



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 03 May 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber**

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

Members Via Teams: Councillors N Ó Cearúil and P Ward.

Officials Present: Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Ms O Howe (A/Senior Staff Officer), Ms. AM Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms. A Granville (Senior Planner), Mr. K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. L Kennedy (Administrative Officer), Ms. G Allen (A/County Librarian), Brian McGrath (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

CM01/0524

Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

There were no declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

CM02/0524

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 05 April 2024 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, and seconded by Councillor Hamilton



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and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 05 April 2024 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0524

Municipal District Road Works Programme

To receive an update on the municipal district road works programme.

General Works

LPT Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2023 and 2024.

General Footpath Works completed:

L5076 Clonwood Heights footpath and drainage works.

L7081 Downings North footpath and drainage works.

Highfield Kilcock footpath works.

R415 Drainage works Grangeclare, Kilmeague.

Works underway:

Newtown (Cappagh GAA) - footpath works.

L2004 Millicent road, Clane - footpath and drainage works.

R402 Johnstownbridge - drainage works.

L6001 Curryhills, Prosperous - footpath works.

Works tendered:

Rockfield, Maynooth – footpath works.

Moyglare Village, Maynooth - footpath works.

Roads Programme 2024

Below is a list of funded jobs through Road Improvement Grants and Road Maintenance Grants for 2024.



Restoration Improvement Schemes 2024

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
R	403	Capdoo	400	Completed
L	70042	Nursery road, Allenwood South	2400	Awarded
L	50222	Kilkeaskin	750	Awarded
L	1021	Corkeragh	1,500	Awarded
R	401	Ballindoolin	1000	Tendered
L	1004	Dunfeirth road, Johnstownbridge	1000	Tendered
L	1006	Kishawanny	400	Tendered
L	5008	Ballycowan Clogherinko	800	Tendered
L	5075	Mainham road	700	Tendered
L	5077	Butterstream, Clane	900	Tendered
L	5076	Loughanure	800	Tendered
L	7075	Lowtown	1200	Design
R	403	Brockagh	1,200	Design
R	403	Allenwood	480	Design
L	10222	Curryhills Cul de Sac	400	Design
R	403	Curryhills	650	Design
R	403	Prosperous Main Street	720	Design
L	5078	Clane Ring Road	880	Design
L	5071	Staplestown village	1,100	Design
R	406	Straffan road, Maynooth	500	Design

Climate Adaptation Works 2024

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
L	1005	Knockcurr	1000	Awarded
L	5025	Drehid Derrymahon	1200	Awarded

Restoration Maintenance Schemes 2024

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
L	5023	Derrinturn – Parsonstown	1250	Design
L	5020	Ballyhagen Nurseries	1380	Design
L	5023	Coonagh – Gormans Cross	600	Design
L	1006	Williamstown	1000	Design
L	50262	Kilina Canal Cul de Sac	715	Design
L	50212	The Cush Road Ticknevin	1200	Design
R	148	Laraghbryan	1000	Design



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R	405	Celbridge road	900	Design
L	1017	Derryvarogue – Timahoe	5950	Design
L	5025	Timahoe West	1100	Design
L	5032	Belgard road	1470	Design
L	5031	Ballycannon	1700	Design
L	6007	Millicent South	1200	Design
L	6008	Ballysize	1500	Design
L	6001	Back road, Prosperous	1000	Design
R	403	Skew Bridge, Allenwood	1250	Design
R	415	Grangeclare	1250	Design

District Engineer informed the members that works in relation to restoration improvement schemes were continuing and the next surface dressing works were on track for early June. The first section of improvement works at Newtown School would include a path link and were due to commence on Tuesday 07 May. Additional works at this location were being held off until the school holidays.

Councillor Hamilton complimented the Municipal District Office Team on the huge work programme they undertook and that solutions were always found and works carried out on time.

CM04/0524

Capital Programme

The members considered the Capital Programme 2024-2026.

Councillor Durkan enquired if there were any questions from the members. There were no questions from the members.

