered the reallocation of residual Local Property Tax that has not been drawn down in the Municipal District.

It was agreed by the members to defer this item until the next Municipal District meeting, on Friday, 07 July 2023 at 10am. This was to afford the members the opportunity to meet before this date, to discuss this issue.



**Item 8**

**CM06/0623**

**Road safety improvements at Maynooth Town Football**

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

That the council prepares a plan for a pedestrian crossing and road safety improvements at Maynooth Town Football Club using an allocation from the unspent funds.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will work with the Traffic Management Team to prepare a proposal at this location, once adequate funding has been provided.

Councillor Feeney welcomed the report and was happy to have this item included in the planned discussions in relation to the reallocation of residual Local Property Tax.

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

**Item 9**

**CM07/0623**

**Accumulated paid parking fund in Maynooth**

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

That the required funding of €400,000 is released from the accumulated paid parking fund in Maynooth to bring the Celbridge Road upgrade project through its Part 8 and detailed design stages of the planning process.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the Celbridge Road Active Travel Scheme is an existing National Transport Authority funded project and subject to NTA approval, a preliminary design will be completed in 2023. The transfer of funds from another project at this time will not improve the



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projected delivery timescale of a statutory consultation process and could negatively affect the Council's ability to deliver the Maynooth Town Centre plan. By self-funding the project from internal resources, the Council will take on responsibility to progress the scheme to construction and the NTA may no longer be in a position to fund the scheme's construction cost, estimated at €3m, from exchequer funding as the project will then sit outside their Project Approval Guidelines process. It would be preferable to use any surplus finance to fund schemes that do not form part of the NTA work programme, such as, vulnerable road user improvement initiatives in the town.

Councillor Durkan said that this had been a long ongoing discussion, but he accepted the report. The members agreed that this item to remain on the Progress Report until the Part 8 in October,

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

### Item 13

### CM08/0623

#### Reallocation of unspent prior year LPT funds

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
That €17,500 of unspent prior year LPT funds (allocations to Active Transport Projects and Climate Action through Engagement line items from unspent 2019-22 report) are reallocated to provide the pedestrian crossing and road safety improvements at Maynooth Town Football Club.

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

Councillor Hamilton enquired from the Municipal District Engineer, if the cost for these works was in the region of €30,000 to €40,000.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that that would just be for the lights at that location.



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Ms. M Higgins advised that given that Councillor Hamilton had originally assigned these monies, that this could be agreed today.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that €17,500 unspent prior year LPT funds (allocations to Active Transport Projects and Climate Action through Engagement line items from unspent 2019-22 report) are reallocated to provide the pedestrian crossing and road safety improvements at Maynooth Town Football Club.

### Item 14

**CM09/0623**

#### **Community CCTV Project**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
That €15,000 remaining from the installation of pedestrian lights on Ballinagappa Road, Clane, be re-allocated to further the Community CCTV project.

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

Councillor McEvoy said that the National Transport Authority had funded this project, so the remaining monies could go back into Community Funds.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members that €15,000 remaining from the installation of pedestrian lights on Ballinagappa Road, Clane, be re-allocated to further the Community CCTV project

### Item 15

**CM10/0623**

#### **Footpath from Allenwood Cross to Allenwood GFC**

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



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That the council commences the necessary work to provide a footpath from Allenwood Cross to Allenwood GFC, following the allocation of Local Property Tax to deliver this specific project in the village.

As Councillor Wyse was not in attendance at the meeting, it was agreed by the members that Councillor Weld would bring forward this motion on behalf of Councillor Wyse.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this project requires a new footpath of approximately 800m being constructed at the edge of a public road. There is not sufficient available space so land purchase will be essential. The project will need to go through the appropriate planning approvals prior to construction.

Councillor Weld enquired from the Municipal District Engineer as to what would be the projected cost to acquire the land needed. He also enquired if the Area Office could arrange a meeting with the members and land owners.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that it would cost upwards of €300,000 to acquire the land needed and that in addition to this there was the cost of public lighting and kerbing. At least 2.5m to 3.0m of hedgerow would need to be removed, by landowner agreement. The Municipal District Engineer also advised that he would be happy to meet with the members.

