



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District Meeting held on Friday, 05 May 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, B Weld and B Wyse.

**Officials Present:** Mr. K Kavanagh (A/District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. A M Burke (Executive Engineer), Mr. M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms. P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Mr. B O’Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms. L Kennedy (A/Administrative Officer), Ms. G Allen (A/County Librarian), Mr. C O’Toole (Staff Officer), Ms. S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CM01/0523**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

Councillor McEvoy advised that in relation to declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, that he had an association with Clane Tidy Towns and that he would be raising an issue later in the meeting at Item 39, in relation to Tidy Towns Grants.

**CM02/0523**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee held on 29 March 2023, the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth



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Municipal District meeting held on Thursday, 06 April 2023, together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee held on 29 March 2023 and the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Thursday, 06 April 2023 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

### CM03/0523

#### Municipal District Works

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

#### LPT Funding

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

#### General Works

Routine Maintenance is being carried out by the crews with the gullies in the Municipal District being cleaned. Two footpath tenders are currently being assessed and we are in the process of appointing a contractor.

<b>Restoration Improvement Schemes 2023</b>				
<b>Road Class</b>	<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Road Name and Townland Name</b>	<b>Length Road (m)</b>	<b>Status</b>
R	403	Brockagh	1,000	Tendered
R	403	Prosperous Road Clane	750	Design
R	415	Kilmeague	900	Awarded
R	407	Sallins Road Clane	530	Design
R	415	Allen	500	Awarded
L	7081	Healys Bridge	900	Tendered
L	70733	Bluetown	800	Tendered
L	70761	Green Lane	800	Awarded
R	402	Johnstownbridge	1,000	Design
R	401	Ballygibbon	500	Design
L	5012	Kilmurray, Kilshanroe	1,000	Design



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L	1003	Martinstown	1,000	Design
L	1002	Tandargee	750	Design
L	1002	Broadford	600	Design
L	1013	Old Dunboyne Road	500	Design
L	5039	Laragh Courttown	700	Design
L:	1017	Derryvarroge	1,500	Awarded

## 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



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### Climate Action Schemes 2023

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

### 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

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members of four key items in relation to the resurfacing schedule:

- Timahoe West due to start on 22 May and would take approximately 3 weeks to complete.
- Kilmeague to Green Lane - Resurfacing would also be carried out.
- Brockagh to Healys Bridge - Resurfacing also due at this location.
- Ballygibbon to Broadford - tenders were received on the 04 May and would be awarded next week. Works were due to commence with surface dressing on the 30 May over 8 days, of which 4 days would be before the June Bank Holiday weekend and 3 days after. There would be unavoidable traffic disruption during these days. These works would also be weather dependent.

With regard to potholes in rural areas the members were invited to submit the specific locations of the places of concern.



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The members thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the works due to commence and raised the following points:

- Despite the significant traffic disruption coming into a Bank Holiday weekend, that the residents of the area of Connolly's Folly would be very happy.
- Would stock marking be all that would be used at Drehid Cross.
- Referred to Climate Action Schemes and that with the implications of temperatures rising that funding for some types of repairs could be applied for through these schemes.
- Enquired if a footpath from Rathcoffey to Painestown Filling Station could be added to the list from the funding from the National Transport Authority.
- Advised that funding was now in place from Local Property Tax for the main road and that the landowner was also agreeable.

The Municipal District Engineer responded with the following:

- Outlined that a low cost strategy was used at Drehid's Cross. Two accidents had occurred here, one after the other, and that the line markings had been renewed. He informed the members that he had spoken to the An Garda Síochana to try and identify any other contributing factors.
- Informed the members that, for example the bog areas, were wet in winter and dryer in summers. To address flooding, drainage and the sink differential issues that the council could apply to Climate Action Schemes for funding, albeit not large funding. He also mentioned Derryvarroge as an example of such works.
- A footpath from Rathcoffey to Painestown would be seen as funding for a new path and on that basis that an application would have to be made to the National Transport Authority in this regard.

The report was noted.

### **CM04/0523**

### **Capital Programme 2023-2025**

The members considered the Capital Programme 2023-2025 which had been listed for discussion and an opportunity for the elected members to put forward any questions on the



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programme. The A/District Manager advised the members that a report was previously circulated.

