



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

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

Apologies: Councillor D Fitzpatrick (Cathaoirleach)

Officials Present: Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. A M Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms. P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr. D Flannery (Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr. J Shannon (Administrative Officer Community Grants), Mr. R Jackson (Administrative Officer Environment), Mr. B O’Gorman (Administrative Officer Housing), Ms. S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Fitzpatrick had asked Councillor Ó Cearúil (Leas Cathaoirleach) to chair the meeting as he was unable to attend.

Councillor Ó Cearúil congratulated Ms. M Higgins and Mr. A Dunney on their recent promotions to the position of Director of Services in Kildare County Council.

CM01/0423

Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

There were declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.



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Councillor Ó Cearúil indicated that later, at Item 36, he would be excusing himself due to a conflict of interest arising from his association with the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Councillor Farrelly also advised of the same conflict of interest due to her association with the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Councillor McEvoy declared conflict of interest due to his association with the Clane Festival.

Councillor Durkan, Councillor Hamilton and Councillor Feeney all declared a conflict of interest due to their association with the Maynooth Community Council.

CM02/0423

Minutes and Progress Report

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

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

CM03/0423

Municipal District Works

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that 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 and the 2023 scheme list was just approved last week.

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.



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Road markings have been carried out in Maynooth to include right turn filter lane on the Moyglare road, Old Dunboyne Road and to extend the filter lane on the Straffan Road. Footpath repairs have been carried out in Maynooth and Kilcock. Footpath tenders are currently being assessed for more works in Q1/Q2 2023.

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



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L	L5041	Ballycurraghan	1,250	Design
L	L5054	Ballygoran	2,000	Design
L	L5053	Railpark	1,200	Design
L	L5074	Ballynafagh	2,000	Design
L	L1019	Corduff	1,320	Design
L	L50131	Killyon	700	Design
L	L5013	Dunfieth	1,100	Design
L	L89994	Clonagh	1,180	Design
L	L5028	Ballycaghan	1,550	Design
L	L5031	Ballycannon	1,150	Design
L	L1019	Blackwood	1,000	Design
L	L1007	Ballyvoneen	1,050	Design
L	L1010	Loughtown	1,250	Design
L	L5070	Hodgestown	1,200	Design

Climate Action Schemes 2023

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
L	1017	Derryvarouge	3,500	Tender Assessment
L	5025	Timahoe West	1,000	Tender Assessment
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	Design

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 report was noted.



CM04/0423

Taking in charge of Graces Park, Derrinturn

The members considered the taking in charge of DC3612 Graces Park, Derrinturn. A report was previously circulated to the members from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that Graces Park estate in Derrinturn is a development of 26 units granted planning permission under planning reference 04/1479. It is proposed to take the Graces Park estate in charge as requested by the majority of the homeowners in May 2016. A map outlining the areas to be taken in charge is appended to this report. The proposal to take Graces Park, Derrinturn, Co. Kildare in charge was on public display from the 8th June 2022 to the 6th July 2022, inclusive. The end of the statutory period for observations on the proposal was the 20th July 2022. No submissions were received during the statutory period. Uisce Eireann (UE) has been consulted and confirmed approval to proceed with taking in charge. The Clane/Maynooth Municipal District Office has had the wearing course completed. This was funded by Local Property Tax (LPT) monies set aside by the Elected Members. There are some minor snagging items yet to be completed including repairs to footpaths and kerbs. The Area Office has agreed to complete these works after the estate has been taken in charge.

The Development Control Section:

- (i) is satisfied that the roads in this development are of general public utility,
- (ii) has considered the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration, and
- (iii) confirms that the estate is at an appropriate Taking in Charge standard.

Recommendation

Having regard to the above, it is recommended to the Members of the Clane/Maynooth Municipal District, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to take in charge those areas outlined on the appended map in Graces Park, Derrinturn, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that Graces Park, Derrinturn (DC3612) be taken in charge.



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Councillor Weld requested that his Motions and Questions be taken together at this juncture as he had to leave shortly for an appointment.

The members agreed that Item 7 (Motion Councillor Weld) and Item 8 (Motion Councillor Farrelly) could be taken together.

Item 7 and 8

CM05/0423

Safe Route to Prosperous AFC Pitch from Prosperous Village

Item 7

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

That the council investigate the possibility of providing a footpath from the village of Prosperous to the Prosperous United AFC soccer pitch.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is not sufficient verge space along the public road to provide a footpath. There would need to be land acquired from the adjoining landowners. The length of footpath required is around 600 metres and would cost in the region of €300,000 plus accommodation works to affected landowners. There is also a water course to be crossed which is not costed in the above estimate. There is no funding available in 2023 to progress this project.