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

### Item 21

**CM11/0623**

#### **Reallocation of Local Property Tax**

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





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That the members agree to the reallocation of LPT as follows, previously agreed allocation of €25,000 to the Prosperous Town Park-Playground Communication boards project be amended to €17,200. Allocation of €5,000 to the Roads Municipal District Office for benches to be reallocated to the Public Lighting Section bringing the total allocation to €8,800 with the remaining balance of €4,000 to be allocated to the Community Section for Comhairle Na nÓg local groups.

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

Councillor Farrelly informed the members that this had resulted from an administrative error. It was then agreed by the members that this could now be changed over.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by the members previously agreed allocation of €25,000 to the Prosperous Town Park-Playground Communication boards project be amended to €17,200. Allocation of €5,000 to the Roads Municipal District Office for benches to be reallocated to the Public Lighting Section bringing the total allocation to €8,800 with the remaining balance of €4,000 to be allocated to the Community Section for Comhairle Na nÓg local groups.

### Item 28

### CM12/0623

#### Process for reallocation of Local Property Tax

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

That the council clarify the process to finalise the reallocation of prior year unspent LPT (2019-22) identified in April/May and how the priorities can be identified and agreed throughout the Municipal District.

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

A report was received from Ms. M Higgins, Director of Services, Climate, Community, Environment and Water, informing the members that a formal motion needs to be tabled on the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Agenda by the original proposers. Local Property Tax



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allocated by an individual or a number of Councillors requires the original submitting Councillors to reallocate, this then requires a proposer/seconded and agreement of members. The identification of priorities is a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Hamilton said that this had now been clarified, also adding that €90,000 of central funds could be discussed at the planned meeting in relation to reallocation of residual Local Property Tax.

Ms. M Higgins advised that this can be discussed after this meeting.

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

### Item 10

**CM13/0623**

#### **Dropped kerb and tactile paving, Parklands Maynooth**

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

That the council install a dropped kerb and tactile paving in Parklands Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will liaise with the Developer at this location.

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

### Item 11

**CM14/0623**

#### **Clean up at Kilcock Park and Ride**

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

That the council undertake the required works to complete a clean-up of Kilcock Park and Ride.



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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will arrange for this area to be cleaned up.

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

**Item 12**

**CM15/0623**

**Speed Survey on Connaught Street, Kilcock**

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

That the council undertake a speed review of Connaught Street, Kilcock.

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

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

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

**CM16/0623**

**Works at roundabout near Maynooth Education Campus**

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

Can the council provide an update on the works at the roundabout near Maynooth Education Campus?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this area is not in the charge of Kildare County Council.



Councillor Feeney thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the report but added that clarification was needed on who the developer is.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that he would try and find out who the Developer is. The report was noted.

**CM17/0623**

**Rathcoffey National School**

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposed traffic calming measures at Rathcoffey National School?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that there is an active planning application in this area at the moment that proposes some measures. The roads section will work with this permission if granted or alternatively will carry out separate works subject to funding available.

The report was noted.

**CM18/0623**

**Double yellow lines, Parklands Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an update as to when the double yellow lines will be repainted in Parklands Maynooth?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the council road lining contractor has been requested to remark these lines and they should be marked in the coming month.

The report was noted.



**Item 6**

**CM19/0623**

**Roads Capital Projects**

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

Mr. S Deegan gave an overview of the Roads Capital Projects for the County informing the members that updates outside of the Municipal District meeting can be provided.

Councillor Durkan enquired in relation to an arched bridge on the Kilcock-Trim Road R148, which was damaged, as keystones had been pulled out, advising that this had already been inspected.

Mr. S Deegan said that they would have a look at this issue. He also advised the members that bridges were under different ownerships other than Kildare County Council such as Irish Rail, Waterways Ireland, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Roads Authority.

The members also raised the following:

- The public were very disappointed with the Capdoo Road.
- A talk was given by Ms. P O'Rourke in May, in relation to decarbonisation, the concerns in relation to this and the need for change. Approximately 90% of the room were committed to change.
- Councillor Hamilton mentioned that at a recent National Transport Authority meeting that for the first time the term "Avoid, Shift, Improve" was heard in the Chamber.
- Concern that Councillors would come under pressure from people who do not understand the issues.
- It needed to be seen whether the Transport Strategy was connected to the 2030 goals for improvements right throughout the county.
- That a 20% reduction in vehicles was absolute.
- That Alexandra Bridge was a strategic point in the whole County and that funding needed to be sourced for this.

