



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 06 January 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
In the Council Chamber**

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

Apologies: Councillor N Ó Cearúil

Officials Present: Ms M Higgins (District Manager), Mr J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr G Conlon (Senior Executive Officer), Mr C Buggie (District Engineer), Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer) Mr G Maher (Administrative Officer) Ms A Burke (Executive Engineer) Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), MS J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

CM01/0123

Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended. The Cathaoirleach asked if there were any declarations of interest.

CM02/0123

Minutes and Progress Report

The Cathaoirleach noted that an amendment had been circulated to the members to correct a typographical error in the draft December minutes. The members considered the draft minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 02 December 2022 and the amendment, together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 02 December 2022. The progress report was noted.



CM03/0123

Municipal District Works

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

The crews have continued with general maintenance over the past month with a strong emphasis on road repairs and maintaining sightlines at junctions as well as vactoring of road gullies.

LPT Funding

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

General Works

Routine Maintenance is being carried out by the crews with the gullies in the municipal district being cleaned and two suction sweepers employed to sweep up leaves.

Hedge cutting is taking place in the municipal district.

Flooding issue at Kaness Pass has been resolved.

National grant funding is listed below for this municipal district.

Restoration Improvement Works Completed in 2022

| Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and Townland Name | Length Road (m) | Estimated Cost of Work | Completed |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| R | 414 | Lullymore | 1,000 | €175,000 | Yes |
| R | 415 | Kilmeague to Allenwood | 800 | €168,000 | Yes |
| R | 403 | Prosperous Main Street | 1,000 | €195,000 | Yes |
| R | 401 | Ballindoolin | 1,500 | €262,500 | Yes |
| R | 403 | Killina National School | 1,000 | €175,000 | Yes |
| R | 407 | Main Street Clane | 1,000 | €210,000 | Yes |
| L | 70044 | Mahers Way, Allenwood South | 430 | €69,875 | Yes |
| L | 5080 | River Road, Allenwood | 430 | €43,000 | Yes |
| L | 70056 | Murphys Lock, Ballyteague | 1,000 | €100,000 | Yes |
| L | 7085 | Kilmeague. Rectory Road | 1,000 | €150,000 | Yes |
| L | 7076 | Robertstown Road, Kilmeague | | €67,500 | Yes |



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| | | | 450 | | |
| L | 70052 | Crosspatrick, Kilmeague | 930 | €102,220 | Yes |
| L | 5074 | Ballynafagh Road, Prosperous | 1,400 | €168,000 | Yes |
| L | 1002 | Broadford | 1,000 | €180,000 | Yes |
| L | 50051 | Cadamstown Cul De Sac | 650 | €52,000 | Yes |
| L | 5036 | Kilnamoragh South | 800 | €64,000 | Yes |
| L | 10133 | Doctor's Lane, Maynooth | 250 | €37,500 | Yes |
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Restoration Maintenance Works Completed in 2022

| Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and Townland Name | Length Road (m) | Estimated Cost of Work | Completed |
|------------|----------|---|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | | - | - | | |
| R | 403 | Carbury Roundabout towards Derrinturn | 1,350 | €52,718 | Yes |
| R | 401 | Carrick | 820 | €27,511 | Yes |
| R | 409 | Downings Cross toward Dag welds | 1,050 | €36,383 | Yes |
| R | 403 | Windmill Crds. Towards Allenwood | 858 | €29,722 | Yes |
| L | 5047 | Ovidstown Straffan | 1,200 | €21,600 | Yes |
| L | 5041 | Laragh Kilcock | 1,500 | €27,000 | Yes |
| L | 5065 | Oldtown Road | 1,200 | €21,600 | Yes |
| L | 5013 | Timahoe East (Brady Meats) | 2,000 | €40,500 | Yes |
| L | 5071 | Hodgestown / Giltown | 2,000 | €45,000 | Yes |
| L | 1009 | Donadea/Newtownhortland/Ballagh Cross | 2,400 | €54,000 | Yes |
| L | 5033 | Cooltrim North/South | 1,100 | €19,800 | Yes |
| L | 5028 | Ballycaghan (Duncreevan) to Kicock | 2,100 | €37,800 | Yes |
| L | 1006 | Tee junction at Derelict pub Clogerinka toward Nan Brenan's | 1,000 | €25,650 | Yes |
| L | 5008 | Tee junction at Derelict pub toward Clogherinka | 1,250 | €23,063 | Yes |
| L | 1002 | Nan Brenan's toward Millpond cross | 950 | €26,933 | Yes |



