



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 03 November 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber**

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

Online: Councillors P Ward and D Fitzpatrick.

Officials Present: Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Ms. P Pender, (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr. C O'Toole (Staff Officer, Community), Ms. S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms. A Noone (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor Durkan welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the passing of Donal O'Neill who was well known in the area and had coached in the GAA for over 40 years. A minute's silence was observed.

CM01/1123

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.

CM02/1123

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 06 October 2023 together with the progress report.



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Councillor McEvoy mentioned the Ministers visit to Donadea on 28 November and to co-ordinate that with Coillte.

Councillor Durkan agreed to discuss the matter after the meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 06 October 2023 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/1123

Municipal District Works

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

LPT Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2022 and 2023. Members to confirm spend for 2023.

General Works

General maintenance has been continuing over the last 4 weeks. Gully cleaning and drainage maintenance is currently being carried out with the crews.

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



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L	70761	Green Lane	800	Completed
R	402	Johnstownbridge	1,000	Onsite
R	401	Ballygibbon	500	Completed
L	5012	Kilmurray, Kilshanroe	1,000	Completed
L	1003	Martinstown	1,000	Deferred
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

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	Dunfierth	1,100	Completed



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L	L89994	Clonagh	1,180	Completed
L	L5028	Ballycaghan	1,550	Completed
L	L5031	Ballycannon	1,150	Deferred
L	L1019	Blackwood	1,000	Completed
L	L1007	Ballyvoneen	1,050	Completed
L	L1010	Loughtown	1,250	Completed
L	L5070	Hodgestown	1,200	Completed

Climate Action Schemes 2023

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

Former National Road Schemes 2023

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

Safety Improvement Schemes 2023

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

Footpath Works Completed in 2023

- R157 Dunboyne Road Maynooth
- Bridge Street Kilcock
- Abbeyfields Estate Kilcock



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- 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 Park, Derrinturn

Contract 3

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

Contract 4 2023

- Oatfield Park, Clane - Footpaths
- Otommy, Clane – Footpaths
- Oak lawns, Kilmeague - Footpaths



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- 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

The District Engineer informed the members of the following:

- Main works at Johnstownbridge would be carried out next in the next two weeks, there was restricted dates the contractor could do. It was difficult with the school so trying to work around that.
- Recently completed works at Baltreacy Cross, removed some of the hedge to help with sight view.

The Members raised the following:

- Thanked the landowner at Baltreacy Cross for their co-operation.
- Residents at Curryhills Prosperous wanted to thank the office for the recent works.
- Was the gully at Meadow Wood a simple blockage.
- Thanked the Municipal District Office for their prompt response to the flooding on Moyglare Road.

The District Manager stated that the blockage at Meadow Wood wasn't simple, they cleaned the gully and put a camera down but needed to carry out further works.

Item 4 was deferred until Decembers Municipal District meeting on Friday 1 December.



CM04/1123

Signs at the Harbour Field, Maynooth

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

That the council erect 'No Entry' and 'No Parking' signs at the Harbour Field, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for appropriate signage to be erected and for the collapsible bollards to be used at all times.

Councillor Feeney welcomed the response and noted that Leinster Street car park was closed overnight. Parking here could obstruct emergency services accessing the link road.

The District Engineer mentioned it was frustrating that the bollards had been down a lot of the time and that the issue would be addressed.

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

CM05/1123

Yellow box at the end of Pound Lane, Maynooth

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

That the council reinstate the yellow box at the end of Pound Lane, Maynooth to allow access onto Mill Street.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for this box to be reinstated.

Councillor Feeney welcomed the report.



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

CM06/1123

Repairs in St. Bridget's Terrace, Clane

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

That the council carry out repairs to footpaths and road surfaces in St. Bridget's Terrace, Clane.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that there is no funding allocated in the current budget to carry out repairs to the road surface. The footpath will be assessed and considered as part of the Local Property Tax funded works in 2024.

The members raised the following:

- This was one of the oldest council estates in the county.
- There was an older resident who cycled a bike and road surface needed to be made safe.
- No works had been carried out in this estate for several years.
- Could this be looked at for next year's budget.

The District Engineer advised that there was currently no funding, but this would be looked at in 2024. He would see if there was a short-term solution in the meantime to make it safer.