The members raised the following:

- It was suggested to arrange to have a subsequent discussion to make submissions and revert back for comment. To then be in a position to finalise matters next month.
- An enquiry was made as to whether €51,000 from Tidy Towns and Drehid Grants allocated to Allenwood Playground could be reallocated elsewhere, as the Tidy Towns was not involved in the construction of the Allenwood Playground which had a total allocation of €675,000.
- There was an allocation to the Library of €1.185 million this year and €1.14 million next year. That €800,000 was from Development Levies and €850,000 from Local Property Tax. The members outlined that originally the figure planned by the members from Local Property Tax was €750,000, which had now been increased by €100,000 to €850,000. Given this, was it anticipated that any additional monies for this project would be needed from Local Property Tax next year.
- An allocation of €100,000 to the North Kildare Swimming Pool was mentioned and an enquiry was made by the members as to what part of the Project was this €100,000 spent on.

Mr. S Wallace advised that the Allenwood Playground was funded by Local Property Tax, Capital and Drehid Grants and that the Drehid Grant was included and was needed for the playground.

Ms. G Allen outlined for the members the Local Property Tax figures in relation to the Library were as follows:

- €250,000 over 3 years, plus an additional €100,000

Also mentioning that inflation would hit these figures hard and that it was not known if the total allocation of approximately €2.3 million would deliver this project.



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Ms. L Kennedy would make an enquiry with regard to the €100,000 allocation to the North Kildare Swimming Pool and what part of this Project that this was spent on, and would revert back to the members.

### **CM05/0523**

#### **Reallocation of residual LPT**

To approve the reallocation of residual LPT that has not been drawn down in the Municipal District.

It was agreed by the members to hold a brief meeting before the next Municipal District Meeting in June, to discuss the individual items.

Councillor Hamilton mentioned that there were two or three priority projects.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members present that the reallocation of residual LPT that has not been drawn down in the municipal district, be adjourned to a meeting to be held on the 02June before the Municipal District Meeting of the same date.

### **CM06/0523**

#### **Unallocated LPT 2023**

The members considered the allocation of unallocated LPT for 2023.

Councillor Durkan proposed an amount of €2,000 be allocated to Maynooth Cycling Club.

This was seconded by Councillor Hamilton.

Councillor Hamilton proposed that €1,150 be allocated to Maynooth Decarbonizing Zone Communication Plan.

This was seconded by Councillor Durkan.

**Resolved** on the proposals of Councillors Durkan and Hamilton, seconded by Councillors Hamilton and Durkan and agreed by the members that €2,000 be allocated to Maynooth Cycling Club to promote cycling in Maynooth and that €1,150 be allocated to Maynooth Decarbonizing Zone Communication Plan.



**CM07/0523**

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

A report of submissions was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department and was previously circulated.

The report was noted.

**CM08/0523**

**Paid parking fund in Maynooth**

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillors Tim Durkan, Angela Feeney, Peter Hamilton and Naoise Ó Cearúil.

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 the detailed design stages of the planning process.

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a review of the pay parking figures has been carried out as requested by the members and the following is now outlined;

- As indicated in the reply given by Public Realm at the April meeting, €704,517 from pay parking income was transferred for the delivery of the Maynooth Town Masterplan.
- There is €218,295 in the Maynooth pay parking reserve capital fund. These funds are necessary for the operation of pay parking in the Municipal District, for example for upgrading/repair of machines and works that may become necessary following revisions to the parking bye-laws.
- From 2015-2017, €372,081 in respect of pay parking was used for the local roads programme and was approved by the members under Municipal District works.
- There is no record of a resolution requesting that all payparking funds from 2015 onwards be ringfenced for the Project.

Councillor Durkan mentioned that there was much to discuss about what needed to be achieved from the current €700,000, while also accepting that a previous €372,000 was spent on works in the back streets of Maynooth. He also suggested that rather than let





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inflation deplete the funds, that monies could be used now, in a planned staged drawdown process to fund both the Public Realm and Celbridge Road Projects. These monies could then be replaced with paid parking monies which were projected for next year to be in the region of €175,000 to €200,000. For this to be operated, that a time line was needed for when funding would be required for both projects.

Councillor Hamilton agreed and suggested that the members revert at next month's meeting to allocate specifics and that perhaps for this purpose a new motion should be considered.

Councillor Feeney also agreed and said that a Road Map was needed for these projects.

Mr. M McLoughlin informed the members that Mr. S Deegan would be giving a presentation at next month's meeting.

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

### CM09/0523

#### Safety Audit at Littletown Junction

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council carry out a safety audit at Littletown Junction to improve the visibility for road users travelling from Ballyteague.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Ward. A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Municipal District office will investigate this issue and report back to the members.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said that something needed to be done and requested that this item remain on the Progress Report.