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| L | 5004 | Mill pond junction toward Kilglass | 1,000 | €18,000 | Yes |
| L | 50212 | Ticknevin, turn right over canal bridge toward bog | 1,200 | €20,520 | Yes |
| L | 7081 | Annsboro towards Kilmeague | 850 | €30,388 | Yes |
| L | 7078 | Mylerstown Cross to Cock Bridge | 3,300 | €75,735 | Yes |
| L | 6001 | Longtown farm toward Hatters Cross | 775 | €29,644 | Yes |
| L | 70051 | Ballyteigue recycling 2021 | 2,500 | €52,875 | Yes |
| L | 70056 | Derrymullen recycling 2021 | 1,400 | €22,050 | Yes |
| | | | | €738,489 | |

| 2022 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works | | | |
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| Road Number | Scheme Title | Scheme Description | LA Allocation |
| L7073 | Woodlands, Coill Dubh | Replacement of current undersized 225mm outfall with a 450mm pipe for a distance of 300m | €100,000 |
| R415 | R415 Kilmeague | Upsize undersized road crossing with larger pipe and provide an appropriate outfall | €100,000 |
| L1021 | L1021 Cockeragh, Prosperous | Excavate deformed road and rebuild up to eliminate the road deformation | €100,000 |
| Total | | | €300,000 |

Both scheme under former National Roads are now completed.

| 2022 Former National Roads | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Local Authority | Road Number | Proposed Works | LA Allocation |
| Kildare | R-148-19 | It is proposed to carry out a structural inlay over the entire width of the road with a HRA surface course. (Section of road from Meath county boundary) | €280,000 |
| Kildare | R-148-9 &10 | It is proposed to carry out a structural overlay over the entire width of the road with a SMA surface course. (Section of road is on the outskirts of Kilcock) | €280,000 |
| Total | | | €560,000 |

| 2022 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads | | |
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| Road No. | Location | Amount € |
| R409 | Dagwelds to Cock Bridge | €17,000 |
| R409/L7078 | Cock Bridge | €30,000 |
| L7078-L7081 | Mylerstown Cross | €17,000 |
| R403/L7073 | Brockagh Cross | €15,000 |
| | | €79,000 |

Road markings are to be improved at both Brockagh Cross and Mylerstown Cross in the coming weeks with the revised markings sent to the line marking contractor. Additional signage will also be installed.

The District Engineer advised that road sweepers will be around for the next few months if any Councillors wanted to highlight any hot spots to let him know.



CM04/0123

Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2023

The district manager advised the members that the LPT coordinator would circulate a report detailing the older LPT amounts that are still outstanding in advance of the next meeting. The Cathaoirleach stated that the LPT Schedule of Works 2023 had not yet been fully agreed and asked that the item be deferred to the February meeting. Agreed by all members present.

CM05/0123

Taking in Charge Process for Estates in Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward. Can the council detail the specific next steps required to begin the Taking in Charge process for estates in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that currently there is no Taking in Charge request for any of the estates listed. A S180 request of the residents will be required from the majority of the house owners in each of the Rochford/Bakers Walk and Chambers Park estates as the original developers are no longer trading. In the case of The Hawthorns estate the developer is still active and has been notified that the Royal Meadows estate was Taking in Charge on 07 October 2022, and it is now possible to progress this estate at the request of the developer.