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



CM07/1123

Stonecut Bridge in Staplestown

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

That the council repair the Stonecut Bridge in Staplestown Village which was damaged when struck by a vehicle.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that this bridge will be inspected by the Bridge Remediation Team and included on the programme of remedial works for 2024 if budgets allow.

The members raised the following:

- In instances like this, where the person responsible for the damage was known they should be paying for the repairs.
- Was there a designated officer in place to investigate these matters.

The District Engineer advised that usually the person dealing with the issue would write to An Garda Siochana to see if there was a report on the crash. In instances where traffic lights were hit, they could recoup the monies. In this instance they would need to write to the An Garda Siochana to see if this had been reported.

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

CM08/1123

Vehicular movements and congestion in Clane

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

That the council conduct an analysis of vehicular movements and congestion in Clane.

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



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A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department are carrying out a number of very comprehensive Area Based Transportation Strategies. The order to date has been Athy (Complete), Naas - Sallins (Complete), Kildare Town (Complete), Maynooth (will be completed Q4 2023) and Newbridge (will be completed mid 2024). These evidence-based strategies are completed in advance of the associated Local Area Plan. The next two to be completed are Monasterevin and Celbridge, after which it is likely Clane will follow.

The members raised the following:

- The opening of Sallins bypass had an impact on traffic in Clane.
- There was significant vehicular traffic and congestion in Clane throughout the day.
- Accepted that there was a queue to get works done.
- This issue would continue in Clane until works were completed.
- Would appreciate if works could be done sooner rather than later.
- In a recent survey for the Clane Local Area Plan, traffic congestion was in the top three issues raised along with more cycling and walking facilities needed.
- Capdoo road works would be due to come on stream in the next 18 to 24 months.
- 19% emissions to be halved over the next few years which would mean reducing car movement by over half.

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

CM09/1123

Proposed meeting with TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
That the council convene a meeting between members and the TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin service to discuss current service provision throughout the municipal district, and possible future service developments.

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



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A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that with the members agreement, the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department will write to Transport for Ireland (TFI) Local Link regarding this request.

The members raised the following:

- Proposed to hold an online meeting of about one hour duration to discuss current routes and ideas for new routes to link in with that.
- A21 service had proved very successful but more bus stop signs needed so more people could be made aware of the service.
- Parts of the northwest of the county hadn't any services and this was something that should be looked at.
- The bus service from Athy to Naas had helped to take approximately 200 cars off the road per day.
- Use of these services could be increased by more advertising.
- Suggested holding a meeting early in 2024 so there would be time to compile questions/ideas.

The District Manager welcomed the motion and was conscious of the climate agenda. She mentioned that the message needed to be shared to make people aware of these services.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by the members that a letter be sent to Transport For Ireland and Local Link and the report be noted.

CM10/1123

L1021 road from Prosperous to Staplestown Cross

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council assess the L1021 road from Prosperous to Staplestown Cross for structural and surface repairs and funding, including calls under Climate Action schemes.

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



A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess this road and make an application for funding in 2024 from the Department of Transport.

The members raised the following:

- Dry summers and wet winters were having a dreadful effect on this road.
- Similar to the bog road in Lullymore, deteriorates rapidly.
- This needed to be a priority next year.

The District Engineer advised:

- Climate Action funding would be announced next week.
- This was complex as there were two private bogs either side of this road, where one was being drained and the other flooded so the section of road could deteriorate quite quickly.
- There was an application made to the Department for funding and were awaiting the outcome of this.
- If funding was not received, Restoration Improvement funding would need to be examined.

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

CM11/1123

Pilot bike rental scheme

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

That the council investigate Bolt eBikes (or other suitable providers) by reviewing very successful pilots in other counties towards designing a pilot bike rental scheme in the Maynooth Decarbonising Zone and other towns of the municipal district in the first half of 2024.

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



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A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that Kildare County Council is awaiting a review being undertaken by the National Transport Authority (NTA) into schemes in the Metropolitan Greater Dublin Area. When the results of the review are to hand, Kildare County Council will examine the findings and report back on a proposed policy via the Strategic Policy Committee and Sustainable Transport Forum. Issues to be examined include the levels of subvention requested, subscription costs for users, options for docking or dockless systems, availability of non-standard bicycles, location of parking, interface with other Local Authority providers and interchange with other micro-mobility modes (scooters and EVs).