Mr. S Deegan informed the members that two years ago, there was a Strategic Project to widen the bridge or if an alternative was on the table, that this would require significant



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resources. That all Municipal Districts would have a narrative in the Transport Strategy, but that Maynooth will be first.

The report was noted

### **Item 7**

### **CM20/0623**

#### **Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994 (as amended)**

The members considered the Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994 (as amended) – to note the submissions report on proposed W6 Orbital Route Bus Stop Locations, Straffan Road, Maynooth and Maynooth Community College(Moyglare Hall Estate), Maynooth. The Report has been previously circulated to the members.

Mr. M McLoughlin advised the members that this item is for noting only.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take Items 22 and 26 consecutively.

### **Item 22**

### **CM21/0623**

#### **Playground Bawnogues Kilcock**

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

Can the council provide an update on the new playground in the Bawnogues, Kilcock with the expected timeline for the works to commence and be completed?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a tender for the construction of the new playground will be prepared over the summer. The date for commencement of construction is likely to be towards the end of the year but this will be subject to whatever lead times the winning tenderer advises once we have completed the tender process.

The report was noted.



**Item 26**

**CM22/0623**

**Lyreen River Maynooth**

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

That the council looks at ways to utilise the lands along the Lyreen River in Maynooth as an additional amenity for the town.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that in the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-19 some lands along the eastern end of the Lyreen have been zoned for amenity and some are zoned for agriculture. The development of residential lands on this end of the river will also facilitate the development of a linear walkway along the river and link to Pound Park. The western side of the river heading towards Kilcock is mainly zoned Town Centre or Educational. Additionally Kildare County Council doesn't own lands along this stretch so the scope to develop this area of the river as an amenity are limited. Any further proposals to develop the river as an amenity would need to be considered in any revisions of the Local Area Plan.

The members raised the following:

- Would be nice to see a boardwalk or a second community area, which would be completely pedestrianised.
- This was a beautiful green spot area in the town.
- A wonderful opportunity to develop plans for nature, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Opportunity to bring to the Local Area Plan.
- St. Mary's Reed Band were limited for space at this location .
- This area had been neglected and was prone to anti-social behaviour.
- Needed to be a concept to leave room for the River Lyreen as it is already under pressure in relation to issues such as biodiversity and fish life.
- There was serious flooding in Europe last month, the River Mercy in Italy bursting its banks and similarly Rivers in Belgium, Netherlands and Germany.
- The Lyreen River was a tributary of the River Rye and was a natural site.



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- This was similar to an area at New Street Tullamore.

Ms. C O'Grady informed the members of the following:

- That she had noted all points made by the members and would look at them.
- Will work with the Planning Department on Local Area Plan.
- Aware of plan on the Moyglare Road side.
- At a recent visit to a development at Lyreen Lodge and Pound Park, it was noticeable how many people were using the area, young and old, 24/7.
- With the Dunboyne Road, this will open up that whole area to the Community for cycling, pedestrians and biodiversity at all water courses, not just Maynooth.

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

### Item 24

**CM23/0623**

#### **Arts Awards and Bursaries 2023**

To approve the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023 for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. Report was previously circulated to the members.

Ms. L Russell informed the members of the following:

- Report includes the whole County.
- Individual panellists were assessed and more had been added each year.
- Kildare had the fifth highest number of Artists in the Country in November 2022.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023 for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District be approved.

### Item 25

**CM24/0623**

#### **Works between the old and new Cemetery, Straffan**

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





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That the council carry out improvement works on the steps between the old and new cemetery in Straffan and a handrail be installed to make it safer.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council has carried out an initial inspection and will consult further with Kildare County Council's Heritage Officer to assess what improvement works can be carried out.

Councillor Feeney outlined that the steps were not fit for purpose, that they also get wet. That she appreciates that this was an Historic Area and now welcomed the repairs and any other works.

Councillor Durkan enquired if the steps can be brush hammered.

Mr. K Kavanagh referred to the photograph of the steps, which showed a big tree that had caused the steps to rise. He informed the members that he had spoken to the Heritage Officer with regard to this issue with the steps, and would also look at the possibility of installing a handrail. With regard to brush hammering the steps, that he would look at what could be done in this regard.