In all cases once a valid Taking in Charge request is received Development Control will commence the taking in charge process. Development Control must liaise with Irish Water under the agreed Memorandum of Understanding in order to seek their approval to proceed with Taking in Charge.

Development Control will also need to carry out a snag list on each estate to confirm they are up to taking in charge standard.

The report was noted.



CM06/0123

Yellow Box outside The Downings, Prosperous

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly
That the council install a yellow box outside The Downings, Prosperous.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an assessment in line with Kildare County Council Road lining guidance document and if required the contractor will be instructed install the yellow box once weather conditions are suitable.

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

CM07/0123

Road Safety Concerns at the Junction of the R407 and Aughamore Estate, Clane

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
That the council investigate the potential road safety concerns for cyclists and motorists with regard to surfacing at the junction of the R407 and Aughamore Estate, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for resurfacing works to be carried out at this location in Q1 2023.

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



CM08/0123

Footpath through the Town Park in Prosperous

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

That the council ensure that the footpath through the Town Park in Prosperous, being the main link connecting St. Farnan's Post-Primary School to the bus stop and village centre, is kept safe during the winter months.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council has its winter maintenance plan in place which details the routes salted in the county. Kildare County Council does not salt footpaths.

The Councillors raised the following points:

- A student from St. Farnan's Post-Primary School had raised the issue and it was great to see them have an interest in their own area.
- The issue of gritting critical footpaths to schools was raised in Dáil Éireann last month and the Taoiseach said that there was nothing preventing the local authorities from gritting footpaths near schools.
- Can the Council work with the school, there are over 600 students attending the school and it should be a high priority to consider.
- Elderly people in the area had advised members that they felt unsafe and trapped in their homes.
- Historically when frost came the residents would come out and spread the salt left by the Council beside rural bridges.

Mr C Buggy said having local residents spreading salt on public bridges is not ideal. Phones were extremely busy during the cold spell with similar requests, and he advised that he did not have the discretion to take a truck away from the salting routes.

Mr J McGowan said if resources allowed, the Council will work with the Councillors and the community to see what could be done.



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

CM09/0123

Additional Public Street Lighting in Broadford Village

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

That the council assess the need for additional public street lighting in the centre of Broadford Village, where the street is currently being lit by private lighting on the premises of local businesses.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section will visit the location of the requested new streetlight, and it will then be assessed using a priority system within Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS). Lighting schemes will be scored on various factors and placed within KLIPS according to that score. The lighting within KLIPS will be installed as and when funds become available and depending on where the request sits within KLIPS. There is currently no funding available in the Public Lighting Budget for installation of any new lighting.

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

CM10/0123

Active Travel Connections and 2023 Funding for Dunboyne Road and Dublin Road

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

That the council generate proposals for active travel connections and 2023 funding is sought for the Dunboyne Road and Dublin Road, Maynooth to complete connections between the developer-led portions and the Main Street.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council has applied to the NTA for funding for an Active Travel Project connecting the Dublin Road at Dunboyne Road with the Rathcoffey Road, south of Bond Bridge. Unfortunately, there is no capacity in the service provider market to progress the scheme at present, however, it remains on the proposed work programme for 2023.

Councillor Hamilton was glad to see that it appeared to be included in the overall plan and asked has the council secured funding for that section of the road?

Mr J McGowan said he is not sure if funding has been secured but will ask Mr D Hodgins to revert back in relation to the request.

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

CM11/0123

Green Junction Definition Bollards/Posts in and around Kilcock

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

That the council replace/repair the numerous green junction definition bollards/posts in and around the rural roads/junctions of Kilcock which are in a poor state of repair and in many instances destroyed.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for these works to be carried out in Q1 2023.