The members raised the following:

- Disappointed that there was no sense of urgency on this matter.
- Wanted a commitment that this would be looked at.
- Was the sustainable transport teams budget limited, was further funding needed.
- This scheme was trialled in Bray and proved very successful.
- Maynooth could be used as a pilot town for the county.
- The range in electric bikes could get you from Maynooth to Dublin along the canal,
- This had previously been brought as a motion to full council and was referred to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, could they be contacted to see did this go anywhere and if not could it be revisited.

The District Engineer advised that this response had come from the Senior Engineer, he would bring the suggestions back to the team.

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

CM12/1123

Upgrade signage and markings on cycleways

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



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That the council make a plan to upgrade signage and markings in this municipal district to ensure correct direction on cycleways and that junction marking is clear – following the updated guidelines provided in the cycle design manual September 2023.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the council construct schemes in accordance with the legal requirements at the time of construction. When advice or manuals are updated post construction, these can be applied as a retrofit to existing infrastructure. However, there is a cost in terms of resources (both financial and staffing). It is unclear the extent of any changes that would be required and an assessment would have to be undertaken to prioritise any retrofitting deemed necessary. This would be an additional task for staff to undertake with no indication of any financial allocation from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for retrofitting.

Councillor Hamilton stated that clarity on this matter was important. There had been numerous complaints made about the Moyglare Road. He advised a new cycle design manual was issued in September 2023. He proposed a new cycleway improvement project to start on the Moyglare Road as a pilot project. Some small cost-effective changes could be made.

The District Engineer advised that they would look at Moyglare Road and the new cycle manual but didn't think more signage would be that effective, potentially look at putting down more road markings. He would speak to the Sustainable Transport team to avoid any overlap with their plans.

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



CM13/1123

Speed review on Lyreen Avenue, Maynooth

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

That the council carry out a speed review on Lyreen Avenue, Maynooth.

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

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

The District Engineer advised that he would speak to Councillor Ó Cearúil offline to discuss the particular area of concern.

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

CM14/1123

Update on the Dart + project in this Municipal District

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

That the council write to the National Transport Authority (NTA) seeking an update on the Dart + project in this Municipal District.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Rail Order has been submitted by Irish Rail to An Bord Pleanála on Dart+. The Oral Hearing has taken place—ending only in the last few weeks. The An Bord Pleanála Inspector will publish his adjudication in due course.

Councillor Ó Cearúil hoped that the Dart+ would be brought as far as Kilcock.



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Councillor Durkan advised that he had attended the oral hearings.

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

CM15/1123

Winter salting route

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

That the council extend the current winter salting route to Coill Dubh along the L7019 road as far as Cooleragh to increase safety for school buses that serve the area.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that Kildare County Council treat in excess of 680km of roads in the county during the winter maintenance period and are currently at capacity. It is not possible to provide treatment to additional routes at this time.

The members raised the following:

- Cooleragh and Coill Dubh would be considered as one district.
- In a recent Central Statistics Office survey Cooleragh was shown as a fast growing area and a lot of school buses were travelling to collect children.
- It was only 1.2km from the salting route.
- Every year motions came up on this matter, the answer was always the same, what could the members do to resolve this.
- Was further funding needed.
- This was a health and safety issue.
- Areas were expanding and population was growing, additional routes needed to be looked at.



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The District Engineer advised that there were ten routes countywide and twenty drivers on rotation with 5 substitute drivers. Every lorry that goes out comes back empty. Nearly all regional roads are salted. This was not something he could change.

Councillor Wyse stated it was not the members job to think of staffing and that the county was growing.

The District Manager advised that resources were tight, but she would bring this issue to the attention of the Director of Services for Transport.

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

CM16/1123

Reinstate bus warning signs and road markings at Scoil Mhuire

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

That the council reinstate bus warning signs and road markings at Scoil Mhuire Community School, Clane, to ensure the spaces reserved for school buses are not used by other vehicles.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will speak with the developer at the school and request that the signs be reinstated. Road markings will also be reinstated.

The members raised the following:

- Cars were starting to use these spaces even with signage clearly there and this was causing traffic congestion.
- Could colour be added to the road to identify that it was a bus area.