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Councillor Wyse pointed out that the Blueway was on the other side of the road at this location and that Public Realm will engage the Municipal District Engineer.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that Ms. P Pender would organise a meeting to get things started at the Athy Blueway.

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

### CM10/0523

#### Flooding between Blights Bridge and Brockagh Cross

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

That the council investigate and resolve the flooding issue on the left hand side of the road between Blights Bridge and Brockagh Cross.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will investigate this issue and report back to the members.

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the members that there were three houses on the left hand side at Blights Cross which were previously completely flooded. The residents had to organise a machine themselves to clear the water. The issue required investigation.

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



**CM11/0523**

**Road crossings at Tesco Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton. That the council carry out an analysis of road crossing needs at the Tesco Maynooth roundabout to identify where the greatest demand for crossing now is, following recently completed large new developments in the area and develop a plan to improve/optimize road crossings in the vicinity.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Area Based Transport Assessment for Maynooth is nearing completion and has suggested a number of options for road strategy measures at various locations. This will assist in determining the best course of action in addressing the issue.

Councillor Hamilton asked for the members support on this issue. He also added that change was difficult. There had been a large increase in houses, approximately 300 new homes at Lime Tree, Carton Wood and Carton Grove, with a very young demographic. There were children on bikes and trikes and also children in buggies, leading to tough conditions for vulnerable road users. The road crossing needed to be looked at as it was in the wrong place. Councillor Hamilton also stated that traffic needed to be metered going into the town. He requested for this item to remain on the progress report.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed in relation to this remaining on the Progress Report. He also agreed with the members that there was an issue at this location and that the crossing was too close to the roundabout where people were trying to cross to the supermarket and the shops.

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



**CM12/0523**

**Flooding in Loughbollard, Clane**

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

That the council undertake drainage works/surface repairs to address recurring flooding (details provided) in Loughbollard, Clane.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy 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 investigate this issue and report back to the members.

Councillor McEvoy mentioned that funding had been allocated from Local Property Tax and that this work needed to be done.

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

**CM13/0523**

**Re-mark road junctions to Loughanure, Clane**

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

That the council re-mark the road junctions in Loughanure, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will arrange for the road markings to be renewed.

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



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The members agreed Item 14 (Motion Councillor Wyse), Item 35 (Motion Councillor Feeney), Item 37 (Question Councillor Durkan) and Item 38 (Question Councillor Durkan) could be taken consecutively.

### CM14/0523

#### Children at Play signs in Oakwood Park, Derrinturn

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

That the council install Children at Play signs in Oakwood Park, Derrinturn.

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

A report was received from Building and Development Control Section informing the members that the Development Control Section has requested the Developer to submit a drawing showing the Slow Zones signs in accordance with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's traffic signs advice note TSAN-2016-02 regarding slow zones in residential developments for written agreement of the planning authority prior to installation.

Councillor Wyse enquired if there was anything that the council could do here, could the bond be used to have these signs installed. He also suggested that a timeline of a month, be given to the developer to have these Children at Play Signs installed and requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Mr. J Hennessy informed the members that given that this was a condition of the planning and that the council should not go in at this time. The bond should not be spent to get these signs installed and to do that would be a significant process. Building control would keep on top of this with the developer to have them install the signs.

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



**CM15/0523**

Item 35

**Mullen Park and Lyreen Lodge**

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

That the council engage with the developers of both Mullen Park and Lyreen Lodge, Maynooth to ensure that both estates are completed to the required standard for residents.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that the Development Control Section continues to liaise with the developers of the Mullen Park and Lyreen Lodge estates on an ongoing basis. It is envisaged that the works will commence on the green area in Mullen Park in May 2023 provided the ground has sufficiently dried out. Lyreen Lodge is very close to completion and the Taking in Charge process will commence once all remaining snag items have been completed and an Uisce Eireann Conformance Cert has been received.