The District Manager referenced the Capital Programme from which there was €1.9m funding for the Library in Clane, €3m to the County Library in Newbridge and also funding towards a new Mobile Library Unit. Kildare had topped the pole in relation to funding having been allocated €5m. The District Manager then went on to compliment Gillian Allen and the Team for all their work.



CM05/0524

ESB Poles in Municipal District

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

That the council liaises with ESB Networks to remove ESB poles from the middle of the footpaths in this municipal district as they are a hazard to people with a disability.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the process for an ESB networks pole to be removed is that Kildare County Council write to the ESB and advise which pole needs to be relocated and to where. ESB networks will then raise a works order and an invoice will issue to Kildare County Council for the cost of moving the pole. Upon payment of this a works order will then be processed by ESB Networks. If the member wishes to identify any poles, the Municipal District Engineer will make the request to ESB Networks.

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

CM06/0524

Footpath from Rathcoffey GAA to Painstown Cross

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

That the council looks at the possibility of putting a footpath from Rathcoffey GAA to Painstown Cross to link up with the new footpath already provided.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess this request and advise, if possible, about the approximate cost of the works. Any footpath at this location will require



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agreement from the landowners and then set back of their boundaries. It will also require the removal of the existing hedgerow to facilitate the footpath.

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

CM07/0524

Car parking spaces in Corra Choill Park, Prosperous.

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

That the council considers the installation of ten car parking spaces in Corra Choill Park, Prosperous.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that there is currently no budget allocated for these works. The Municipal District Engineer will meet with Councillor Farrelly to look at the request.

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

CM08/0524

Signage/speed reduction measures

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

That the council considers installing signage/speed reduction measures outside Emerson Way, Prosperous.

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



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection of this location and, if required, additional signage will be installed.

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

CM09/0524

Safety review of roads and footpaths

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

That the council carries out a safety review of the roads and footpaths around Maynooth Education Campus.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that this area is not in the charge of Kildare County Council. The Moyglare road was recently upgraded as part of the Maynooth North South Corridor and there are no plans to carry out any additional works at this location currently.

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

CM10/0524

Footpath repairs on Old Dublin Road, Maynooth

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

That the council completes the footpath repairs on the Old Dublin Road, Maynooth in the vicinity of the retail units.

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



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the repair works have been carried out this location, as previously requested. If additional works are required, please contact the Maynooth Municipal District Office who will arrange an inspection.

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

CM11/0524

Bollards along the cycle lanes

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

That the council repairs the bollards along the cycle lanes on the Straffan Road, Maynooth.

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

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

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

CM12/0524

Maynooth Orbital Route

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

That the council writes to the developer concerned requesting a date as to when the section of the Maynooth Orbital Route will open to traffic from Straffan Road to Celbridge Road Maynooth.

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



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A report was received from the Transport Design Team informing the members that Kildare County Council will continue to exert pressure on the developer of Mullen Park to get this section of road open.

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

CM13/0524

Road works at Courtown Estate/Highfield, Kilcock

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

That the council undertakes road works at Courtown Estate/Highfield, Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District office will arrange for routine maintenance to be carried out at this location. No specific funding has been allocated for road works at this location.

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

CM14/0524

St. Conleth's National School, Clogherinkoe

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

That the council introduces traffic calming measures at the St. Conleth's NS in Derrinturn.

Councillor Fitzpatrick clarified that St. Conleth's National School was located in Clogherinkoe and not Derrinturn.

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



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection of this location and where interim measures can be carried out, these will be arranged. The location will also be referred to the active travel team for consideration as part of their programme.

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

CM15/0524

Improve sightlines at Mountarmstrong Cross

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to improve the sightlines at Mountarmstrong Cross with particular reference to the road coming from Staplestown Village?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection of this location and where interim measures can be carried out, these will be arranged. The location will also be referred to the active travel team for consideration as part of their programme.

The report was noted.