Item 8

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

That the council identify any engineering solutions to support safe cycling and pedestrian permeability to Prosperous United AFC lands in Ballinafagh, Prosperous.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is not sufficient verge space along the public road to provide a footpath. There would need to be land acquired from the adjoining landowners. The length of footpath required is around 600 metres and would cost in the region of €300,000 plus accommodation works to affected landowners. There is also a water course to be crossed which is not costed in the above estimate. There is no funding available in 2023 to progress this project.

The members raised the following:

- That the Municipal District Engineer and Kildare County Council look at this issue in the short to medium term, to enable the children to get to the AFC grounds safely.
- The AFC had clear ambitions for the children and the Club had grown exponentially.
- The issue of providing a footpath at this location may need to be looked at under the Active Travel Scheme.
- It was understood that a footpath to the grounds was a very difficult task but were there other options that could be carried out to improve the situation, such as lighting or road markings in lieu of a footpath.
- Could a footpath be installed away from the road, for example parallel to the road, understanding that this would involve consulting with the adjoining landowners.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members of the following:

- The road narrowed at this location.
- The length of the footpath required was approximately 600 metres.
- The margins were soft and the topography was difficult.
- There was no budget for these works.
- A footpath was hard to deliver and it was expensive.
- Accepts that this was a sports facility and that it attracted young people.
- The erection of signs to alert drivers could be looked at but it was unclear what impact this would have.
- That he would meet with Councillor Weld and Councillor Farrelly on site to discuss.

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



CM06/0423

Measures to slow traffic at Kilshanroe National School

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

That the council put in place further measures at Kilshanroe NS to slow traffic because of the high number of accidents still occurring at this location.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will review the location and the measures in place and meet with Councillor Weld onsite.

Councillor Weld raised the following:

- There had been a number of accidents at this location recently.
- LPT funding was allocated and spent on a footpath at this location.
- It was a bend that he was sure everyone is familiar with.
- Appreciated that Kildare County Council had tried to make improvements but that more needed to be done.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that on the Edenderry Road side there were traffic calming measures in place. That he would meet with Councillor Weld onsite to discuss.

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

CM07/0423

Upgrade plans for back lanes in Coill Dubh Village

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

Can the council confirm what plans it has to upgrade the back lanes in and around Coill Dubh Village?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are no plans to carry out resurfacing works in 2024. Routine maintenance will be carried out in 2024 and subject to funding some back lanes will be included in the 2025 road works programme.

The report was noted.

CM08/0423

Community Gain in Drehid Areas regarding Solar Farms

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

Can the council outline what plans are in place to work with the local community with respect to 'Community Gain' aspect of the recent planning permissions granted in the 'Drehid Hortland (Donadea) Areas' regarding Solar Farms?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that according to our records there have been two permissions related to Solar Farm Development in this area during the period 2018 to 2019. With regard to Community Gain the Draft Wind Energy Guidelines 2019 allow for the conditioning of Community Gain when deciding on an Application for Wind Farms. However, no such provision or guidelines relate to Solar Farm Developments. This does not preclude the developer from engaging with the local community to discuss potential projects in the area. Planning Application 19/888 refers to Community Gain as part of the Submission following permission and grid connections, but it would be ultra vires for Kildare County Council to Condition this. Planning Application 18/1514 (ABP-305953-19) is a 200ha solar farm refused by Kildare County Council but permitted by An Bord Pleanála. There is no condition relating to Planning Gain. The proposal includes a walkway/track amenity that will be open to the public but no other reference to Community Gain is referenced in the process.

Councillor Weld raised the following:

- He accepted the report but could it be ensured that the proposed walkway/track was delivered for the public.



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- Wind Farms allowed for conditioning of Community Gains unlike Solar Farms which had no such provision.
- Planning permissions were being granted with conditions, the contributions were then paid but the infrastructure was not being delivered. Asked that the conditions of the planning permissions granted, be delivered.

Councillor Ó Cearúil suggested that a motion could be brought forward in the future as other Councillors had opinions on the matter.

The report was noted.

CM09/0423

Number of residents needed to support taking in charge at Newtown Hall

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council confirm what number of residents need to support a Taking in Charge request for Newtown Hall, Maynooth and are apartment residents excluded from the numbers required as they most likely remain under the management company?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a request must be received from the majority of the owners of the houses. Therefore, 51% (or more) of the registered homeowners must sign the Section 180 request in order to commence the taking in charge process. Apartment residents are excluded from the Section 180 request as the maintenance of the apartment complex and common area associated with the apartments is the responsibility of the Management Company as required under the Multi Unit Development Act 2011. Please note: The existing Management Company will need to be downsized to cover the apartment area only should the conventional housing element of Newtown Hall be taken in charge.

The report was noted.



CM10/0423

Nominee to the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum

The members voted to approve a nominee to the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum (Sub-committee of Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee).

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that Councillor Hamilton be approved as the nominee Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum (Sub-committee of Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee).

CM11/0423

Signage on Moyglare Road, Maynooth

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

That the council install signage on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth to signal to motorists that there are schools in the area and that there is a need to slow down.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will review the signage in place on the Moyglare road and arrange for additional appropriate signage to be installed if required.