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

**CM16/0523**

Item 37

**Outstanding issues in Kilcock Estates prior to Taking in Charge**

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

Can the council provide a list of outstanding issues awaiting completion in estates in Kilcock prior to the estates being taken in charge?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that it should be noted that Kildare County Council has no record of a formal request to Take in Charge the Chambers Park or Rochford estates, from either the developer (now ceased trading) or a majority of the homeowners, in accordance with Section 180 of Planning



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and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A Development Control Legacy Team has been established to progress the Taking in Charge of legacy estates within the County. These are being prioritised based on the date of receipt of a formal Taking in Charge request. The Development Control team have however commissioned and received CCTV surveys for both of these estates. Additionally, the Development Control team undertake emergency maintenance works in these estates as required. Once a valid Taking in Charge Request has been received for both the Chambers Park and Rochford estates the Development Control Legacy team will commence the taking in charge process which will include full snagging of the estates and liaison with Uisce Eireann to seek their approval to proceed with Taking in Charge.

Councillor Durkan enquired if there would be any negative impact if the residents came forward themselves to look for estates to be taken in charge.

Mr. J Hennessy informed the members that the best practice was to continue to engage with the Developer.

The report was noted.

### CM17/0523

Item 38

#### **Outstanding issues in Maynooth Estates prior to Taking in Charge**

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

Can the council provide a list of outstanding issues awaiting completion in estates in Maynooth prior to the estates being taken in charge?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that there is no request on file from either the developer or majority of homeowners to take in charge Limetree Hall, Moyglare Hall or Newtown Hall in accordance with Section 180 of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). No significant infrastructural issues remain in either Limetree Hall or Moyglare Hall. Development Control are continuing to work with the developers in these estates to progress the delivery of the required Taking in Charge documentation including CCTV surveys, as constructed drawings, Taking in



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Charge and vesting maps. In relation to Castledawson please note that speed reduction measures have recently been implemented within this estate and the neighbouring Newtown Hall estate. Development Control continues to work with the developer of Newtown Hall to expedite the delivery of the remaining infrastructural issues, including works to the pumping station, which serves both Castledawson and Newtown Hall, to progress the Taking in Charge process.

Councillor Durkan enquired if there was anything that could be done to speed up the process as it had been a long time coming and also requested that the pressure be kept on the developer.

Mr. J Hennessy informed the members that Development Control were engaging with the Developer. Also, there were issues with the pump station and some works needed to be carried out, but that things were going well and moving along. He also agreed that it had been a long time coming and that the pressure needed to be kept on.

The report was noted.

### **CM18/0523**

#### **Children at Play signs Coill Dubh**

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

That the council install Children at Play signs on the two approach roads into the main village of Coill Dubh and assess the need for additional speed ramps on the road in front of the old shop units, and examine the condition of existing speed ramps.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will assess the existing speed ramp condition and carry out a speed survey. It would not be appropriate to install Children at Play signs on the two approach roads into the main village. Signs warning for children are normally placed at the entrance to housing estates to warn drivers.





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

### **CM19/0523**

#### **Resurface/reinstate Courtown Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward.  
That the council undertake to resurface/reinstate the Courtown Road from Centra (Courtown Road) to Shaw Bridge and also the Harbour area of Kilcock town centre.

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 Engineer will inspect this location and organise road resurfacing if required during the summer months.

Councillor Ward thanked the Municipal District Engineer for meeting with him and that he looked forward to the works in the summer.

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

### **CM20/0523**

#### **Additional bus stop to the 115C Service, Kilcock**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward.  
That the council contact Bus Eireann and the NTA to request an additional bus stop to service the 115C Service for the following areas Garadice, Coole, Moynalvey and Summerhill in response to the removal of the stop at Hattons, Garadice, Kilcock.  
The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.



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A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section will contact the elected member directly to discuss the issues and the relevant authorities will then be contacted.

Councillor Ward outlined that every public representative had received representations on this matter. There would be an opportunity at Full Council to put this to the National Transport Authority. The issue of Bus Stops, at these same locations goes back two to three years. Councillor Ward also informed the members that he had been in contact with the Sustainable Transport Team the day before the meeting. He also went on to explain that people were standing at these locations and that there were no bus signs and that the buses speed by them. He enquired why was it that it seemed that the hardest part was putting up the pole. Also adding that he looked forward to getting this issue sorted.

The members raised the following points:

- Outlined that it was National Government that make the changes and that the council were not in control. Roads were being built for the provision of services.
- Suggested that a forum for the council to engage with the National Transport Authority would be useful similar to the clinics that would have taken place with Irish Water.
- Supported the motion and also the suggestion of clinics which could be held either online or in person.
- Suggested that the council write to Meath County Council to get the Rathoath/Dunboyne Municipal District to put this on their agenda. Councillor Ward informed the members that he understood that this item was on their agenda this month.