CM16/0524

Filter light turning right from Clane at crossroads in Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm if it is viable from a road safety perspective, to install a filter light turning right from Clane at the crossroads in Prosperous?

A report was received from the Transport Design Team informing the members that this request has been issued to the consultant to consider as part of the detailed design of the junction and can be included in the final design at this location if it is viable.

The report was noted.



CM17/0524

Raised table ramps and resurfacing works in Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm a timeline for the installation of additional raised table ramps and resurfacing works in Prosperous?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the R403 will be resurfaced during the summer months. The resurfacing will require a road closure and nighttime works due to the width of the road. It is planned to install a raised table top at the junction of the R403 and the L7081 (near Circle K) as part of these works.

The report was noted.

CM18/0524

Pedestrian safety at Allenwood Crossroads

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

Can the council confirm that fully controlled traffic lights and a new pedestrian crossing on the Bluetown side are part of the draft plans to improve pedestrian safety at Allenwood Crossroads?

A report was received from the Transport Design Team informing the members that a preliminary option selection report has been prepared by our consultants for Allenwood Junction. The emerging preferred option for this junction is to fully signalise all four roads at this junction and provide a pedestrian crossing on the R415. The consultant is now working on the detailed design of the junction and further information will be made available in due course.

The report was noted.



CM19/0524

New bus shelter in Kilmeague

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

Can the council provide an update on the plans to install a new bus shelter at the bus stop near the church in Kilmeague?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that Kildare County Council is engaged with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to determine the optimal location for a shelter. Staff from the Sustainable Transport Section can arrange a site visit to discuss the detail at this location.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take Item CM20/0524 and Item CM28/0524 together.

CM20/0524

Clane Inner Relief Road

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

Can the council give an update on the Clane Inner Relief Road extension through Capdoo, with an outline of phases for completion and an estimate of when it may be transferred to the council for public use?

A report was received from the Transport Design Team informing the members that the legal agreement has now been signed off by Kildare County Council and the Developer, Dunform Properties Limited, in relation to the delivery of the Capdoo Link Road. The design of the Capdoo Link Road was carried out by DBFL Consulting Engineers and has been agreed by the Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section. There will be a resident engineer from DBFL Consulting Engineers supervising the works on site. The construction works are scheduled to commence on site before the end of May 2024 and the projected contract period is 9 months.

The report was noted.



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

Can the council confirm when the ring road in Clane will be delivered?

A report was received from the Transport Design Team informing the members that the legal agreement has now been signed off by Kildare County Council and the Developer, Dunform Properties Limited, in relation to the delivery of the Capdoo Link Road. The design of the Capdoo Link Road was carried out by DBFL Consulting Engineers and has been agreed by the Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section. There will be a resident engineer from DBFL Consulting Engineers supervising the works on site. The construction works are scheduled to commence on site before the end of May 2024 and the projected contract period is 9 months.

The report was noted.

CM21/0524

Safety improvements for pedestrian crossing

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

Can the council recommend safety improvements for the pedestrian crossing junction at Moyglare Road/Newtown Hall at the Maynooth Education Campus to address safety concerns reported by the schools at this very busy junction?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the location of the crossing is at the desired line for pedestrians wishing to access Moyglare Abbey. The visibility at the crossing is considered sufficient for vehicles travelling within the posted speed limit of 50kph. There are no physical structures blocking the sightlines at the crossing.

The report was noted.



CM22/0524

LED Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

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

Can the council provide a progress update on the LED Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) upgrade in the municipal district which was forecast for the first quarter of 2024?

A report was received from the Transport Design Team informing the members that the Kildare is in the Eastern Region of the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) and there are approximately a total of 23,000 public lights in the County. Surveying of the public lighting infrastructure (columns and micro pillars) began in February and has progressed across all 5 Municipal Districts. To date, 24% of the public lights in County Kildare have been surveyed along with 1,910 micro pillars supplying the public lights. In the Clane-Maynooth municipal district, the contractor has surveyed 504 micro pillars and will return to survey the public lighting columns in June. When the survey is fully complete in each municipal district, the design element will begin before retrofitting of luminaires. It is expected the design will commence in Quarter 3/4 of this year and retrofitting of luminaires will begin in 2025.