The Municipal District Engineer will meet with Councillor Feeney on site.

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

CM12/0423

Safe permeability link between Prosperous and Canal

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

That the council actively seeks funding to install a safe permeability link between Prosperous and the canal.



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

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

The members raised the following:

- The Prosperous Community needed to be linked to the Canal.
- This was an important link to the schools for the children of Robertstown and Allenwood.
- Was there a possibility of this becoming a low traffic route.

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

CM13/0423

Safe crossing for pedestrians of the M4 Bridge at Straffan Road, Maynooth

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

That the council write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to investigate a safe option for pedestrians to cross the M4 Bridge at Straffan Road, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that with the members agreement, Kildare County Council will write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting they investigate a safe option for pedestrians to cross the M4 Bridge at Straffan Road, Maynooth.



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The members raised the following:

- Welcomed the report and the letter that would be written to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It was hoped that positive support would be received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- Proposals had been put in previously for the removal of off-ramps.
- How could it be made safer to cross the road for employees arriving at the Business Campus by bus.
- There was also a lot of cycle traffic at this location as there was a large Post Office Depot, Gymnasiums and Dance Schools located in the Campus.
- If too much was done this could create a backlog into the town of Maynooth.
- This is a global issue, in that we need to prioritise Sustainable Travel through both walking and cycling.
- There was a need to decouple from expanding the capacity for cars.
- Could the Progress Report from last December be updated to reflect a previous request for a letter on this issue to be written to Transport Infrastructure Ireland at that time.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that a letter issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

CM14/0423

Speed review test in Courtown Estate, Kilcock

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

That the council undertake a motor vehicle speed review test in Courtown Estate, Kilcock along the Courtown Park Road section.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will arrange for a speed survey to be carried out in the coming weeks.



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Councillor Ward mentioned that this was a long main artery road and also requested that the speed review test be carried out during the School Term.

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

CM15/0423

Removal of ESB unused cables in Kilcock Town Centre

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

That the council contact the ESB to request the removal of unused cables attached to buildings/poles etc in and around Kilcock Town Centre.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that with the members agreement, Kildare County Council will write to ESB to request the removal of unused cables attached to buildings/poles etc in and around Kilcock Town Centre.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that a letter issue to ESB.

CM16/0423

Timeline for opening of Meath section of Kilcock Ring Road

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

That Kildare County Council write to Meath County Council requesting a timeline for opening the Meath section of the Kilcock ring road through Millerstown, Kilcock, Co. Meath given the fact the road is complete.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that with the members agreement, Kildare County Council will write to Meath County Council requesting a timeline for opening the Meath section of the Kilcock ring road through Millerstown, Kilcock, Co. Meath given the fact the road is complete.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members that a letter issue to Meath County Council.

CM17/0423

Rubbish Bins at new Bus Stops in the Municipal District

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

Can the council update members on the process for having rubbish bins installed at the new bus stops in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the current budget from Environment does not allow for additional bins to be added. The Environment Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) is looking at a policy around the provision of bins for the county.

Councillor Feeney asked if it was the responsibility of Kildare County Council to provide bins at bus stops or was there a requirement that Kildare County Council add to any funding shortfall.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that the provision of the bins was not the issue as the National Transport Authority could provide the bins, but the issue was the servicing and the emptying of the bins, as this had a cost.

The report was noted.

CM18/0423

Provision of up to date traffic counts through Main Street, Clane

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

Can the council provide the most up to date traffic counts, including if possible HGV traffic, through the Main Street in Clane?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Design Office/Transportation Department do not have any traffic counts on the Main Street in Clane. All traffic counts are primarily carried out on rural roads to determine traffic volumes for the purposes of road maintenance.

The report was noted.

CM19/0423

Maynooth North South Corridor, Phase 5 works at Mill Street, Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. Can the council clarify why funding announced for Mill Street (Maynooth North South Corridor, Phase 5) on two occasions from the NTA has not been drawn down or why work has not commenced?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that an invitation to tender to prepare the detailed design and contract documentation for the Mill Street Active Travel Scheme (Maynooth North-South Corridor Phase 5) was published in November 2021 and a service provider appointed in February 2022. This service provider is completing their design assignment in April 2023 and the Council will then be a position to tender for the construction stage, subject to successful completion of a Section 38 process and the securing of funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for this stage of the works. Design complications on this short section of active travel scheme included upgrading the Part 8 approved scheme to the latest NTA design guidance, the provision of options with/without land transfer to the east of the site, agreement with the Architectural Conservation Officer regarding amendments to a protected structure and the incorporation of proposed new bus stop locations.

Councillor Ó Cearúil outlined that he should have put this down as a motion and that maybe he would do so next month for the purpose of cohesion. Perhaps collectively that the members would have to come back next month with a motion. He added that Councillors in Maynooth were frustrated that the National Transport Authority were not following through on announcements which were made to great fanfare, on three occasions, but with no



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delivery. That the Councillors were being asked by the public continuously about where this was at and that they did not have the information to respond.