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The District Engineer advised that there would be no plans to colour the bus area, but the markings would be reinstated.,

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

CM17/1123

Safety review of the Greenway path

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

That the council contact Waterways Ireland to request that they conduct a safety review of the Greenway path that runs alongside the R148 from the Lidl Store down to the Millerstown estate Kilcock, due to the safety concerns regarding the fence that only covers a portion of the path along this busy roadway.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that with the members agreement, the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department will write to Waterways Ireland regarding this request.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members that a letter be sent to Waterways Ireland.

CM18/1123

Remove unused sign poles in Kilcock

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

That the council remove a number of unused sign poles (single pole with no sign) from in and around Kilcock.

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



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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 this to be carried out in consultation with Councillor Ward.

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

CM19/1123

Move junction box outside St. Mary's Boys National School

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

That the council write to the ESB requesting them to move the junction box in the middle of the footpath outside St. Mary's Boys National School, Maynooth.

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, with the members agreement, the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department will write to the ESB regarding this request.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that a letter be sent to ESB and the report be noted.

CM20/1123

Sequencing of traffic lights in Maynooth

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

That the council give a full report on the ongoing issues with the sequencing of all the traffic lights in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that there are no "ongoing issues" with the sequencing of traffic



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signals in Maynooth Town. It should be noted that traffic volumes over the past 2 months have increased since the summer period and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) count information from the M4 near Maynooth, indicates that traffic levels for 2023 exceed those prior to Covid-19. In that context, the private car traffic demands on the existing infrastructure continue to cause delays to all traffic in the town centre and in particular to the public transport bus services and the recently extended BusConnects Route to the Moyglare area. This needs to be viewed in the context of the Climate Action Plan targets of reducing traffic emissions by 50% by 2030. When faults occur or are reported by the public to the Traffic Management Centre then they are promptly repaired and addressed. If there are specific concerns about timings or sequencing, these can be sent directly to the team.

Councillor Durkan welcomed the report and any other feedback on the matter.

The District Engineer advised that there had been a glitch with the new service providers system that had now been resolved.

Councillor Ó Cearúil thanked the District Engineer for acknowledging that there had been an issue and asked in future the member of staff who issued the report be present at meetings.

Councillor Durkan thanked the District Engineer for clarity on the issue.

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

CM21/1123

Footpath between Brookfield Park and the Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the provision of a footpath between Brookfield Park and the Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth?



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A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District office have no plans to install a footpath at this location.

Councillor Feeney accepted the report but asked that it be considered for funding in next years work plan.

The report was noted.

CM22/1123

Design of Dagwelds Crossroads

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

Can the council confirm when the design of Dagwelds Crossroads will be available to members and when works will commence?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that design work has commenced for Dagwelds junction following the completion of a topographical survey and a high-level analysis of different options to improve safety at this location. The emerging preferred option is to stagger the cross-roads by realigning the L1019 (road towards Coill Dubh) to the east. Design drawings are not yet available however a briefing can be arranged once these have been finalised. There is no timeline for construction as of yet as it is likely that a consenting and land acquisition process will be required, and these steps will need to be completed prior to the commencement of construction. The elected members will be kept informed on the project timeline over the next number of months.

Councillor Weld welcomed this report but explained his frustration at the length of time that it was taking to progress the matter and suggested that the council liaise with landowners now to consult them on this rather than do a design and then be left even longer to resolve the ownership of the lands.

The District Engineer advised that a briefing could be arranged once drawings were finalised but had no timeframe for construction. Consent/land acquisition would be required



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prior to commencement of works. Would bring Councillor Welds suggestion back to the design team.

The report was noted.

CM23/1123

Signage to reduce speed and increase safety at Betaghstown Cross

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

Can the council confirm if they have any further plans at Betaghstown Cross regarding signage or other measures to reduce speed and increase safety?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer has submitted a funding application under low-cost safety improvements to the Department of Transport for this junction in 2024.

Councillor Farrelly questioned what the funding application was specific to.

The District Engineer advised that it would be used for signage and road markings and it was part of a number of junction submissions to the Department of Transport by Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

CM24/1123

Surface water pooling on the R403 footpath

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

Can the council confirm if it has considered the need to address surface water pooling for pedestrians on the R403 footpath between Liffey Lawns and Scoil Bhríde, Clane, in preparing the work programme?



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A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that this request will be considered as part of the 2024 Works Programme subject to funding being available.