The report was noted.

CM23/0524

Upgrade of Celbridge Road

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

Can the council provide an update regarding the upgrade of the Celbridge Road and the interim safety measures?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that a Phase 2 Options Selection Report has been prepared and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for approval. Kildare County Council has been asked to explore the extent of requirements needed to extend a continuous



CM26/0524

Safety improvement works at Straffan National School

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

Can the council give a time line as to when safety improvement works will commence at Straffan National School, given that funding in the amount of €100,000 was made available from Local Property Tax?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that a Draft Delivery Plan has been prepared by An Taisce Green Schools and proposals arising from this are being prepared for public consultation in order to proceed to construction in 2024.

The report was noted.

CM27/0524

Cleaning of road/street drains in Kilcock

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

Can the council update this municipal district on the works completed to date on the cleaning of road/street drains in Kilcock and the time scale for the remainder of these works?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the road gullies in Kilcock were cleaned over the last few weeks/months and are not scheduled to be cleaned again until the Autumn. If there are any specific locations of concern the members can contact the Maynooth Municipal District office.

The report was noted.



CM28/0524

Ash dieback in Housing Estates

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

Can the council provide an update on plans and processes to support residents' groups to effectively manage ash dieback in housing estates in this municipal district, including consideration of those that have been in very protracted taking in charge processes, particularly where there is risk of larger trees falling, and including opportunities for tree replacement in the council tree planting plan?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that any issues with dieback in estates will be dealt with through the tree works programme and similarly with any tree planting. Ash dieback in estates requiring taking in charge are a matter for the developer or managing agents for the estates and our development control section. The Parks Section will provide assistance to the development control section where feasible. The report was noted.

CM29/0524

Tree Works Programme

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

Can the council provide an update on the tree works programme for this municipal district with the projected timescales for the commencement of these works?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the works on the programme started in February and are due to be completed by the end of May/early June.

The report was noted.



CM30/0524

Reserved Public Realm Masterplan funding

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

That the council allocates the reserved Public Realm Masterplan funding from the 2024 Local Property Tax budget towards a traffic survey on the Slí na Sláinte from Carbury GAA to Windmill Cross in Derrinturn.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that with the agreement of the elected representatives, the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team will undertake a traffic survey on the Slí na Sláinte route from Carbury GAA to Windmill Cross in Derrinturn.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team would undertake a traffic survey on the Slí na Sláinte route from Carbury GAA to Windmill Cross in Derrinturn.

CM31/0524

Independent living in the Municipal District

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

That the council examines the possibility of creating independent living in the municipal district, similar to McCauley Place in Naas.

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

A report was received from Capital and Housing Maintenance informing the members that McCauley Place in Naas was funded under the Capital Assistance Scheme and any proposal from an Approved Housing Body for a similar development will be considered and supported when appropriate. Developments under the Capital Assistance Scheme are



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supported by Kildare County Council and sanctioned by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage. Kildare County Council continually explores opportunities for the provision of similar type accommodation in the county.

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

CM32/0524

Anti-social behaviour

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

That the council liaise with An Garda Síochána in relation to anti-social behaviour in (details provided).

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that in accordance with Kildare County Council's Anti-Social Behaviour policy all reports of anti-social behaviour by council tenants are investigated by the council and where appropriate the council engages with An Garda Síochána and we are committed to continued engagement with all relevant agencies. Following an interagency meeting with residents, a Crime Prevention Officer conducted a report on a number of estates in the area providing crime prevention tips to residents, following on from this report boundary works have taken place to improve security in the area.

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the members that earlier at the Joint Policing Committee meeting this anti-social behaviour issue was discussed. He said that the community were living in fear, in particular the residents of two housing estates. He requested that the Director please convey his gratitude to both Keith Dawson and Doreen Daly as he complemented them both for all their great work.