The report was noted.

CM20/0423

Replacement of footbridge over the Royal Canal

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

Can the council confirm if it is aware of plans to replace the footbridge over the Royal Canal at Maynooth to the train station?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department is not aware of any plans to replace the footbridge over the Royal Canal at Maynooth to the train station.

The members raised the following:

- The footbridge was there 29/30 years, it was safe for able bodied people but not accessible for wheelchairs or people using crutches.
- The bridge takes away from the works carried out by the Council and Waterways Ireland.
- It was the first thing you see when you get off the train.
- Not a question of safety but did it warrant investigation given the age of the bridge.
- Used by thousands of people each and every day.

Mr. D Hodgins, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informed the members that the bridge was not in the ownership of Kildare County Council and that it was owned by Irish Rail.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that his office would write to Irish Rail.

Councillor Ó Cearúil conveyed his thanks and requested that the Municipal District Engineer revert to all members.

The report was noted.



CM21/0423

Upgrade of main road in Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the upgrade of the main road in Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock with the expected timeline for these works.

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are in detailed design discussions with the developer. It is hoped that the design details will be agreed by the end of April 2023. The developer will then procure a contractor to carry out the works.

Councillor Ward thanked the Municipal District Engineer for the report and welcomed the positive news. He understood that this was developer led so therefore no timeline could be provided. However the key concern was that pedestrian safety remained a priority.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the trees would be retained. That the developer had detailed designs completed and that they were now with the Roads Design Team.

The report was noted.

CM22/0423

Bus Stops at Aughamore/Clane Business Park and Hughes Pharmacy, Clane

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

Can the council provide an update on the requests for bus stops near Aughamore/Clane Business Park and Hughes Pharmacy, Clane?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that at Aughamore/Clane Business Park: Two potential new bus stop locations have been identified and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA). The NTA is preparing designs for both new stops and will submit to Kildare County Council for review and a consultation process will commence. Hughes Pharmacy: Kildare County



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Council continues to engage with the NTA about this stop location. NTA have advised that they intend to consult with the bus operator to get poles/cages markings installed. Since this is a new bus stop a consultation process is required.

Councillor McEvoy outlined that he welcomed the progress at Aughamore. That a bus stop at Hughes Pharmacy would directly twin with the bus stop across the road at Aldi. That this stop was requested by a lady on her eightieth birthday and she is now approaching her ninetieth birthday and that the reason for the requirement of this bus stop was not just a notional item.

The report was noted.

CM23/0423

Reduce severity of hump on Knockirr Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council confirm that the hump on the Knockirr Road north of Carbury Village, where the old railway line crossed, will be reduced in severity as part of the road improvement works scheduled for later this year?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess this and reduce the hump as part of the works to this road.

Councillor Wyse advised that he believed the hump on this road was too severe.

The report was noted.

CM24/0423

Flooding at the entrance of Whitethorn Park Estate, Allenwood

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.
Can the council provide an update on the works to resolve the ongoing issue of regular flooding at the entrance of Whitethorn Park Estate on Station Road in Allenwood?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that this estate is not in charge of Kildare County Council. The Municipal District Office will assess the issue and see if it is possible to install a gully at the entrance and connect it to the existing public road gullies.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that he was out at the site the day before the meeting and that it appeared that the gully may go back into the estate and the problem was that it kept refilling. He advised the members that he would examine the issue with Development Control and that a road crossing may need to be done to connect it to the existing public road gullies.

The report was noted.

CM25/0423

Flooding on the road near entrance of Hawthorn Manor, Coill Dubh

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can the council confirm what works are required to permanently resolve the issue of regular flooding on the road near the entrance of Hawthorn Manor estate in Coill Dubh?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will investigate the drainage installed at this location as part of the housing development with Development Control section in order to resolve the flooding issue.

Councillor Durkan advised that there was a hollow down from the estate and that this was more serious than the issue at Whitethorn Park. That children had been soaked as a result of this issue.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that this was a similar issue as the previous item. That the pipe went back in to the estate. Tank, jetties and cameras could be used to



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investigate as there were conflicting stories. There was a need to find the real issue and if it was blocked that it would be cleared as the flooding issue needed to be solved.

The report was noted.

CM26/0423

County Speed Limit Review

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

Can the council provide an update on the County speed limit review since it was sent to the Department of Transport, including a time line for implementation?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that the Department of Transport is currently coordinating a review of the framework for the setting of speed limits in the context of actions outlined in the Road Safety Strategy (2021-2030). A working group was established to examine and review the framework, including the Guidelines for Setting and Management of Speed Limits in Ireland. It is considered prudent to await the recommendations of this working group before restarting a county wide speed limit review process.