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

### Item 27

**CM25/0623**

#### **Persistent mains water issues**

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

That the council facilitates an immediate meeting with Uisce Eireann to discuss the persistent mains water issues to Allen, Pluckerstown, Ballintine, Kilmeague, Allenwood, Bluetown, Allenwood South, Lullymore, Drimsree, Killinagh, Dreenane, Derrinturn, Ballyhagan, Ticknevin, Kishawanny, Coolearagh, Blackwood, Robertstown, Dreenane, Robertstown,



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Newtown Donore, Downings South, Prosperous, Killybegs, Landenstown, Drummin West and surrounding areas in Co. Kildare.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to consider and agree. The members may wish to contact Uisce Éireann directly via their dedicated email support address at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or by phoning 0818178178, or raise at their next dedicated Councillors Clinic which is due to be held on 26 June 2023.

The members raised the following:

- There had been occasions when there was no water for 24 hours due to a burst main.
- No water in North Kildare last Saturday, from the Hill of Allen.
- Something was structurally wrong.
- Requested that this item remain on the Progress Report.
- Pressure needed to be put on Uisce Éireann to come into a public forum.
- Uisce Éireann were previously invited to a public meeting and it took them 3 years to attend.
- Suggested to formally write to Uisce Éireann before the scheduled Clinic requesting that they attend at a Clane/Maynooth Municipal District meeting.
- Need to give Uisce Éireann advance notice of the issue.

Councillor Farrelly advised the members that he could attend the Clinic scheduled for the 26 June 2023. Following that outcome, it could then be decided if a letter should then be sent to Uisce Éireann, inviting them to attend a Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting. In the meantime that this item to remain on the Progress Report.

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



**Cameras and Signage on Knockirr Road**

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

That the council installs cameras and signage on the Knockirr Road through the Carbury Bog Natural Heritage Area, to prevent littering, following the community clean-up event which took place recently.

As Councillor Wyse was not in attendance at the meeting, it was agreed by the members that Councillor Weld would bring forward the motion on his behalf.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that they will be aware that any CCTV usage is considered in the light of data protection legislation and other legislative requirements. The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 requires that a Code of Practice for the purpose of setting standards for the operation of CCTV and other mobile recording devices to deter environmental pollution and to facilitate the prevention, detection, and prosecution of littering and illegal dumping offences be presented to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval. The Act explicitly prevents (in section 20(2)) the powers related to the use of CCTV being brought into force until such time as the statutory Code of Practice is submitted to and approved by the Minister. Such a Code of Practice is being prepared by the Local Government Management Agency. In preparing the Draft Code of Practice the LGMA is to carry out Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) on potential data subjects prior to consulting with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Minister for Justice, the Data Protection Commission and any other person or body with an interest in the operation of CCTV and/or other mobile recording devices for enforcement purposes. Once approved, the code of practice will facilitate local authorities in putting litter and waste enforcement measures involving the GDPR-compliant use of technologies such as CCTV in place. The ultimate intention is to install CCTV cameras in litter black spots, in a visible way, and to use evidence from those in prosecutions. Local authorities will have to designate a particular area and subject it to a data protection assessment. CCTV can only be used in a particular place for a specified time period. In the interim, the council will look to install anti-littering signage as requested in the notice of motion.



Councillor Weld confirmed that Councillor Wyse accepted the report.

Mr. K Kavanagh informed the members that signage will be installed.

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

**Item 30**

**CM27/0623**

**Waterways Ireland**

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

That the council ask Waterways Ireland to attend a Municipal District Meeting.

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

The members raised the following:

- This was an important topic.
- It would help to hear from Annette Keaveney, Strategic Projects and Public Realm.
- Kildare Failte Capital Development was being led by Kildare County Council.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by the members that a letter to be sent to Waterways Ireland inviting them to attend a meeting with the Clane Maynooth Municipal District members.

The members agreed to take Items 31, 32 and 33 together.

**CM28/0623**

**Swimming Pool Maynooth**

**Item 31**

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

Can the council provide an update on the current status of the swimming pool in Maynooth?



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### Item 32

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

Can this council provide an update on the joint application with Maynooth University for a swimming pool in Maynooth?