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



CM12/0123

Resurface/Reinstate Sections of the L5042

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

That the council resurface/reinstate sections of the L5042 from Liam Duff Crash Repairs past Kilcock Car Dismantlers that are in a poor state of repair.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess this road and consider it for resurfacing as part of the 2023 road works programme.

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

CM13/0123

Letter to Mobile Network Operators

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

That this council writes to mobile network operators with a view to investigating reasons and improve networks in light of the very poor mobile signal in the general Allenwood area.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that ComReg (The Commission for Communications Regulation) has available, an outdoor mobile coverage map which can be used to check coverage and signal levels of all the networks operable at any Eircode, see coveragemap.comreg.ie The map data is updated periodically throughout the year and shows predicted 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G outdoor mobile coverage for all mobile service providers in Ireland: 48, An Post Mobile, Clear Mobile, Eir, GoMo, Lycamobile, Tesco Mobile, Three, Virgin Media and Vodafone. The map allows mobile users to check the level of mobile coverage available at their home or workplace. It will also help consumers when making choices between



operators based on predicted coverage availability in their area or chosen location. There are many reasons why some areas have poor network coverage:

- Handset
- Building Materials – dense walls/insulation can impact signal strength
- Terrain – mountains/valleys tend to be blackspots
- Number of people – high numbers using their mobiles at the same time and location can slow connections
- Density of the network – how many base stations in the area?
- Distance from the base station – the signal passes from the user to the base station so the closer you are to the base station the better the signal.

(Points extracted from ComReg.ie)

Similar to Broadband coverage, consumers should engage with their current service provider if they are having problems with poor signal and connections. The coverage map provided by ComReg will also help consumers consider alternative service providers in their area who may offer better coverage options.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said that he accepted the report but that the phone service in Allenwood is extremely poor and something needs to be done to address the issue.

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

CM14/0123

Detailed Update for the Maynooth Eastern Orbital Route

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

That the council provide a detailed update including starting time and construction duration for the delivery of the Maynooth Eastern Orbital Route.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road project has reached the



Compulsory Purchase Order stage with the closing date for submissions of the 27 January 2023. Following this An Bord Pleanála will consider the application with a decision expected at some point in 2023. Landowner negotiations will continue in parallel over the course of the next year. Following the receipt of a decision from An Bord Pleanála the design for the scheme will be finalised and the process to appoint a contractor to deliver the scheme will take place in 2024. It is hoped that construction will commence in Q4 2024 with an estimated 18-month construction period.

Councillor Durkan said the project won't completely fix the problem, but it will relieve congestion. He asked was there a condition within the planning permission regarding the opening of the road.

Mr C Buggy advised that as far as he was aware there was no specific condition within the planning permission regarding the opening of the road, however he advised that he would check with the Planning Department and revert back.

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

CM15/0123

Rolled Over Fund Accumulated from Paid Parking in Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council outline the total rolled over fund accumulated from paid parking in Maynooth since parking bylaws were introduced.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is €200,636 in the Maynooth Parking Revenue Reserve fund. This figure is representative of Revenue Surplus Pay Parking from Maynooth and Kilcock. The fund is used to cover additional costs associated with parking in the municipal district such as CCTV costs.



The Councillors made the following points:

- Previous motions had been brought forward to ensure that the money was to be ringfenced for improvement works within Maynooth such as the redevelopment of the square
- The report contradicts these motions previously passed.
- The rolled over money should be significant at this stage and the figure contained in the report is not correct.
- Requested a detailed report outlining how much was generated for each of the years and what it was spent on since the introduction of parking bye laws within Maynooth.
- Item to remain on the progress report.

The District Manager advised that she would request the Roads Department to revert back to the members with a breakdown of the figures.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members to request a detailed report outlining how much was generated for each of the years and what it was spent on.

