



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 06 December 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber**

Members Present: Councillors D Fitzpatrick (Leas Cathaoirleach), T Durkan, W Durkan, A Feeney, P Melrose, P McEvoy, P Ward and B Wyse

Officials Present: Mr C Galvin (Acting District Manager), Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms O Howe (Acting Senior Staff Officer), Mr L McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms A Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

There were no declaration 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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Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 01 November 2024, the special Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 18 October 2024 together with the progress report

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Melrose and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 01 November 2024 and the special Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 18 October 2024 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.



CM03/1224

Municipal District Road Works Programme

Clane Maynooth Municipal District Roadworks December 2024

General Works:

The roadside gullies and water cuts are currently being cleaned across the district. The crews are also carrying out patch repairs on the roads in the district. Line markings and signage is in the process of being improved at the 4 low-cost safety junctions highlighted below. New speed limit poles have been installed across the district ahead of the proposed reduction of the speed limit on local roads to 60 km/h in 2025.

LPT Funding

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

General Footpath Works completed:

- L2004 Millicent Road, Clane - Footpath and Drainage works.
- R402 Johnstownbridge - Drainage works
- L6001 Curryhills, Prosperous - Footpath works
- Newtown (Cappagh GAA) - Footpath works
- 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	Completed
L	50222	Kilkeaskin	750	Completed
L	1021	Corkeragh	1,500	Completed



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R	401	Ballindoolin	1000	Completed
L	1004	Dunfeirth Road Johnstown Bridge	1000	Completed
L	1006	Kishawanny	400	Completed
L	5008	Ballycowan Clogherinko	800	Completed
L	5075	Mainham Road	700	Completed
L	5077	Butterstream Clane	900	Completed
L	5076	Loughanure	800	Completed
L	7075	Lowtown	1200	Completed
R	403	Brockagh	1,200	Completed
R	403	Allenwood	480	Completed
L	10222	Curryhills Cul de Sac	400	Completed
R	403	Curryhills	650	Onsite
R	403	Prosperous Main Street	720	Completed
L	5078	Clane Ring Road	880	Completed
L	5071	Staplestown Village	1,100	Completed
R	406	Straffan Road Maynooth	500	Completed

Climate Adaptation Works 2024

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

Restoration Maintenance Schemes 2024

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Length Road (m)	Status
L	5023	Derrinturn – Parsonstown	1250	Completed
L	5020	Ballyhagen – Nurseries	1380	Completed
L	5023	Coonagh – Gormans Cross	600	Completed
L	1006	Williamstown	1000	Completed



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L	50262	Kilina Canal Cul de Sac	715	Completed
L	50212	The Cush Road Ticknevin	1200	Completed
R	148	Laraghbryan	1000	Completed
R	405	Celbridge Road	900	Completed
L	1017	Derryvarogue – Timahoe	5950	Completed
L	5025	Timahoe West	1100	Completed
L	5032	Belgard Road	1470	Completed
L	5031	Ballycannon	1700	Completed
L	6007	Millicent Southth	1200	Completed
L	6008	Ballysize	1500	Completed
L	6001	Back Road Prosperous	1000	Completed
R	403	Skew Bridge Allenwood	1250	Completed
R	415	Grangeclare	1250	Completed

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Schemes

R408-L1023 BETAGHSTOWN CROSS	On site
R408-R407 BOHERHOLE CROSS	On site
R403-L5022 WINDMILL CROSS	On site
R148-L1001 BALLYONAN JUNCTION	On site

The report was noted.

CM04/1224

Traffic Light Phasing

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

That the council reviews the traffic light phasing at the junction of the Newtown Road onto Main Street, Maynooth.

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



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A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the junction at Parson Street/Main Street, Maynooth forms part of an urban traffic control (UTC) sub-region that includes the Straffan Road/Main Street and Mill Street/Kilcock Road junctions.

These junctions cycle times and staging/phasing are co-ordinated and linked to maximise traffic flows and progression East/West through Maynooth town.