The A/District Manager said that as the councillors had now sought to have the possible setting up of a regular forum with the National Transport Authority, whereby councillors could engage with them on issues, that he will speak with the Sustainable Transport Team with a view to looking at this.

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



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The members agreed Item 18 (Motion Councillor Farrelly), Item 25 (Question Councillor Wyse) and Item 26 (Question Councillor Farrelly) could be taken together.

### CM21/0523

Item 18

#### Removal of Poles at Dag Welds Cross

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly.  
That the council engage with relevant stakeholders to remove poles affecting sight lines at Dag Welds Cross.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Roads Projects Team is in the process of finalising a tender to appoint a consultant to look at the first five junctions in the Junction Improvement Programme. Dag Welds Cross is one of the junctions included in this first batch. A kick off meeting will take place once the appointment is complete, and works will begin thereafter to develop a design for this junction. This work will include looking at the issue of poles impacting on sight lines at the junction and relocating these as required. A further update on this and all Roads Capital Projects will be provided at the June Municipal District Meeting.

Councillor Farrelly said that he looked forward to the updates, due to be given at the June Municipal District Meeting. This location was a small piece of the puzzle, of a wider project that it was going to take time.

Councillor McEvoy said that it had been a few years since four landowners agreed, with no fees involved, to work on this.

Mr. J McGowan informed the members that Allenwood Cross, Dagwelds Cross and Prosperous, were all in Maynooth Area. That out of the top ten projects, five were in the Maynooth Area, and that out of the first five of these ten projects that three of the 5 were in the Maynooth Area. Funding needed to be sourced. Once a consultant was in place that



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there would be no delay. Sightlines, surveys, safety, land acquisition and movement of poles would all be done. He also informed the members that Mr. S Deegan would give an update at the June Municipal District Meeting.

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

### CM22/0523

Item 25

#### **Allenwood Cross/Junction Improvement Programme**

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

Can the council provide an update on work done with regard to Allenwood Cross, as part of the first phase of the ongoing Junction Improvement Programme?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Roads Projects Team is in the process of finalising a tender to appoint a consultant to look at the first five junctions in the Junction Improvement Programme. Allenwood Cross is one of the junctions included in this first batch. A kick off meeting will take place once the appointment is complete, and works will begin thereafter to develop a design for this junction. A further update on this and all Roads Capital Projects will be provided at the June Municipal District Meeting.

Councillor Wyse said that this was similar to the motion to that in relation Dag Welds Cross. It was taking a long time to put through a tender document. Five months was too long to decide on a consultant.

The report was noted.



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**CM26/0523**

**Works on Strategic Junctions in this Municipal District**

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

Can the council update members on the process of planned works on strategic junctions in this municipal district?

A report was received from Mr. S Deegan, Senior Engineer, Roads Design and Projects informing the members that a full update of all Roads Capital Projects will be provided at the June Municipal District Meetings.

The report was noted.

**CM24/0523**

**Speed analysis on the R403, Curryhills, Prosperous**

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

That the council conduct a speed analysis of vehicular traffic on the R403 in Curryhills, Prosperous.

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

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

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

**CM25/0523**

**Safety measures at Baltracey Cross**

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

That the council put in place further safety measures at Baltracey Cross due to the high number of accidents continuing to occur at this location.



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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 funding has been allocated under the low-cost safety measures scheme and the Municipal District Office are working with the landowners to see what options may be available to improve sightlines.

Councillor Weld informed the members that there had been many accidents at this location and that seventy three people had been killed at this cross. Sightlines from Maynooth needed to be improved. He enquired from the Municipal District Engineer if major signs could be erected at this location. The council had reduced the speed limits here. He asked the council to investigate this location.

Councillor Durkan suggested an offset junction, similar to that at Lady Chapel, where there was a curb out. Motorists would be less likely to take the dip across. He emphasised that something needed to be done urgently.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members of improvements from Maynooth to Kilcock and that landowners were very cooperative. The Municipal District Office would look at what improvements could be made with low cost signage and lighting, perhaps even putting the poles further back.

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

### **CM26/0523**

#### **Road surfacing at Green Lane Robertstown West**

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out the necessary road surfacing required on the Green Lane Robertstown West?



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a contractor has been appointed to carry out resurfacing works on the Green Lane in the coming weeks. The Municipal District office are awaiting a start date from the contractor.

The report was noted.