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Councillor McEvoy informed the members that people in the community know the Gardai and have described the problem to them. Gardai have increased their patrols in the area and suggested An Garda Siochana write a report to the council. The residents want an end to this unnecessary anti-social behaviour. He added that the Tenant Liaison Officer had a good relationship with the community and could speak with them confidentially. There were reports of other council estates solving their problems, and therefore it was evident that this could work.

The District Manager informed the members that she would speak with the Director in order to make progress on the issue.

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

CM33/0524

Clane Town Centre First Plan

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

Can the council give an update on the Clane Town Centre First Plan and how it will inform council plans, policies, and projects over the coming years?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that there is a strong interrelationship between the content of the Town Centre First plan and the relevant statutory plans. The objectives and policies of the plans provided the strategic policy basis for the Town Centre First Plan and the plan will inform town development policies to be expressed in statutory plans where appropriate. In certain instances, statutory plans will be subject to review and this will hopefully provide an opportunity for their consultation and preparation processes to fully reflect the Town Centre First agenda and approach. The Clane Town Centre First Plan has been adopted by the Clane Town Team. An application has been submitted for funding to develop projects that have been identified in the Clane Town Centre First Plan and the Town Regeneration Officer is currently assessing other



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funding opportunities, it is also hoped that an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) will be carried out in Clane which will allow further projects to be developed.

The report was noted.

CM34/0524

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024 allocation for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024 allocation for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District be approved.

CM35/0524

Taking in charge of Carton Wood, Maynooth

The members considered the taking in charge of Carton Wood, Maynooth, Co Kildare (DC1234).

It is proposed to take Carton Wood estate in charge as requested by the developer, which was received on 17/07/2020. A map outlining the areas to be taken in charge was previously circulated.

A map outlining the areas to be taken in charge along with a report was previously circulated from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that Carton Wood is a development of 151 houses and a creche granted planning permission under planning reference's 09/8, 14/519, 17/358, 17/1067, 18/1496.

The lands pertaining to Carton Wood would be vested in the local authority should the estate be taken in charge by the Elected Members. The proposal to take Carton Wood, Maynooth, Co. Kildare in charge was on public display from Friday 21st October 2022 to Friday 18th November 2022, inclusive. The end of the statutory period for observations on



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the proposal was Friday 2nd December 2022. No submissions were received during the statutory period.

Irish Water has been consulted and confirmed approval to proceed with taking 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 a 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 Carton Wood, Maynooth, Co. Kildare outlined on the appended map.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members that Carton Wood, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (DC1234) be taken in charge.

CM36/0524

Ballintine Park in Allen and Cluain Dara in Derrinturn

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

That the council outlines the process which has now commenced regarding the estates of Ballintine Park in Allen and Cluain Dara in Derrinturn, following the developer of those estates entering into receivership.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that the Development Control Section has had two meetings with the receivers appointed over the assets of the development company responsible for the



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construction of both estates. The receivers have recently appointed a contractor to complete the Cluain Dara estate. Emergency works required to make the site safe and secure are due to commence shortly by the newly appointed contractor. The house construction cannot recommence until a planning application has been submitted to, and granted by, the Planning Authority. The original planning permission (Planning Reference 06/253), which had an extension of duration granted on three occasions, has since lapsed. It is not possible to grant any further extension of duration. It is envisaged that a new planning application will be submitted by the receivers in the coming weeks. The receivers also remain responsible for the completion of the Ballintine Estate in accordance with the planning permission. The Development Control section has issued an extensive snag list for both developments to the bond providers. Negotiation with the bond providers is also on-going and two significant meetings have been held with the bond providers to date.

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

CM37/0524

St. Farnan in Downings North

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

That the council reviews the status of the medieval enclosure (KD013-008001) with the ruined church (-008002), graveyard (-008003) and related monuments associated with St. Farnan in Downings North and the opportunity to prepare a conservation strategy for the site.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Heritage Team will arrange to conduct a site visit to the enclosure, church and graveyard at Downings North and will subsequently consider how best a conservation management plan could be undertaken and resourced. An update will be provided to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District members after a site visit has been undertaken.