CM16/0123

Planned Footpath Repairs in Maynooth

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

Can the council provide details of planned footpath repairs in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office has sent out a tender for footpath works at Cluain Aoibhinn, drop kerbing on the Dunboyne Road, works on Dublin Road in Maynooth, Bridge Street in Kilcock, Highfield in Kilcock, Abbeyfield in Kilcock and on the Enfield Road in Kilcock opposite the Garda station.

The report was noted.

CM17/0123

Request to NTA for Eastbound Bus Stop on the R403

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



Can the council confirm if a request has been sent to the NTA to install an eastbound Bus Stop on the R403 in the proximity of the retail units in Clane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council has requested that the NTA examine a bus stop at this location. This request has sought a design from the NTA's consultants so that this can be considered by the Council.

The report was noted.

CM18/0123

Planned Works on the Rath on the R403 Eastbound in Prosperous

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly.
Can the council confirm if works are planned on the path on the R403 eastbound in Prosperous in 2023?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office has plans to clear back the edge of the footpath/ verge to ensure the full width of the footpath is available for pedestrians. No other works are currently planned for this location.

The report was noted.

CM19/0123

Pedestrian Crossing in Johnstownbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council provide an update on the project to install a new pedestrian crossing in Johnstownbridge, with estimated timelines for completion?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a site visit is to be arranged to finalise the design of the crossing based on the ancillary civil engineering works that would be required at the specific location. A costing will then be prepared, and a source of funding will have to be identified. There is no indication that the installation will be funded through the NTA Active Travel Grants for 2023.



The report was noted.

CM20/0123

Pedestrian Crossing from Carton Wood Estate

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton.
Can the council outline options and considerations to improve pedestrian crossing to the Tesco Centre, Maynooth from Carton Wood Estate, particularly noting crossing at the Tesco roundabout and high kerbs that impact buggies, prams and people with disabilities?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council has applied to the NTA for funding for an Active Travel Project connecting the Dublin Road at Dunboyne Road with the Rathcoffey Road, south of Bond Bridge. Unfortunately, there is no capacity in the service provider market to progress the scheme at present, however, it remains on the proposed work programme for 2023.

An alternative stream of funding would have to be identified to facilitate works in advance of the Active Travel Project.

The report was noted.

CM21/0123

Bus Shelter in Kilmeague

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.
Can the council confirm if it has any plans to install a bus shelter in Kilmeague?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council has requested that the NTA consider the installation of a bus shelter at this location. However, the NTA consider that the service levels are not sufficient to exceed their minimum threshold for such a facility.

The report was noted.



CM22/0123

Provision of Bicycle Repair Stations on the Royal Canal Greenway

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

Can the council provide an update on the provision of bicycle repair stations on the Royal Canal Greenway?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this item was deferred at the September 2022 Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC and will be listed on the next SPC meeting in February 2023.

Councillor Durkan will be invited to attend the SPC in February 2023 to discuss the matter further with the SPC members.

The report was noted.

CM23/0123

Letter to HSE Regarding the Maynooth Community Health Centre

The members considered the following joint motion in the names of Councillors Hamilton and Feeney.

That this council writes to the HSE to reaffirm the necessity of progressing with the delayed tendering process for the Maynooth community health centre, clearly communicating the current population data and the information on growth projections for Maynooth and environs documented in the LAP issues paper.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the tender process for the delivery of Maynooth Community Health Centre is a matter for the HSE. The HSE are a statutory consultee for the purposes of Local Area Plans and therefore would have received a copy of the predraft issues paper for the Maynooth LAP.

The councillors made the following points:

- The tender process has been delayed and the last update is very worrying.



- Population growth is challenging, since the last census it has grown by over 1k.
- The health centre in Maynooth closed for renovations and re-opened with a much-reduced service.
- Maynooth is a key town that is underserved. It is impossible for people to access GP services within their area, so they are having to travel to surrounding areas.
- Travelling to Leixlip to access health services is not feasible for many.

The District Manager advised that she would work with her colleagues in the planning department to get a letter issued to the HSE outlining the valid concerns of the Councillors.