The UTC system is monitored and reviewed daily; however, it is not possible to provide any significant additional green time to a minor approach such as Parson's Street without negatively affecting all other approaches. Kildare County Council Traffic Management Staff shall continue to monitor the junction to see if any improvement can be implemented.

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

CM05/1224

HGV ban

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

That the council implements a HGV ban on Main Street, Clane to help ease the chronic traffic congestion.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that this request was premature pending the opening of the Capdoo Relief Road and detailed consideration of the impact of such a restriction and the associated road upgrades that would be required to implement a HGV restriction. At present there was neither the funding nor the resources in place to progress a project of this nature.

Councillor Feeney asked if there was any timeframe available but was advised none was available at this time.



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

The members agreed to take item 13 from the Agenda next.

CM06/1224

Park and Ride

Item 13

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney
Can the council provide an update on the reinstatement of the Park and Ride facility in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that Kildare County Council Transport Department recently met with the Municipal District members in Kilcock to review the parking situation. The Transportation Department has not been able to progress the reinstatement of the car park in Kilcock which is in third party ownership. The Transport Department will continue to work with the members to explore options in this regard.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Area Engineer for meeting the landowner in Kilcock.

Mr McLoughlin advised the members that there had been no successful progress following the meeting and it did not look as though the carpark would become available.

The report was noted

CM07/1224

Traffic Calming Measures

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Melrose
That the council installs traffic calming measures on Pound Lane, Maynooth.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Melrose and seconded by Councillor T Durkan



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A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will meet with Councillor Melrose on site to discuss the issues and advise of possible options in line with Kildare County Council's traffic calming guidelines.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Melrose, seconded by Councillor T Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted

CM08/1224

Yellow Box

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Melrose
That the council installs a yellow box on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth at the entrance of Moyglare Hall.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Melrose and seconded by Councillor T Durkan

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection in line with Kildare County Council's road marking guidelines and if deemed required, a yellow box will be installed once weather conditions are suitable.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Melrose, seconded by Councillor T Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted

The Cathairleach advised the members that Items 8, 9 20 and 26 from the Agenda would fall due to Councillor Naoise Ó Cearúil's successful appointment to Dail Eireann

CM09/1224

Bin Collection

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T Durkan that
Kildare County Council takes over the public bin collection service in Straffan.

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



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A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that there were no available resources or funding to take over the bin collection service in Staffan.

Councillor T Durkan advised that currently the Tidy Towns collect the bins but it was not sustainable due to the fast growth of Staffan.

Councillor Melrose and Councillor McEvoy supported the motion and asked if the results from the recent bin survey could be circulated.

Mr Galvin advised that currently there was no funding available and that several towns across the county were asking for bin collections from the council. This in turn would have significant costings and would need careful consideration. The bin report was done through the Environment SPC.

Councillor T Durkan asked for the Council to be Proactive not reactive on this matter advising that Staffan would only need possibly two collections per week. It could be arranged for waste to be taken to a central pickup location and could work alongside another town in the area. The members asked for this item to be placed on the Progress Report

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor T Durkan, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by all members that the report be noted

CM10/1224

Kildare Local Link

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick
That the council requests Kildare Local Link include Robertstown West as a scheduled stop for the 821 bus Service in the interest of users in that locality.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that Kildare County Council Transport Department made contact with Local Link who have advised us that the request by Councillor Fitzpatrick will be considered as part of the needs infrastructure register.



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Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that drop off points were reducing despite population growth. Mondello Park, Travellers Rest and the Hill of Allen were given as examples of where individuals have difficulty accessing bus services.

Following discussion, the members asked for flexibility from Local Link to collect passengers and drop off at locations closest to their residence, many people were now having to drive out of their way to a bus stop and in some cases, it made more sense to drive directly to their destination. The current situation was not carbon friendly and causing more cars to be on the roads and a vision was needed to align growth in population and the need for services. It was asked if the council could obtain the safety audits from the NTA and the number of bus stops contained in the original tender.