### Item 33

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

Can the council update members on any communications it has received regarding feedback on previous applications for a swimming pool in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that in April 2019, Kildare County Council applied to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in respect of an application from the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) to provide for a swimming pool in North Kildare (at Maynooth University). The application was not successful, and an appeal was submitted in respect of the decision in February 2020. Kildare County Council is still awaiting a decision on the appeal and remain committed to this project and has followed up a number of times with the Department. Following a call with the Department in December 2022, is that all appeals have been assessed and official communication of the result will be issued shortly, once it has been approved by the Minister. Kildare County Council was advised at the meeting that there is currently no suitable alternative Grant Schemes available to progress the project. There has been no significant change since the meeting on 07 December. However, Minister Thomas Byrne and Minister Catherine Martin just recently wrote to the Minister Paschal Donohoe, Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to seek additional resources for the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) and raising the possibility of reopening the scheme. It is expected that the National Swimming Strategy, which will also have implications for the swimming pool provision policy, will be published over the summer.

The members raised the following:

- Welcomed the report.
- The launch of the pop-up pool in Leixlip had been great and demonstrated that there was a demand for a Swimming Pool in North Kildare.
- Great to see a new Scheme opening up again.



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- It was unsatisfactory to have been waiting for so many years.
- Fund raising went back to the 60's, 70's and 80's.
- K Leisure were exploring opening a facility in North Kildare.
- It was a safety issue, as it was important that children could avail of swimming lessons.
- Critical of the fact that it took 3 years to get any response from the appeal in February 2020, and also that the response had been very vague.
- That to say a decision is imminent, was not at all helpful, does this mean next month or even next year.
- Kildare County Council needed to write again to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.
- Enquired if this would now be a new application.
- That the Swimming Pool was not just important for Maynooth, it was also for important for other parts of the County.
- Needed to make a concerted effort, by putting pressure on the Department both from Kildare County Council and from Maynooth University.
- Feedback needed to be sought on our previous application, so that our new application would be well informed. Members needed to know where the application went wrong in order to be successful next time.

Ms. M Higgins advised the members that it was good news that there was a second round with a new element of funding. That Kildare County Council had been in touch with the County that had the newest swimming pool and they were looking at their plans and costings, with the view to doing this in tandem with them.

Ms. P O'Brien informed the members of the following:

- Agreed that a swimming pool was needed in the County.
- Plan to collect the data from the pop-up pool over the 6 months, so as to support the need for the swimming pool.
- The pop-up pool was available to a wide area, and had full classes, filled with children from schools and also with people from community groups.



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- Kildare County Council have had some feedback on their application. We will be provided with a full report and this will be examined as part of the new application.
- It is known that parking organisation was mentioned in the feedback, and that that will be addressed for our next application.

The report was noted.

### Item 34

**CM29/0623**

#### **Community Facility Anne Street, Prosperous**

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

Can the council update members on works progressing for a community facility in Anne St, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that building works are complete on the community facility in Anne Street, Prosperous. The building has been handed over to the community worker and intensive work is now being done with the committee to ensure a smooth transition. This involves the delivery of training in terms of the management of the new community building. Handover of the building is pending the election of a new Committee at the Annual General Meeting, which has been organised for Tuesday 20 June.

The report was noted.

### Item 35

**CM30/0623**

#### **School Capacities in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District**

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

Can the council confirm if the Planning Authority/Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC) receive reports from the Department of Education, Tusla, the KWETB or other sources about shortfalls in school capacities in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District and the requirements for pupils to travel further to other towns to enrol in second-level education?



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A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the Planning Department are not in receipt of reports from the Department of Education regarding shortfalls in school capacities in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. There is no requirement for the Department of Education, Tusla or Kildare West Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) to report to Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC) on the capacity of schools to meet demand in the county. However, we are aware that given the substantial growth and young population, that challenges exist in accessing schools particularly in high growth towns. This issue emerged as part of the consultations for the Children and Young Peoples Services Plan recently, and is likely to emerge as part of the planning process for the upcoming Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

Councillor McEvoy said that he thought that the members were aware of the pressures on schools and that there was so much uncertainty and lack of options for pupils. Pupils were waiting on lists that were not resolved. Not at all comforting to the members of the public to have Tusla advising on Home Education, this was no good and did not benefit the needs of the pupils. When students travel to another town this then adds to the congestion of these towns. That there was a lack of transport connection between Straffan and Rathcoffey.

The report was noted.