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

CM24/0123

Securing and Preserving of Grand Canal Hotel Premises

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

That the council meet with the owners of the Grand Canal Hotel to ensure that the premises is secured and preserved for future generations following recent funding secured for the village of Robertstown.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that Robertstown was granted funding under the Town and Village 2022 Scheme based on the recent masterplan. This plan was completed following extensive community consultation. The Grand Canal Hotel is private property and is outside the remit of the application lands which are held by the Robertstown Community Amenities Association CLG (RCAA).

Councillor Fitzpatrick said he would like to see the Hotel be brought back to public ownership.

The councillors made the following comments:

- This historic building needs to be redeveloped.



- It is beginning to become derelict and a place for antisocial behaviour
- Council should examine the possibility of purchasing the building.

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

CM25/0123

Family Resource Centre for the Municipal District

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

That the council provide a much-needed family resource centre to serve the needs of the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Economic Development, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that Family Resource Centres (FRC) are core funded by Tusla the Child and Family Agency. The last round of FRC funding to expand the number of existing centres was in 2018. At this time Kildare was successful in doubling the number of FRCs from two to four. It is recognised that North Kildare, including Celbridge does not have an FRC. This has been discussed at many forums that include Tusla, however in the absence of national funding it is not possible to establish a new centre. While the council can support local communities to make an application for an FRC this is only possible when national funding is available.

Councillor Feeney said the following:

- There is no family resource centre in the north of the county.
- Can the members identify a potential building in the north of the county for this purpose. Therefore, when a funding stream becomes available, the council will be ready to progress.
- This project should be brought to the LCDC for further discussion.



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The District Manager said it is important to put this forward for inclusion in the LECF, but noted that funding is an issue.

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

CM26/0123

Swimming Pool project in Maynooth

The members agreed to take item 26 and 27 together.

Item 26

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney.
Can the council provide clarification regarding the possibility of a new application for a swimming pool in Maynooth given the delay in the appeal response from the Department for the council's earlier application?

A report was received from the Economic Development, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that in April 2019, Kildare County Council applied to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in respect of an application from the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund to provide for a swimming pool in North Kildare (at Maynooth University). The application was not successful, and an appeal was submitted in respect of the decision in February 2020.

Kildare County Council is still awaiting a decision on the appeal and remain committed to this project and has followed up a number of times with the Department.

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Item 27



Kildare County Council

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

Can the council provide an update on the Maynooth Swimming pool project?

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The councillors made the following points:

- It is a priority for the north of the county.
- The Councillors are still waiting for an update on the outcome of the appeal.
- This was not a poor reflection on the Council as they have done what was required.
- Money is ringfenced for this from both Maynooth University and the Council.

The District Manager advised that a meeting was held with the department in December 2022, but no definite answer was given regarding the outcome of the appeal. She noted that she had spoken with K Leisure regarding other possible options.

The reports were noted.

CM27/0123

Restoration Plan for Carbury Community Centre in Derrinturn

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



Kildare County Council

Can the council provide an estimated timeline for the proposed project to develop a restoration plan for Carbury Community Centre in Derrinturn, for which €45,000 was allocated under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme?

A report was received from the Planning, and Strategic Developments Department informing the members that this application was facilitated by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team however it is the Community Group who will carry out the work. The report was noted.

CM28/0123

Opening of Playground in Allenwood

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. Can the council confirm when the playground in Allenwood is expected to be opened?

A report was received from the Economic Development, Community and Cultural Department informing the members that tenders for the playground are closing in early January. The council hope to have a contractor in place by the end of February. The expected open date will depend on when a contractor can start the work. However, the council would hope the playground will be open by the end of the Summer.

The report was noted.

Mr S Wallace said that the tender was extended, and he is waiting for tenders to come back. He said that Playground costs have doubled, and contractors are out the door at the moment.

The meeting concluded.