Mr. D Hodgins, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management, informed the members that he met with the A/Director of Services the day before the meeting and that they may be in a position to revert next month. This would probably require a private discussion with each Municipal District.

The report was noted.

CM27/0423

Inspection of the R158 Bridge Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the inspection carried out on the R158 bridge Kilcock?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Kildare County Council bridge team inspected the bridge on the 23 September 2022. The bridge has a condition rating of 3 which means that repair works are required but they are not urgent. This bridge was not included in the Department of Transport Bridge Remediation Grant Application for 2023 but can be considered for future applications.

Councillor Durkan advised that he had sent pictures and that keystones had been removed from the arches.

Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he had looked at this issue last week and that works are needed but that they are not urgent.

The report was noted.

CM28/0423

Nominee for the Clane Town Team

The members voted to approve a nominee for this Municipal District to sit on the Clane Town Team for the Clane Town Centre first Master Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members that Councillor McEvoy be approved as the nominee for this Municipal District to sit on the Clane Town Team for the Clane Town Centre first Master Plan.

CM29/0423

Chief Executive's Part 8 Report

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report P8 2022–10 for the proposed Social Housing Development, 352 Old Greenfield and Fitzgerald Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 T3Y1.

Councillor Feeney advised that she had no objections and welcomed this development as it was on her doorstep and housing was needed.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members that the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report P8 2022–10 for the proposed Social Housing Development, 352 Old Greenfield and Fitzgerald Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 T3Y1 be accepted without amendment.

CM30/0423

Road Traffic Act 1994, Section 38

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994, Section 38 proposed traffic calming measures at gateways entering Kilcock which forms part of the Kilcock Town Identity and Branding Scheme.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward and noted and accepted by the members.

CM31/0423

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023 allocation for the Clane Maynooth Municipal District.

Maynooth	Clane Local History Group	Publication of Local History journal Coiseanna and organisation of photographic exhibition and lecture in Clane Public Library during Heritage Week 2023	€1,200.00
Maynooth	Newtown Community Group	Plantation of a hedgerow and creation of wildflower gardens	€1,500.00

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed and accepted by the members.

CM32/0423

Paid parking fund in Maynooth

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



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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 Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that of the extract below from our Financial Management System confirms that the sum of €704,517.00 has been set aside from car parking surplus funds ringfenced in the Municipal District. The funding has been allocated for the delivery of the Maynooth Town Masterplan which includes the Harbourfield area.

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In applying for Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) grant funding the estimated value of the project was €2,545,000 of which 75% would be funded through URDF and 25% funded by KCC. The 25% element of €636,250 has been raised by setting aside the funds which was confirmed with the elected members at a previous Municipal District meeting. A revised business case has been submitted to the Department which involved a review of the costs given the inflationary environment that exists. The costs have been revised upwards increasing the 25% match funding element to €858,125 (ex VAT) identifying a shortfall in the match funding currently allocated to this project. In this regard, extracting €400,000 from this project to allocate to the Celbridge Road project would be detrimental to the Maynooth Town Centre Masterplan and Harbourfield development.



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The members agreed to defer this item and for this item to be resubmitted to the Agenda of the next Municipal District Meeting to be held on Friday 05 May 2023. This would allow time to have available, clear and accurate information in relation to this item for discussion.

CM33/0423

Review of the dam on the River Liffey, Sallins Road, Clane

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

That the council carry out a review of the operation of the dam, with the possibility of introducing a fish pass, on the tributary of the River Liffey downstream of the roundabout on the Sallins Road, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department will investigate the possibility and discuss with Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Councillor McEvoy advised that anglers were managing that stream. There was a downstream dam which held silt and was inadequate for fish. A discussion with Inland Fisheries Ireland was very welcome and looked forward to an update.

Councillor Durkan advised that he supported this and to investigate the one at Lucan as this could be used as an example.

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

CM34/0423

Extra capacity at Allen Graveyard

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

That the council prioritise the provision of extra capacity in Allen Graveyard as a matter of urgency.

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



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A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the tender has been awarded for the development of the lands to the south of the existing cemetery. Contractor due to soon commence works. Works duration of 6 weeks envisaged. Councillor Wyse advised that he and Councillor Fitzpatrick welcomed these works. That he had not yet seen the updated plans but that he was happy that the works were now going ahead.

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



CM35/0423

Drehid Grant awards 2023

The members voted to approve the proposed Drehid Grant awards 2023.