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Councillor McEvoy complimented the great work carried out over recent years to retain legacy and heritage buildings and how these works had been built upon over the last term. This enabled these buildings to stand for the next 100 years or more. He requested that this item remain on the Progress Report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members that this item remain on the Progress Report. The report was noted.

CM38/0524

Childcare Places

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

Can the council provide the breakdown regarding the numbers of childcare places available in the municipal district for pre-school children?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the provision of childcare services does not fall within the remit of Kildare County Council however information on childcare spaces can be sourced from Kildare County Childcare Committee.

The report was noted.

CM39/0524

Fire station for Maynooth

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

Can the council give a full update on the provision of a new fire station for Maynooth and a timeline as to when works will commence?

A report was received from the Acting Chief Fire Officer informing the members that those contractors who previously submitted tenders for the construction of the new fire station at Maynooth have been informed of the outcome of the tender analysis process. The required



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standstill period closed on 24 April 2024. Kildare County Council will now proceed to sign a formal contract with the successful contractor. In the paperwork submitted during the standstill period, the successful contractor has indicated a proposed start date before the end of Quarter 2, 2024.

The report was noted.

CM40/0524

Lands zoned educational beside the church in Allenwood

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

Can the council confirm the status of the lands zoned educational beside the church in Allenwood?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the lands in question remain zoned for Education and Community purposes in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. It should be noted that Condition no. 4 of ABP PL09.234864 and Condition 4 of KCC Ref PI ref 08/1152 requires that the "land to be donated to school as part of social gain" on the site layout plan received by the Planning Authority on 31 of July 2009 be reserved strictly for educational purposes.

The report was noted.



CM41/0524

Grant allocations Tidy Towns groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2024

The members considered the grant allocations for Tidy Towns Groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2024. The members considered the following proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups.

TT Group	Grant 2024
Maynooth	€ 12,728
Clane	€ 10,213
Kilcock	€ 10,213
Straffan	€ 1,818
Prosperous	€ 1,818
Derrinturn	€ 1,818
Coill Dubh	€ 1,818
Kilmeague	€ 1,818
Newtown	€ 1,136
Broadford	€ 1,136
Allenwood	€ 1,136
Robertstown	€ 1,136
Carbury	€ 1,136
Total	€ 47,924

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the Tidy Towns Groups grant allocations be approved.

The members considered the following proposed grant allocations for Cemetery Maintenance for 2024.

Cemetery/Graveyard	Grant Allocation 2024
Allen Cemetery	€ 3,320
Ardkill & Temple Dhú	€ 475
Carbury Hill & C of I Graveyards	€ 535
Cill Iochtar Graveyard	€ 370
Friary Graveyard	€ 1,010
Cloncurry Graveyard	€ 295
Grange William	€ 370
St. Joseph's Cemetery (Boycetown/Kilcock)	€ 1,485
Kilshanroe	€ 430
Laraghbryan Cemetery	€ 4,960
Lullymore Cemetery	€ 1,010
Mainham	€ 3,710
Newtown Cemetery	€ 295
Staplestown Cemetery	€ 800
Crosspatrick	€ 430
Derrinturn	€ 2,670
Dunfieth	€ 370
Broadford/Ballindrimna	€ 740
Total	€ 23,275



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the Cemetery Maintenance Grant Allocations be approved.

CM42/0524

Meadowbrook Stream

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

That the council outlines a stream maintenance process for the Meadowbrook stream through Meadowbrook Estate to Old Greenfield that prevents the accumulation of waste and natural debris to reduce flooding risk and improve local amenity.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Meadowbrook stream is maintained regularly by both the municipal district and the drainage maintenance team. The purpose of this maintenance is to relieve blockages that may increase any flood risk in the area. The stream is inspected at regular intervals throughout the year and maintenance carried out when required.