### **CM27/0523**

#### **Remedial work on road from Kilmeague to the Hill of Allen**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. Can the council confirm when the road from Kilmeague to the Hill of Allen will receive the remedial work that is required following the repairs to major water mains bursts on this road?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a contractor has been appointed to carry out resurfacing works on the Green Lane and part of the Kilmeague to Hill of Allen road in the coming weeks. The Municipal District office are awaiting a start date from the contractor. Any locations where Irish Water have repaired a burst water main, they will be required to carry out the appropriate road repairs.

Councillor Fitzpatrick mentioned that this had been resurfaced many times and that people were complaining about the surface.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that an old water main burst at this location and that the road needed to be opened to repair this. There were contractors near Allenwood Cross doing drainage and curbing and that they would do the resurfacing works. The report was noted.

The members agreed that Item 23 (Question Councillor Hamilton) and Item 42 (Question Councillor Hamilton), could be taken consecutively.



**CM28/0523**

Item 23

**EV Charging/Maynooth Decarbonising Zone objectives**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
Can the council provide an update on the direction and planning for EV charging in Maynooth supporting the Maynooth Decarbonising Zone objectives?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District office are in the process of installing 4 number EV charging points in the council car park at the Glenroyal. Kildare County Council are awaiting a design from ESB networks to carry out the civil works.

Councillor Hamilton thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the report and he looked forward to the 4 EV charging points being installed.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that it took 75kW to charge 4 vehicles at the same time. The council were actively pursuing this current objective and would proceed as soon as they get the go ahead, having applied to the ESB in December last year. There was space in the car park but not yet the capacity from the ESB.  
The report was noted.

**CM29/0523**

Item 42

**EV charging points in mature apartment complexes**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.  
Can the council outline its role in the provision of EV charging points for mature apartment complexes in this municipal district, supporting the Maynooth Decarbonising Zone objectives, to include any liaison with the agencies, council, SEAI and management companies.

A report was received from Ms. P O'Rourke, Climate Action Co-Ordinator informing the members that having consulted with various departments, the council has no remit in this.





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Councillor Hamilton advised that he would work with one of these groups in an effort to move things along.

The report was noted.

### **CM30/0523**

#### **Broadband/telecommunications Bodenstown Electoral District**

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

Can the council confirm if it is working with broadband/telecommunications providers to facilitate reconnection across the Alexandra Bridge, Clane, to serve the community living in the Blackhall and Rathmore areas of the Bodenstown Electoral District?

A report was received from the Transport Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a representative from Eir has been in contact with the Naas Municipal District Office to discuss the proposed repair works to the Eir ducting at this location. No details have been submitted to date and no road opening application has been received to date.

Councillor McEvoy advised that it would be important that the council do not miss out on this opportunity.

The Municipal District Engineer said Mr. D Reel would liaise with the contactor from Eir in this regard and would revert to the members.

The report was noted.

### **CM31/0523**

#### **Speed Ramps Newtown Road, Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an update on the installation of speed ramps on the Newtown Road Maynooth?



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer has arranged to meet Councillor Feeney on site.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the report and looked forward to meeting with him about the issue.

The report was noted.

### **CM32/0523**

#### **Repairs/resurfacing on the footpaths on the Courtown Road in Kilcock**

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out repairs/resurfacing on the footpaths on the Courtown Road in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office is organising for footpath repairs to be carried out at this location during the summer months.

Councillor Ward thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the report and looks forward to meeting with him on site.

The report was noted.

### **CM33/0523**

#### **Playground for Straffan**

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

Can the council provide an update regarding the provision of a playground for Straffan?

A report was received from Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informing the members that some initial discussions with Straffan GAA were held to discuss the possibility of a location of a playground within their grounds. These did not conclude and would need to be reactivated to progress identifying a possible location.



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Councillor Feeney thanked Mr. S Wallace for the report and outlined that the motivation for the playground was in relation to the increase in population of younger families in Straffan. Councillor Feeney also enquired if the discussion with the GAA could be re-activated.

Mr. S Wallace said that this could be done and also mentioned that there was a lack of sites in Straffan.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take Item 30 and Item 33 consecutively.

### **CM34/0523**

Item 30

#### **Public Realm Projects**

To receive an update on Public Realm projects.

Ms. P Pender informed the members of the following:

- Bawnogues – completion date at the end of May. There were delays due to issues with ESB and Water.
- Kilcock Town Identity and Branding Signing has started this week which was similar to Prosperous.
- Prosperous would be completed in approximately three to four weeks.
- Prior to the meeting a letter of offer was received in relation to the town and village renewal scheme for Robertstown and Derrinturn. Strategic Projects and Public Realm would communicate to get this proceeded.