The District Engineer advised that this would be looked at next year at Easter or during the summer holidays, so as to not interfere with the school.

The report was noted.

CM25/1123

Repair to the drain gulley at the junction of Beaufield Close and Meadowbrook Road

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

Can the council provide an update on the repair to the drain gulley and connection at the junction of Beaufield Close and Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth that is causing significant water pooling at a very busy junction?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the road maintenance crew are working to find the cause of the blockage and a suitable solution.

Councillor Hamilton queried was it a complicated job.

The District Engineer advised that they had cleaned this gully and put a camera down to see what the issue was but they kept seeing more dirt as it was still blocked. It does not seem to have a positive connection to the drain but would need to be investigated further.

The report was noted.

CM26/1123

Problem parking in mature housing estates

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



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Can the council identify measures that can be taken to address significant increases in problem parking in mature housing estates in this municipal district, including road marking, provision of spaces, enforcement and any additional measures the council can suggest to improve this situation?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that parking in estates is often an issue where people do not have sufficient off-road parking for the number of vehicles at the house. Kildare County Council does not provide road markings in housing estates and does not feel double yellow lines are appropriate except in exceptional circumstances. Providing additional parking space would often require green spaces to be reduced or trees to be removed and this would not be in line with our climate aims. As there is a shift in modal transport this problem should start to reduce.

Councillor Hamilton noted that it was a complex situation as some housing estates had greater congestion than others. Could they come up with any other solution to this problem?

The District Engineer advised that it was a difficult one to deal with, a solid white line tended to increase speed and they would try not to put double yellow lines in an estate unless it was a serious health and safety concern on a bend.

The District Manager advised that two abandoned cars had been removed from the estate but it would be tricky to deal with the enforcement of parking and challenging to work to improve this situation. The Climate Action plan was to move in the direction of reducing car use and removing any green areas would not be a solution.

Councillor Hamilton suggested a walkthrough of the estate to try and see exactly what issues needed to be addressed.

The report was noted.



CM27/1123

Signage and road markings where the road meets the Barrow Blueway

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

Can the council confirm that appropriate signage and road markings will be put in place at the S-bend where the local road meets the Barrow Blueway near the 20th Lock on the Grand Canal, to both warn motorists of the bend and potential walkers on the road, and to warn pedestrians and cyclists coming from the canal towpath that they are about to join a local road?

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that the scheme at this location comprises of a new footpath along the canal bank adjacent to the roadway. Pedestrians are provided with the footpath and can avoid walking on the road. Cyclists can use the footway as it is designated as shared surface at the point where the road adjoins the canal. Signage is provided in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual and Cycle Design Manual issued by the Department of Transport.

- “Cyclist and pedestrian ahead” warning signage is provided on all public road approaches to the Blueway, including on approach to the “S Bend” here.
- The existing chevron sign guiding motorists as the encounter the canal side will be retained at this location.
- Blueway users are signed to “Stop” to give priority as they join the public road.
- To highlight the road layout a high friction beige colour surface will be applied to the road as it adjoins the canal side and Blueway.

About 50m east of the “S bend” along the canal, cyclists are guided onto the road as the footpath is pedestrian only from here on. At this point additional bicycle road markings and high friction surfacing are provided on the roadway to remind motorists of the presence of cyclists. At the 19th Lock and bridge Blueway users are directed to the opposite side of the canal.

The report was noted.



CM28/1123

Speed review test on Church Street, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the timeframe for the speed review test to be carried out on Church Street, Kilcock?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that this check will be carried out in the next fortnight.

The report was noted.

CM29/1123

Traffic calming measures at Laraghbryan West

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

Can the council provide an update on traffic calming measures at Laraghbryan West, Maynooth?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District office is arranging for improved signage to be installed on approach warning vehicles of the bends ahead.

The report was noted.

CM30/1123

Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Mainham

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

That the council refer the Heritage Council-funded Conservation Report on the Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Mainham, Clane to the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee to consider for addition to the council's work programme.

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



A report was received from Forward Planning, Heritage, Conservation and Biodiversity informing the members that the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee (HMAC) will consider the inclusion of the recommendations from the Heritage Council funded Conservation Report on the Wogan Browne Mausoleum, into the 2024 work programme which will be further discussed with the HMAC at their next meeting on 13 December 2023.