Drehid Grants 2023 for approval				
No.	Group Name	Proposed project		Proposed Grant
1	Barrington Court Residents Association	Planting fruit bushes, erecting nest boxes and installing mini wildlife ponds in the estate		€295
2	Balyna community first	2 new outdoor heated cabinets in which to store public access		€640
3	Aylmer Gaels GFC	Training equipment		€680
4	Kildare Gaelic Masters Football	Training Aids		€780
5	Na Fianna Ladies	Equipment for the new U7, new senior second team and the U17		€820
6	Ticknevin Community Group	To purchase a Bush Cutter and a Hedge Trimmer.		€905
7	Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland	To install an irrigation system to maintain healthy plants throughout the growing season.		€920
8	8th Kildare Allenwood Scout	To create a camping area adjacent to the Den for use by members.		€930
9	Hawthorn Manor Residents	Biodiversity Planting at the Entrance to the Estate		€1,000
10	18th Kildare (Prosperous/Robertstown) Scout Group	The continued expansion of Water / Stand Up Paddling Activities		€1,005
11	Anne Street residents association	To place a seating area for the elderly to have coffee mornings at the back of the community house		€1,030
12	Balyna LGFA	Provide mentors with first aid and coaching, players on nutrition and goalkeeping skills, and provide defibrillator at pitch side		€1,090
13	Scoil Cianog Naofa Timahoe	Artwork creation on walls and windows of the school, visible on roads approaching Timahoe.		€1,320
14	Allenwood Tidy Towns	Installation of heritage information signs on Station Road.		€2,050
15	Scoil Mhuire Allenwood Parents Association	New gates for the entrance of school walkway - will increase safety measures for children in yard		€2,095
16	Ashgrove Derrinturn Residents Association	To replace current shrub beds edging with composite decking, to build a noticeboard (composite), plant perennial plants/shrubs.		€2,210
17	Johnstownbridge Camogie Club	Upgrade our existing Hurling Wall with professional targets and mural to assist in skills training for all the community.		€2,250
18	Clocha Rince Parents Association	Upgrade the Playground equipment at Clocha Rince, new basket swing and seesaw urgently required.		€2,675
19	Broadford PA project group	Sensory garden and outside classroom.		€2,760
20	Ballyteague GFC. Catherine Murphy	To install a steel shelter with clear solid UV polycarbonate sheeting on back, ends, roof with row of seating.		€2,880
No.	Group Name	Proposed project		Proposed Grant
21	Allenwood & Ballyteague Community First Responders	First responder equipment		€2,970
22	ACDAL	Bright Sparks Community Childcare Centre Repairs		€3,000
23	Donadea Community First Responders Group	To purchase additional life saving defibrillators, specialised radio equipment and emergency first aid consumables for use in Drehid catchment area		€3,190
24	Carbury Village Residents Association	To provide a renewal power source for a landscaped area with lights and water fountain		€3,455
25	BBC United	Upgrade and increase available sports equipment.		€3,570
26	Clogherinkoe Broadford GAA Club	To purchases an electronic scoreboard.		€4,050
27	Robertstown Tidy Towns	To install a defibrillator with 24/7 access in the village and enhance the village characteristics		€4,660
28	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Fence and gate replacement to improve the entrance aesthetics of the Bog of Allen Nature Centre		€4,665
29	Allen National School Parent Teacher Association (Allen PTA)	Fencing to be erected along school-yard boundary for safety purposes due to increased traffic in front of school.		€5,230
30	B.R.E.D.A. Resource Centre	Purchase of community van to transport Meals on Wheels and to transport members of the community to appointments etc.		€5,500
31	Robertstown Parents Association	Providing a playground structure for the children of Robertstown, particularly those with special educational needs.		€5,940



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No.	Group Name	Proposed project	Proposed Grant
32	Woodlawn Residents Association	To install boundary fencing alongside the river slate on the eastern perimeter of the estate.	€6,330
33	Robertstown Community Amenities Association CLG (RCAA)	To paint the restored 52M and install heritage displays, informative and promotional material regarding the bio diversity of the area.	€6,435
34	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare Branch	Conservation and protection of ground nesting birds (waders especially lapwing and common snipe, and passerines, including meadow pipit and skylark)	€6,460
35	St. Brigid's National School Parents Association	Clean and paint the exterior of the school building and replace the soft surface in the school yard.	€7,015
36	Edenderry Golf Club	Enhanced security system to protect staff and machinery, and renovation and repair of roof to improve energy efficiency.	€7,620
37	Johnstownbridge GFC	To provide solar powered lighting to existing 800 metre long paved footpath.	€8,200
38	Allenwood Day Care Centre (SVP)	To provide Meals on Wheels to the most isolated and vulnerable older people in our community.	€9,180
No.	Group Name	Proposed project	Proposed Grant
39	Caragh GAA	Match quality floodlighting for the football pitch to allow games and training outside of summer months.	€9,750
40	Killina National School Parents Association	To develop an activity trail.	€10,030
41	Tir Mona AC	Upgrade the 400m grass running track.	€10,200
42	Coill Dubh AFC	To continue work on the next phase of dressing rooms	€10,650
43	Allenwood GFC	All-Weather hardcore training area.	€13,125
		Total for Approval	€179,560
		Budget	€180,578
		Balance	€1,018

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed and accepted by the members.



CM36/0423

Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards

The members voted to approve the Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2023 for the Maynooth Local Area.