Councillor Hamilton requested that clarification be requested from the Municipal District Office to accept this issue to be part of the Works Programme.

The District Manager advised she would revert back to Councillor Hamilton in relation to this matter.

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



CM43/0524

Climate Action

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

That the council outlines the resources available to support associations, clubs, groups, and societies learning to collaborate at a community level on taking climate action to restore nature, enhance participation in the circular economy, increase sustainable travel, and transition to cleaner energy sources.

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

A report was received from the Climate Action Officer informing the members that collaboration at community level to inform climate action is universally recognised. Various supports are available. In the case of community associations including clubs, various groups, and societies the Kildare Public Participation Network (PPN) offer supports and opportunities for learning and dissemination of information. The Community Climate Action Officer will be acting as the contact point for the national GAA/LGFA/Camogie Association Green Clubs initiative going forward. The Green Clubs programme, piloted in Kildare by Cappagh GFC covers waste, energy, water, biodiversity and travel. A range of resource materials are freely available to all clubs and a number of clubs in the county have already adopted elements of the programme to improve the club's environmental performance. The Community Climate Action Officer will be contacting all clubs in the near future to offer assistance in this regard, including making the clubs aware of any grants or other supports available and alternative maintenance practices to increase biodiversity. Although the Green Clubs initiative is specific to the GAA, similar guidance can be issued to other sports clubs and a good example is Clane Tennis Club who have previously worked with Kildare County Council to reduce waste output and improve environmental outcomes. In Maynooth Decarbonising Zone Kildare County Council are in the process of refurbishing an existing semi-detached dwelling into a Demo SMART dwelling to showcase fabric upgrade options, nature-based drainage solutions, universal/accessible design solutions for the elderly and disabled. The Biodiversity Officer in Kildare County Council currently has a community network of over 20 towns with biodiversity actions plans for the areas. On sustainable



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travel, Local Link provide transport services both demand responsive and regular rural services across Kildare and South Dublin. Community Energy refers to projects where communities own or participate in the production and/or use of sustainable energy. Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) established in 2018 has a vision of creating a sustainable, low carbon community. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) mentor for Kildare offers a range of supports to guide sustainable energy communities. Kildare County Council selected Maynooth as the Decarbonising Zone for the county to be exemplar in low carbon projects demonstrated over time. The Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 outlines 48 actions directly and indirectly related to support communities in Maynooth, including DZG1 - resource a trained Green Business Officer within Maynooth, DZG7 - collaborate with Maynooth University to align climate action initiatives within the Town, DZB8 - prioritise transport policy in Maynooth to support safe active travel (pedestrians and cyclists).

Councillor McEvoy informed the members of a willingness of Sports Clubs in Clane to participate. A way of working with groups needed to be found in parallel with what was happening in schools.

The District Manager pointed out that as there was a peer group in place, this would make for an easier road. She informed the members she would talk to the Climate Action Officer to progress this item.

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

CM44/0524

Twinning between Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon, France.

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

That the council plans an event to mark the long standing twinning between Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon, France.



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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Community Section continuously work with twinning committees in the county and update committees with details of funding available. The Twinning Grant Scheme is open to all twinning groups engaged in twinning activities and is designed to provide financial assistance in the planning, organisation and roll-out of activities, events, or projects of a twinning nature. The Community Section are happy to work with Maynooth Twinning Committee on a proposed event to mark the twinning arrangement with Canet-en-Roussillon, France.

Councillor Feeney advised that this was the 20th Anniversary of the Twinning with Canet-en-Roussillon, France and added that over the years all of her children had been involved. She requested that this anniversary be marked within the term of the next council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by the members that the anniversary be marked within the term of the next council. The report was noted.

The members thanked each other, management and staff for all their work and support. It had been a privilege to work together, representing the people in the community.

The District Manager said it had been a pleasure to work with the members, a united group, the perfect matrix for getting things done and that ultimately everyone always worked hard for the citizens. She went on to wish the members well over the days and weeks ahead.

The meeting concluded.