The members raised the following:

- There had been €5000 spent on consultancy on the Mausoleum.
- It had been damaged by unauthorised invasions.
- A lot of investment went into Mainham every year, and this would be a great point of interest to the public to keep it maintained.
- That it was a lovely and worthwhile feature and would cost a lot more in the long run if it wasn't looked after now.
- Money would need to be resourced to help this move forward.
- Could look at what had been done with other Mausoleums in the county and bring these ideas forward.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that the report be noted and that the Wogan Browne Mausoleum be referred to the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee.

CM31/1123

Primary Care Centre for Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if it has been updated by the HSE on the planned provision of a Primary Care Centre for Maynooth?

A report was received from the Director of Services for Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency Services informing the members that the council has



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received no update from the Health Service Executive (HSE) on the planned provision of a Primary Care Centre for Maynooth.

Councillor Feeney noted that this information would be helpful and would approach the HSE on the matter. She raised that the public had been in contact with the members and stated that they had to go outside of the county for these services. The members would liaise with the Regional Health Forum.

The District Manager advised that a letter had been circulated and would arrange a meeting and also speak to the Director of Services for the Planning Section.

The report was noted.

CM32/1123

Social infrastructure in Prosperous and Clane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council present an overview of the social infrastructure in Prosperous and Clane, and identify any gaps in service provision (e.g. Youth Work, HSE, Tusla, ETB, transport, public amenities) with a focus on population growth in the period of the current County Development Plan?

A report was received from Forward Planning, Heritage, Conservation and Biodiversity informing the members that the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) for Prosperous is set out in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029–Volume 2 Section V2 2.5 (Prosperous) and takes into account the population growth over the lifetime of the plan and beyond. Section V2 2.5.4 of the Settlement Plan for Prosperous also refers. In accordance with CS O21 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 Social Infrastructure Audits are prepared for Mandatory Local Area Plan settlements such as Clane in order to identify deficiencies in social infrastructure provision in each settlement and to provide a land use response (where appropriate) to such deficiencies. The SIA carried out to inform the Local Area Plan (LAP) is carried out to inform the land uses within a statutory plan and it is not within the remit of a Local Area Plan or County Development Plan to deliver specific services such as TUSLA, HSE or An Garda Síochana etc. The SIA for Clane will be



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prepared in tandem with the LAP having regard to the allocated additional population growth over the LAP period.

The report was noted.

Item 34 was moved to later in the meeting.

CM33/1123

Christmas Lights LPT awards 2023

The members considered the Christmas Lights LPT awards for 2023.

Clane/Maynooth M.D. - Local property Tax 2023 -Christmas Lights		
Group	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
Newtown Community Group	€1,200	€600
Carbury Village Residents Association	€6,000	€3,200
Maynooth Christmas Lights	€25,000	€13,000
Kilcock Business Association	€6,600	€3,200
	Total allocation	€20,000

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members that the Christmas Lights LPT for 2023 be awarded.

CM34/1123

Grant allocations for community gardens

The members considered the Grant allocations for community gardens in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District.

Clane Maynooth M.D. Local Property Tax for Community Gardens 2023			
Group	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
John Sullivan Centre (Irish Wheelchair Association), Clane, Kildare	To create new biodiversity areas with native trees, shrubs and wildflowers and a herb garden.	€2,700	€2,700
Newtown Community Group	To install a small sensory garden	€1,540	€1,540
		Proposed grants	€4,240
		Total LPT for community gardens	€12,000
		Unallocated	€7,760

Councillor Durkan proposed that the remainder of €7,760 be rolled over to next years funding. The members agreed.



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the Grant allocations for community gardens in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District be approved and that €7,760 be rolled over to next year.

CM35/1123

Community facility in Carbury

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the handing over of the community facility to the residents of Carbury and provision of services for the facility?

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development section informing the members that Kildare County Council is continuing to work with the contractors in order to complete the works to Carbury Community Centre. A meeting took place on site mid-October with relevant contractors regarding completion of the outstanding works. The council is currently in the process of getting a connection certificate for the electricity supply signed off by a qualified electrician. Once completed, ESB Networks will be notified and the connection to the network will be included in their work programme. The handover of the Community Centre is expected in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CM36/1123

Future flood prevention efforts

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

Can the council confirm if it has the resources to use camera drones to record flood events in this municipal district and help prepare for future flood prevention efforts, given the effects of climate change?