Community Grants 2023 for approval Clane/Maynooth M.D.				
No.	Group Name	Project	Proposed Grant	
1	18th Kildare (Prosperous/Robertstown) Scout Group	Expansion of our First Aid Skills	€1,000	
2	8th Kildare Allenwood Scout Group	Additional camping equipment	€1,000	
3	Allen Heritage and History Society	Platform for the voices of women with a connection to the Allenwood power station,	€1,000	
4	Allenwood & Ballyteague CFR group	AED and equipment	€800	
5	Anne Street residents association	Community house development project	€1,500	
6	Ashgrove Derrintum Residents Association	Physical/social activities	€1,500	
7	Balyna Area Active Retirement Association	Holiday / social wellbeing trip.	€1,500	
8	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare Branch	Construction, installation and maintenance of barn owl nest boxes.	€1,500	
9	Carbury Village Residents Association	Pollinator friendly planting/stone border for flower beds.	€1,200	
10	CLANE MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY	Annual pantomime	€800	
11	Clane Youth Project	12 week Decider Skills Programme	€500	
12	Clocha Rince Parents Association	Renovations to playground	€1,500	
13	Cloth Nappy Library Ireland	Loan kits of cloth nappies	€600	
14	Community Cancer Caregivers	Home cleaning services to families with a parent/guardian undergoing cancer treatments.	€1,500	
15	Derrintum Active Seniors Group	Christmas party including dinner and presents	€1,000	
16	Every Voice Choir, Clane, Co Kildare	Ad hoc workshops with a professional	€800	
17	Federation of Irish Beekeepers Associations	Beekeepers Summer School	€1,500	
18	Hemingway Park, Clane, Co. Kildare	Estate signage	€900	
19	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Pollinator friendly plants and seating for the Bog of Allen Nature Centre	€1,000	
20	Kilcock Community First Responders	Additional first aid equipment & supplies	€1,000	
21	Kilcock Scouts (16th Kildare)	Additional equipment purchase	€1,000	
22	Maynooth Access Group	Inter generational community gardening project	€1,500	
23	Maynooth Autism Friendly Town	Sensory boxes for small businesses for use by customers with autism.	€1,500	
24	Maynooth Community Council	Picnic in the Park	€1,500	
25	Maynooth Cycling Campaign	Maynooth Cycling Without Age Project	€800	
26	Mooretown Drive Residents Association	Access ramps within the estate.	€1,000	
27	Na Fianna Mens Shed	Propagating seeds for community use	€500	
28	Newtown Community Group	Community Fun Day	€700	
29	Prosperous Dramatic Society	New sound system for the theatre.	€1,500	
30	Rathcoffey Senior Citizens Association	Christmas Party for Senior Citizens 2023	€1,000	
31	Scouting Ireland - 5th Kildare Clane Group	Increase skills, experience and independence of youth members	€1,000	
32	St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band	Additional Band Uniforms	€1,500	
33	Straffan Community First responders	AED and equipment	€1,500	
34	Straffan Drama Group	Performance based on folklore	€1,500	
35	Zero Waste Community Garden Rathcoffey	Signage and equipment	€1,500	
36	Zero Waste Maynooth	Developing sewing skills to prolong textile life	€1,100	
			Total for Approval	€41,200
			Budget	€38,647
			Balance	-€2,553



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Due to a conflict of interest Councillors Ó Cearúil, Durkan and Hamilton temporarily stepped out of the Chamber to allow for the voting to continue. Councillor Feeney also declared a conflict of interest but due to an injury and by agreement, remained in the Chamber.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members present.

The members voted to approve the Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2023 for the Clane Local Area.

Due to a conflict of interest Councillors Farrelly, McEvoy and Wyse stepped out of the meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members present.

Festival Grants 2023 for approval Clane/Maynooth M.D.				
No.	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Anne Street residents association	Easter camp, Summer camp and Halloween camp	€1,100	€500
2	Ashgrove Derrinturn	Various family events during the year	€1,999	€500
3	Balyna Area Active Retirement Association	Annual Christmas Dinner for 120 people.	€2,000	€500
4	Carbury Village Residents Association	Annual Summer BBQ, Easter Egg Hunt	€1,850	€250
5	Clane St. Patrick's Day Festival	Clane St. Patrick's Day Festival	€2,000	€1,050
6	Hawthorn Manor Residents Association	Hawthorn Manor Family Fun Day	€2,000	€500
7	Hemingway Park, Clane, Co. Kildare	Halloween Festival/Christmas Festival	€2,500	€500
8	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Feile an Dulra	€800	€800
9	Kilcock Business Association	Kilcock Christmas Festival/Market / Live Crib/ Nativity plays	€2,000	€1,500
10	Kilcock St. Patricks Day Parade Committee	St. Patricks Day Parade	€2,000	€1,050
11	Kilmeague Tidy Towns	Christmas lights	€550	€300
12	Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee	St. Patrick's Day Parade	€2,000	€1,050
13	Mooretown Drive Residents Association	Summer event with barbeque and music	€800	€500
14	Newtown Community Group	Re-enactment of the Battle of Ovidstown.	€2,000	€900
15	Shamrock Car & Machinery Club	Annual Community Vintage Festival	€2,000	€900
16	Straffan GAA	Tish Kearney community family fun day	€2,000	€500
17	Timahoe Community Council	Annual Field Day	€1,100	€500
18	Zero Waste Community Garden Rathcoffey	Harvest festival	€1,500	€700
			Total for Approval	€12,500
			Budget	€12,500
			Balance	€0