Mr McLoughlin agreed to take the feedback back to the Active Travel team to forward onto Local Link. It was noted that there was now a new dedicated Engineer dealing with bus stops in the county.

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

The members agreed to take item 21 from the agenda next.

CM11/1224

Vacant Properties

Item 21

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney
Can the council provide information as to the status of two vacant properties in (details provided), Maynooth?

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that both properties referred to were currently going through the allocations process. The Allocations Team had identified prospective applicants and background checks on the applicants were still ongoing. It is anticipated both properties would be occupied shortly.



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Councillor Feeney asked if a timeframe was available.

Ms Howe advised that the properties were on track to be allocated in January 2025.

The report was noted

CM12/1224

Yellow Box, Prosperous

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

That the council installs a yellow box on the main road at the coffee shop in Prosperous in the interest of traffic flow in the village.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection in line with Kildare County Council's road marking guidelines.

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

CM13/1224

Traffic Calming Measures

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Melrose

Can the council provide any updates or information on the installation of traffic calming measures on R148 at the entrance of Boycetown Court, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that a raised tabletop with gateway entrance signs were installed on the R148 just west of the entrance to Boycetown Court in 2023. There were currently no plans to provide any additional traffic calming measures in this area.

The report was noted



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The scheme extents are from the Staffan Road (R406) / Celbridge Road (R405) junction extending along the Celbridge Road (R405) as far as the Maynooth Educate Together campus.

At present investigative surveys and preliminary design are on-going. It is anticipated these works will be complete in Quarter 1 2025 with the scheme to proceed to Planning in Quarter 3 2025. Subject to planning being approved and funding being made available from the National Transport Authority (NTA) the scheme will proceed to detailed design and procurement, but these timescales are contingent on the necessary approvals and funding being in place. It should be noted that third party lands are likely to be required to realise the benefits of the scheme and this adds further complexity to the project.

Councillor T Durkan gave an update that 300 students and parents had that morning stood on the Celbridge Road protesting from the two schools. This situation had been ongoing for the past 10 years with no progress. There had been recent talk of the CPO of Corporate Groups and State Bodies, but the Councillor T Durkan felt the NTA would not have the funding available.

Councillor T Durkan noted that he would circulate the report after the meeting, but it would not be well received.

The report was noted

CM16/1224

M4 Bus Corridor

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

Can the council update the committee on the estimated timeline to finish the development of the eastbound bus corridor on the M4 in this municipal district?

A report was received from the National Roads Office informing the members that the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures are being constructed by the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) MMaRC contractor.

The current temporary speed limit reduction order between junctions 5 and 6 expires on the 2 December 2024, the MMaRC Contractor has requested an extension until April 2025 in



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order to complete this section of the project. Therefore, the expected completion date for the first phase of the project (Junction 5 to 6) is now April 2025. Legislative Changes are also required to allow buses travel in the hard shoulder and the preparation of the new legislation is with the Department of Transport and TII.

Councillor McEvoy accepted the report welcomed any update on the legislation around the use of the hard shoulder.

The report was noted

CM17/1224

Installation of Bollards

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy
Can the council update the committee on whether it plans to install bollards near Scoil Bhríde, Scoil Phádraig, and Scoil Mhuire, Clane to protect pupils, their parents, and other pedestrians from the recurring issues created by vehicle drivers who illegally mount and park on the public footpaths?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer had inspected the area and was arranging for pencil bollards to be installed along this widened footpath to prevent vehicles from parking on it.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed the report asking for it to be noted that parents were parking at the bus stop and reversing cars as children were trying to access the school.

The report was noted

CM18/1224

Clane Inner Relief Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy
That the council replaces the trees on the Clane Inner Relief Road that have been lost to vehicle collisions and other damage.

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



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A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that arrangements would be made to have the trees replaced on the Clane Inner Relief Road.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed the reports noting there were significant number of trees damaged which highlighted the speed on this road.

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

The members agreed to take items 22 and 23 together from the Agenda next.