A report was received from Flood Risk Management Section informing the members that the council has a framework in place to procure drone surveys. A Data Protection Impact Assessment must be carried out to ensure that this method of data collection is suitable.



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Flood Risk Management are currently carrying out this assessment with the Data Protection Officer. As part of our Flood Relief Schemes, the contractor/consultant is required to record flood events as they occur and to use these events to continually verify and calibrate the model. Schemes are also designed to be adaptable to climate change and where practical this adaptation is included in the scheme construction, e.g. foundations of walls built to allow the wall height to be raised at a later date.

Councillor McEvoy said that there had been flood events that had happened differently in the past, for example Middleton in Cork and other towns across the country.

A short term response to flooding was needed and advised that there could be multiple uses for the technology.

The District Manager advised that she would refer this back to the floods team and commented that immediate action was needed in the chance of major flooding events.

The report was noted.

CM37/1123

Brigid 1500

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can the council clarify what events are being planned within this municipal district for Brigid 1500?

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development section informing the members that the Brigid 1500 programme will be launched on 7 November 2023. Flagship events have been planned for each Municipal District with additional community projects being supported through the Library Service, Arts Service and through the Brigid 1500 Creative and Community Grant. The closing date for grant applications is 10 November 2023. The project team welcome the support of elected members and local community groups in the forthcoming celebratory year of Brigid 1500.



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Councillor Ó Cearúil accepted the report and asked that the members be given an update in December or January's Municipal District Meeting.

The District Manager advised the following:

- The big reveal for Brigid 1500 would be on 7 November in Barberstown Castle and hoped to see each of the members there.
- Once the deadline for grant applications had passed, each Municipal District would be updated of any events.
- Lots of exciting things and events would be happening around the county.
- The website had gone live.

The report was noted.

CM38/1123

Slate River from Ballynafagh Lake to Barnaran

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

Can the council provide a report on the precise extent of all dredging or other maintenance works carried out on the Slate River from Ballynafagh Lake to Barnaran in the last five years?

A report was received from Flood Risk Management Section informing the members that the council carried out the following programme of river maintenance on the River Slate:

2017: Tributary of the Slate maintained at Derrymullen following report of flooding to properties and infrastructure.

2018: River Slate maintained from Derrymullen to Rathangan as part of multi-annual maintenance programme.

2020: River Slate maintained from Derrymullen to R403 at Brockagh, following report of flooding to properties adjacent to Roberstown GAA.

In-stream works with machinery are limited to the months of July, August and September and within existing drainage districts. Responsibility for maintenance outside of drainage districts lies with the riparian owner.



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Councillor Wyse welcomed the work that had been carried out but raised that he had visited areas of Coolree /Blackwood and there were homes with sandbags at the front door who had not been affected by flooding in the past. He asked was there a formal process for reporting these issues.

The District Manager advised that she would speak to Edele O'Brien (Flood Risk Management Engineer) to link in with Councillor Wyse and advised any other members to contact Edele or the team with any flooding incidents or queries.

The report was noted.

CM39/1123

Community Centre in Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can the council confirm when the community centre in Kilcock will open?

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development section informing the members that Kildare County Council is continuing to work with the contractors in order to complete the works to Kilcock Community Centre. Snagging lists and completion certificates are currently being finalised and it is envisaged that the handover of the Community Centre to Kildare County Council will take place in the coming weeks. Once the handover has been completed, works can commence on the floor markings for the multi-purpose recreational hall and the fit-out of the multi-purpose rooms. Expressions of interest from sports clubs, community groups, etc were sought regarding the use of the centre. A great response was received and the council remain in regular contact with those groups and provide updates on the centre.

The report was noted.

CM40/1123

URDF funding for Maynooth

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



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Can the council clarify what the situation is with the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funding for Maynooth and what the latest developments are?

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that the Preliminary Business Case was approved for Decision Gate 1 of the Public Spending Code in July. Approval has now been granted by the Department to advance the subprojects to the next stages. Updates on progress will be provided in the Chief Executive's Report to council.

Councillor Ó Cearúil asked what would the next steps be and what was happening with this?

Ms P Pender advised that this was a priority for the Public Realm team. Due to staff changes and resources this had been put on hold. A new member of staff would be joining the team the following week and the members would receive updates every month in the Chief Executive report.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.