The report was noted.

### **CM35/0523**

Item 33

#### **Town Branding project in Prosperous**

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

Can the council confirm any plans in conjunction with the Government to house refugees in the old sanatorium at Firmount, Clane and if so, may the elected members be informed.



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A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team, in collaboration with the Clane Maynooth Municipal District office, have commenced the Town and Village branding projects for both Prosperous and Kilcock. The Prosperous scheme is due to be completed in approximately 4 weeks. Final works include the installation of the signage which is currently with the manufacturer and the connection of the public lighting supply. The contractor will be back on site to assist with the final elements. In relation to the Kilcock Scheme the team have completed draft signage designs and they will be circulated to the members for comment in the coming week.

Councillor Farrelly enquired about the type of Gateway Signage to be installed and if the positioning of this signage at the table top ramps, had been decided with the aim of highlighting the ramps.

Ms. P Pender informed the members that she would revert back with information on the type of Gateway Signage that was to be installed.

The report was noted.

### **CM36/0523**

#### **Derelict Buildings in Kilcock**

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

That the council carry out an inspection of all derelict buildings in Kilcock with a view to resolving the issues permanently.

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

A report was received from Ms. F Byrne, Administrative Office, Housing Department informing the members that the Vacant Homes Team recently carried out inspections in Kilcock in order to identify vacant and/or derelict buildings. Investigations are currently being undertaken to identify the owners of these properties, where this information is available owners will be contacted with a view to establishing their plans for the properties



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and the Vacant Homes Team will outline the current schemes available to property owners to bring their properties back into use. Where ownership cannot be established or owners are, for whatever reason, unable to bring their properties back into use then placing the properties on the Derelict Sites Register will be considered and properties will be subject to the derelict sites levy. Where appropriate compulsory acquisitions will be considered and progressed.

Councillor Durkan outlined that this issue had been discussed at the Joint Policing Committee meeting, in particular in relation to a fire at a derelict building in Kilcock. There were also derelict buildings at the Square, the Harbour and also School Street, with one building in particular which was very unsightly and was the scene of a recent fire.

Mr. B O’Gorman informed the members that he would get some up-to-date statistics for the June Municipal District Meeting and suggested that periodic meetings could also be useful.

Councillor McEvoy said that if it suited Mr. B O’Gorman that periodic meetings could be arranged.

Councillor Fitzpatrick suggested revisiting this item on the next agenda to enable a discussion.

The A/District Manager suggested the possibility of specific buildings being flagged by the members. He also cautioned that care should be taken in relation to the difference between derelict and vacant buildings.

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



**CM37/0523**

**House refugees in the old sanatorium at Firmount, Clane**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.  
Can the council confirm any plans in conjunction with the Government to house refugees in the old sanatorium at Firmount, Clane and if so, may the elected members be informed.  
A report was received from the Ms. E Price, A/Administrative Officer, Housing Department. informing the members that the Council is not aware of any plans but are seeking clarification from the Department.

Councillor Weld said that articulated lorries and vans had been seen unloading mattresses at this location and also there was work going on there. His information was that there was a Planning Application submitted to change the use from commercial to residential. His understanding was that if it was accommodation for Ukrainians that the council would be informed and if it was accommodation for asylum seekers that the council will not be notified. He emphasised that the local people wanted to know what was happening.

The A/District Manager informed the members that enquiries could be made with the Housing Department and also with the Planning Department on behalf of the members.  
The report was noted.

**CM38/0523**

**Pedestrian bridge from Mariavilla to Pound Park, Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the council write to the developer responsible for providing a pedestrian bridge from Mariavilla to Pound Park, Maynooth requesting a start date for work on site.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the pedestrian bridge at Mariavilla is to be delivered by Kildare County Council. The design brief will be prepared in 2024.



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Councillor Durkan said that confirmation was needed on whether it was the developer or the council that would be delivering the bridge. He also requested that this item to remain on the Progress Report.

The A/District Manager advised the members that he would follow up with Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department.

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

### CM39/0523

#### Friary in Clane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council update the committee on plans to stabilise the walls of the ruined Friary in Clane?