CM19/1224

Taking in Charge

The members considered the taking in charge of both Meadowbrook, Maynooth (Ref. 1203) and the taking in charge of Limetree Hall, Maynooth (Ref. 1232)

The members thanked the Section for their work to date.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Melrose and agreed by all members that Meadowbrook, Maynooth (Ref. 1203) and Limetree Hall, Maynooth (Ref. 1232) be taken in charge

CM20/1224

Business Park, Kilcock.

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

That Kildare County Council gives a full update in relation to the provision of a business park in Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Economic Development and Tourism Section informing the members that as the members were aware, Kildare County Councils Economic Development Team engaged consultants to prepare a high-level feasibility study regarding the provision of a business park in Kilcock in order to support an application for



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funding to the Just Transition Fund (JTF). Notwithstanding the fact that the lands in question were not zoned, the Economic Development Team, at the request of the elected members, prepared and submitted the application to the JTF Programme, under the scheme we /the Council applied for a Total: € 875,967.75 in January 2024 directly for the Kilcock masterplan design of industrial lands. This application was to fund further assessment of the site in question, including a detailed analysis of all opportunities and constraints. Unfortunately, this application was unsuccessful.

Councillor Durkan questioned if it was possible to amend the Kilcock Local Area Plan to Zone the land as commercial as this seemed to be the stumbling block. The role of the executive and the members was to bring business to the area, whereas at the moment large companies were having to move out of the area.

It was questioned why Kildare has not been successful with funding applications to Just Transition, was it as there are not policies already in place?

Councillor McEvoy noted that Just Transition was due to close at the end of the month, but another fund was expected to be introduced in due course. It was beneficial for the Council to have policies in place to support applications before any further were submitted.

Councillor Durkan agreed to speak offline with Ms. McNabb to look at the reasoning why the application was unsuccessful.

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

CM21/1224

Castle Dawson and Newtown Hall Estates, Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan
Can the council provide an update and timeline for the completion of the taking in charge process for Castle Dawson and Newtown Hall Estates, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Building Control Section informing the members that Castledawson forms part of the legacy portfolio of developments held by Development Control. A team had been established to address the backlog of legacy developments with a view to progressing the taking in charge (TIC) and a priority list identified. Castledawson



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was included in this priority list. In October 2024, the team submitted a taking in charge application to Uisce Éireann in relation to the TIC foul and watermain infrastructure. Uisce Éireann had confirmed that a site resolution plan was required. The legacy team were actively working with Uisce Éireann to establish the site resolution plan with a view to progressing the taking in charge.

Whilst the Development Control Section were liaising with the Developer of the Newtown Hall estate to progress the taking in charge, please note that no formal request to have the estate taken in charge had been received to date. Development Control continue to liaise with both the developer of the Newtown Hall estate and Uisce Éireann in order to have the pumping station brought up to a taking in charge standard. Any remaining snag items would then need to be addressed along with the submission of the documentation required for a taking in charge request.

Councillor Durkan asked if a submission for Taking in Charge from the residents would help or hinder the process.

Ms Walsh advised that a request had been received for taking in charge for Catledawson but none to date for Newtown Hall. It would help if a request was received from the Developer first regarding Newtown Hall.

The report was noted

CM22/1224

Drehid Landfill Grant

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick
Can the council confirm how much money the Drehid Landfill grant will have to distribute in 2025?

A report was received from the Community Section informing the members that the available funding for distribution through Drehid Landfill grant would be confirmed by the Drehid Liaison Committee in the coming weeks. The requested information would be provided to the members once available. This grant scheme would open in early January 2025 and would remain open until 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2025

Mr O'Toole advised the members that there was a Drehid meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10 December and details would be circulated to the members after the meeting



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The report was noted

Councillor Fitzpatrick wished everyone a Merry Christmas and gave details to the members regarding an invitation to a meeting with Coillte regarding Donadea, recommending all members attend.

Councillor Farrelly and Councillor Ó Cearúil were congratulated on their recent election to Dail Eireann and co-option was due to take place on the 18 December 2024.

The meeting concluded