CM37/0423

Report on unspent LPT

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

That the council present a complete report on unspent LPT funds accumulated from the beginning of the scheme to the end of 2022 in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development and has been circulated to the members.

The members raised the following:

- Several Projects from before 2020 and 2019 were not on the list.
- Athy-Clane-Maynooth Cycle Design Officer and Meadowbrook Fund were not shown in the report.
- Needed to get the complete picture with regard to 2015 and also before 2020.
- Could there be a process to allow for reallocation of monies.
- Local Property Tax (LPT) should be a large allocation.
- In the first year all monies at a National level went to Irish Water.
- There were different tracking, budget, coding and actions.
- Need to establish present and future needs.
- It would be very useful to have a discussion a week before the next Municipal District meeting.

Ms. M Higgins, District Manager informed the members of the following:

- Road Projects were not shown here and there may be monies that could be moved. Roads Department could get funds from other areas and that some allocations may have been superseded by National Transport Authority Funds.
- Prior to 2020 there was a different mechanism in place.
- In relation to LPT allocations not currently progressed, it would be up to the members to spend these monies as allocated or to reallocate. Need to bring these items back to the Municipal District Meeting.



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- May be in a position to trace back previous monies allocated, if the members could email these details.

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

CM38/0423

Bark Mulch in Playgrounds

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney. Can the council confirm if bark mulch continues to be used in the playgrounds in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that bark mulch is not used in any playgrounds in the Maynooth Municipal District. However bark chip is used in playgrounds such as Harbour Field, Maynooth and Prosperous.

Councillor Feeney advised that the Maynooth Access Group would have brought to her attention their difficulties experienced on bark mulch. That it was used on older playgrounds as part of a universal design and that the use of rubber matting would make these areas more accessible.

Mr. D Flannery, Executive Parks Superintendent informed the members that bark mulch was safe and sustainable and that the budget at this time would only allow for bark mulch. That he would take the comments back to Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer to discuss.

The report was noted.

CM39/0423

Update on planned works in Prosperous Town Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Farrelly. Can the council update the Committee on any planned works in Prosperous Town Park, to include the pond, basketball court, signage, tree planting and any ancillary works.



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A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that replacement tree planting has taken place in the park. We also plan to plant the raised bed at the entrance to the park and upgrade the pond area. A communications board will also be installed and a wheelchair swing. There are no plans to install a basketball court.

The report was noted.

CM40/0423

Engagement with groups to mark Brigid 1500 in 2024

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

Can the council outline how it will engage with groups and organisations in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District on the opportunities to mark the Brigid 1500 anniversary ahead of 2024?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that as part of the Brigid 1500 programme, two grant schemes were launched late in 2022 for artists and community groups across the county. A total of 45 grants have been assessed with an allocated budget of €260,000. The standard of the projects submitted was extremely high and diverse. This is a pipeline of developmental projects throughout the next two years and beyond and the project team are closely engaged with these groups. The Brigid 1500 programme will be launching another community and cultural grant scheme later in 2023 in advance of our key date which is February 1 2024. The grant scheme is intended to provide financial assistance to voluntary community groups and artists, in the planning, organisation, and roll-out of activities, events or projects which encourage local community participation in the Brigid 1500 celebrations. A schools programme is currently being developed which builds on the highly successful resource pack distributed to schools in February 2023, and will focus on themes such as biodiversity, heritage and cultural expression. The project team is investigating the development of a network of pilgrim walkways throughout the county and will engage with local groups as part of this process. A series of concerts and cultural events are being planned for early 2024 in each municipal district and the project team will engage with local groups as part of the planning for these events.



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Ms. M Higgins, District Manager informed the members of the following:

- €260,000 had been allocated Countrywide.
- No information on the funds that would be available for another Grant Scheme which would be based on area.
- All schools to be provided with a Resource Pack.
- Involvement with local Artists and Communities.
- Pushing the message out to everyone.
- Each Municipal District would be updated to ensure that everyone was kept aware of progress.

Councillor McEvoy requested that Ms. M Higgins revert back in a few months with updates. He also mentioned that there was a need to get the awareness to people, to draw their attention so that groups were ready for 2024. That in the development of previous projects there were sessions with lots of resources and capacity, along with the involvement of the full Community.

Councillor Ó Cearúil suggested that the Brigid 1500 theme could also be part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2024.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.