### **Item 36**

**CM31/0623**

#### **Benches in Graveyards**

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

Can the council outline the policy and procedure in relation to the removal of benches in graveyards?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Cemetery byelaws adopted by the council in 2018 clearly state (Sn 26.1) that “only seating provided by the Council will be permitted in any cemetery and any other seat(s) shall be removed at the direction of the Caretaker/Registrar”. There are often restrictions on space and the council strives to ensure accessibility within the graveyard for the benefit of all families, visitors and members of the general public.





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Councillor Fitzpatrick said that he visited the graveyard regularly and that this was a contentious issue, that graveyards were sacrosanct. There were forty to fifty notices put on benches and that the bulk of the benches had now been removed. That the public should have been communicated with first. He said that he was aware of a notice that was put up at Allen Graveyard and that it was barely visible to the Public.

Mr. K Kavanagh said that he appreciated Councillor Fitzpatrick's support and would in the future communicate with the Councillors first. He also added that it was not fair on people who had gone through the procedures, and that then there were others who just went along and put in benches. There are Cemetery byelaws, which were adopted by the council in 2018. That it was not just Allen, there were other Cemeteries in the Municipal District with this issue. The report was noted.

### Item 37

**CM32/0623**

#### **Wi-Fi Maynooth Town Centre**

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

That the council provides free public Wi-Fi in Maynooth Town Centre.

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

A report was received from the Head of Information Systems informing the members that the current free Wi-Fi is managed by a network device located in Maynooth Library. The current coverage is limited to the vicinity of Maynooth library. The next step would be to carry out an assessment with network provider on available options to extend Wi-Fi coverage into Maynooth town centre.

Councillor Ó Cearúil said that a major digitalisation would be a welcome and beneficial amenity for the local population and students. That there may be a few ways to get Wi-Fi free in the Library, by perhaps using a booster. Athlone had this and perhaps it could work in Maynooth, Main Street. That this report was welcome information, to get this delivered.

Mr. R Hopkins informed the members that there was some free Wi-Fi in Maynooth from the device at the Library. That it was not boosted in the Square in Maynooth, to extend down the



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Street. That on the Comreg Maps, there was no 5G in Maynooth, but that Kildare County Council intended to carry out an assessment next week in the Square with a 5G device. It could also work at the Local Area Office or at a pole in the middle of the Square in Maynooth.

Councillor Feeney enquired if the European Union initiative Wi-Fi4EU, which has a total value of €120 million, could be looked at in relation to this issue.

Mr. R Hopkins informed the members that unfortunately this was now closed but will look at other schemes such as those used by Offaly and Dublin.

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

### Item 23

### CM33/0623

#### New Public Library Clane

To consider the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report for the proposed New Public Library, Clane (Part 8 Ref. No. P82023.01). Report was previously circulated to the members.

Ms. G Allen informed the members of the following:

- Previously presented a briefing to the Municipal District., at that stage the position was that the Planning was through, that the Project could then push ahead. There were some small delays along the way, not least of all being Covid, but it is now progressing.
- Plan was for a modern Library in the heart of the town of Clane.
- Increasing the footfall in the town and promoting cycling.
- Accessible, being only a 10 minute walk from all Schools.
- Creating a meeting place, art gallery, sensory pods, sensory garden to the rear and a Public Realm area to the front.
- Catering for adults, young adults and children.
- Full Wi-Fi, including a study area, and printing facilities.
- 470m<sup>2</sup>, including external space.
- Open 35.5 hours per week.
- Safe Public Realm and Event Space.
- My Library Space would be available after the first 12 months, from opening.



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- At the stage now of Part 8 to be granted and then out to Tender - Stage 3 of Application would then be to sign contract.
- Construction start date of early January 2024 – with an estimated 10/12 months construction time.

The members raised the following:

- Thanked Ms. G Allen for the Report.
- Mentioned that An Garda Síochána have Cycling Events with Primary Level Schools.
- Library would be a short walk from the schools.
- There were limited open spaces in the town.
- Library was located in a good proximity to traders.
- They were aware that there would be disruption during construction.
- Enquired were all tenants of units onboard with the development at the site.
- Could convoys of big trucks coming in and out, be curtailed so as to avoid any issues coming up in the future.
- That this was a very positive story for the village of Clane.

Ms. G Allen advised that there were still some last few tenants to agree, they are in favour, just that the financial side needed to be sorted out.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report for the proposed New Public Library, Clane be approved without amendment.

The meeting concluded.