A report was received from Ms. A Granville, Senior Planner, Heritage, Biodiversity and Conservation Office informing the members that Kildare County Council received 60k from the Community Monuments Fund in 2023 for works to Clane Friary. It is proposed to work on the north wall in 2023. For completeness, the full extent of the proposed works with respect to the north wall include the following;

- Clearing ivy and vegetation
- Repointing eroded joints
- Point and pin foundation stones
- Consolidate reveals of window
- Rebuild missing face work as core masonry
- Pin unsupported masonry
- Consolidate wall end
- Lift and reset wall top
- Consolidate reinstated facework



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Conservation Engineers have now been appointed to a) prepare a method statement for repair b) prepare the necessary tender documentation and c) secure necessary consents from the National Monuments Service. The Municipal District will be informed when a contractor has been appointed and a start date for the above work has been set.

The report was noted.

### CM40/0523

#### Grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2023

The members considered the following Grant allocations for Tidy Towns Groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2023 was to be deferred to the June Municipal District Meeting.

**Report:** Grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups 2023.

TT Group (12)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Proposed LPT Allocation	Total
Maynooth	G (15,001 to 25,000)	€ 6,194	€ 3,710	€ 9,904
Clane	E (5,001 to 10,000)	€ 2,546	€ 2,451	€ 4,997
Kilcock	E (5,001 to 10,000)	€ 2,546	€ 3,040	€ 5,586
Straffan	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,018	€ 1,656	€ 2,674
Prosperous	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,018	€ 1,656	€ 2,674
Derrinturn	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,018	€ 1,656	€ 2,674
Coill Dubh	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,018	€ 1,656	€ 2,674
Newtown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 276	€ 758	€ 1,034
Broadford	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 276	€ 758	€ 1,034
Allenwood	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 276	€ 758	€ 1,034
Robertstown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 276	€ 758	€ 1,034
Kilmeague	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 276	€ 758	€ 1,034
Carbury	A (up to 200)	€ 232	€ 385	€ 618
<b>Total</b>		<b>€16,971</b>	<b>€20,000</b>	<b>€ 36,971</b>

Councillor McEvoy outlined that he would refrain from this item as he was a party to the Clane Tidy Towns. He also added that in the Grants Allocation Document provided that some categories were not equal and that the same issue occurred last year. Could this be corrected for the future.





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The A/District Manager clarified with Councillor McEvoy that Clane and Kilcock should be equal and that this would be changed going forward. This occurred due to the reflection from last year.

Mr. C O'Toole, Environment Department informed the members that the Cemetery Maintenance 2023 Grants had to be deferred to the June Municipal District Meeting as this needed to be given a little more time due to a number of applications not having been submitted.

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

### CM41/0523

#### **New Cemetery in Newtown/Cloncurry area**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.  
That the council examine the possibility of purchasing land for a new cemetery in Newtown/Cloncurry area.

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

A report was received from the Mr. K Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Department informing the members that the council is examining the possibility of purchasing land for the purposes of an extension to the existing cemetery at Cloncurry.

The A/District Manager informed the members that the council had been in communication with landowners but that the prices were exorbitant.

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



**CM42/0523**

**Community Centre in Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney.  
That an application be made by the council to the recently launched 'Community Centres Investment Fund, New Build Measure' to assist in funding the provision of a Community Centre in Maynooth at the vacated fire brigade/council site.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Durkan. A report was received from Ms. P O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the provision for a community centre at the vacated fire brigade/council site in Maynooth is expected to emerge from the Town Renewal Masterplan for Maynooth as one of the 10 key town renewal projects. The business case, which forms part of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) application, is currently with the Department for approval. The recently announced Community Centre Investment Fund is open to new build community centres which are 'shovel ready' with all the necessary permissions and consents in place e.g. planning consent etc. The development must be on a green/brown field site and not the refurbishment of an existing property and all the relevant ecological and archaeological survey work (if applicable) has been undertaken, which excludes the Maynooth project from the scheme.

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

**CM43/0523**

**Carbury Castle lit up as part of Brigid 1500**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
Can the council confirm if Carbury Castle will be lit up as part of the Brigid 1500 celebrations in February 2024?



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A report was received from Ms. P O'Brien, Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that plans for illuminations for Brigid 1500 celebrations in February 2024 have not yet been finalised. Carbury Castle will be considered for illuminations, along with other locations, subject to site suitability and relevant permissions.

The report was noted.

### **CM44/0523**

#### **Community Facility in Carbury Village**

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

Can the council confirm when the new community facility in Carbury Village will be made available to the local residents?

A report was received from Ms. P O'Brien, Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the renovations on the community facility in Carbury Village are almost complete and the facility will be available for use by the community in Q2 2023.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.