

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 01 February 2019 at 10:00 am
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor T Durkan (Cathaoirleach), Councillors R Cronin D Fitzpatrick, P McEvoy, J McGinley, T Murray, N O’Cearúil and P Ward.

Apologies: Councillor B Weld.

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr J Deane (District Engineer), Ms E Wright, (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr B O’Gorman, Ms S Fitzpatrick (Administrative Officers), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

MY01/0219

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 11 January 2019 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded by Councillor Murray that the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 11 January 2019 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach conveyed Councillor Weld’s apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting that day.

MY02/0219

Matters Arising

Pay parking surplus in Maynooth (MY10/0119)

Councillor McGinley stated that the decision to allocate the pay parking surplus money had been deferred from the January meeting and proposed that the surplus be used to refurbish The Square in Maynooth. The District Manager stated that the members were already aware that there were resource issues with regard to completing the design for The Square

in Maynooth but stated if the members wanted to allocate money that was at their discretion. It was agreed by all members that the the pay parking surplus money in Maynooth in the sum of €200,000 be allocated towards refurbishing The Square in Maynooth.

**Alleviation of flooding issues throughout the Maynooth Municipal District
(MY02/012019) (MY02/1118) (MY02/0118) (MY05/1217)**

Item 25 - Laurence Avenue, Maynooth

Councillor Murray stated that the draft design for Laurence Avenue had been distributed to the members and stated the residents were concerned about some of the trees which were located very close to some of the houses. The District Engineer stated that there were two or three poplar trees which were nearing their end of life span and would need to be removed. He stated he would be liaising with Mr Wallace in the Parks Section with regard to the trees.

Preventative parking measures at the "blue door" Donadea (MY11/1218) (MY02/0119)

Councillor McEvoy stated that some council functions and some Coillte functions overlapped and stated the possibility of setting up a joint committee with council officials and representatives from Coillte should be explored. Ms Wright stated that Councillor McEvoy had requested a meeting with the Director of Service and the Senior Engineer in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and a meeting had been arranged for 11 February at 12:30a.m. in the committee room and all members were welcome to attend.

Ms Wright stated that applications for funding for local improvement schemes was currently open and the council would be making an application to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) for funding.

MY03/0219

Carton Avenue Preservation Society Presentation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Gerry Quinn, Ms Kalis Pope and Mr Peter Nevin from Carton Avenue Preservation Society to the meeting. Mr Quinn informed the members that the purpose of the presentation today was to ask the council to retain the Carton Avenue as a walkway. He stated that there were numerous cyclists using the footpaths leaving little room for pedestrians to use the paths. Mr Nevin informed the members he was a native of

Maynooth and was familiar with the local history of Maynooth. He provided the members with an overview of the history of Carton Avenue showing them maps and paintings of the avenue. Mr Nevin stated that the population of Maynooth was almost 15,000 and continuing to rise and stated the avenue was a valuable amenity and their aim was to protect, restore and develop it. Ms Pope informed the members that the structure, materials and extent of the access points on the avenue were totally out of character with the 18th century aesthetic of the avenue's design. She stated that this could be resolved by narrowing the bridge to a two metre wide pedestrian access, considering an environmentally friendly wooden bridge, remove the double Y paths, create one non intrusive pedestrian path using grass paving, replant hedgerows on both sides of the pedestrian access point and retain the avenue as a walkway. Ms Pope stated it was not compatible with the use of the avenue to have cyclists using it. She asked the members to help ensure that this historical piece of parkland was retained and preserved for the enjoyment of all and for future generations for pedestrian use. Ms Pope stated that preserving the avenue as a vital amenity for the benefit of families and all communities both nationally and internationally was crucial. Mr Quinn asked the members to consider their recommendations in preserving and restoring the avenue and he thanked them for receiving their presentation that day.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Quinn, Ms Pope and Mr Nevin for their presentation.

Councillor Cronin asked what the avenue would be like in fifty years time if the requests by Carton Avenue Preservation Society were not met. Mr Quinn stated that a survey was to be carried out on all trees and stated he welcomed the council's input towards protecting the avenue. Councillor McGinley stated that €400,000 had been capitalised and should ensure the preservation of the avenue by the new council. He stated that reducing two footpaths to one would be a big compromise and that reducing the bridge from five meters to two metres would bring closure to the issue and he hoped council officials would agree to this.

Councillor Cronin asked if many people travelled to Maynooth to avail of the walkway.

Mr Nevin stated that they had been monitoring footfall over recent months and an estimate at weekends was that there would be up to 150 people per hour using the avenue.

Councillor Murray thanked Mr Quinn, Ms Pope and Mr Nevin for their excellent presentation and asked that a copy of the presentation be forwarded to the members. She stated that she had submitted a motion to have the trees checked and the members were advised there was a master plan to restore the avenue. Councillor Durkan thanked Mr Quinn, Ms Pope

and Mr Nevin for their excellent presentation highlighting the historic element to the avenue and how much it meant to the public. He stated the matter could not be discussed that day but the members would speak to the Chief Executive Officer regarding the proposals. Mr Nevin informed the meeting that he and other members of the Carton Avenue Preservation Society were available to talk to council officials at any time.

MY04/0219

Municipal district road works

The District Engineer informed the members that ramps had been installed on Moyglare Road and Capdoo and stated there had been a delay with the drainage works on Newtown Road and Rathcoffey Road. He stated that it was hoped to finalise the Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2019 shortly and commence with progress in March. Councillor McEvoy asked if work on the Maynooth Road was going to progress and the District Engineer stated that work would progress but it required public consultation. Councillor McEvoy asked if the council were adequately resourced for the work and the District Engineer stated the council were faced with various challenges and meetings had been arranged. Councillor Fitzpatrick asked when works on Main Street, Prosperous would be finished and the District Engineer stated there had been unforeseen issues with foul water connections and it was hoped works would be completed mid to the end of the following week with resurfacing works due to commence the week beginning 17 February.

MY05/0219

Taking in Charge of Estates

A report was circulated to the members detailing a list of the estates that the Building and Development Control Section proposed to be taken in charge in the coming six months in the Maynooth Municipal District:

- Central Park Avenue and Central Park Way, Clane
- Hayfield, Maynooth
- Fanagh Green, Tirmoghan, Donadea

The following estates were proposed to be taken in charge by the end of the year:

- Meadowbrook, Maynooth
- Castledawson, Maynooth

- Newtown Hall, Maynooth
- Hawthorn Gate, Celbridge
- Hazelwood, Celbridge

Councillor Murray asked for clarification on the taking in charge of Hayfield stating there was an issue with the footpaths and the developer had sold parking spaces to residents. The District Engineer stated he would seek clarification and revert to Councillor Murray. Councillor McGinley welcomed the report and stated it was exceptionally good news that Meadowbrook, Castle Dawson and Newtown Hall estate would be taken in charge by the end of the year. Councillor McEvoy asked for feedback in relation to laying a pipe in Central Park Avenue and Central Park Way, Clane and the District Engineer stated the pipework was part of the Upper Liffey Valley Sewage System (ULVSS) Contract 2B and he would make further enquires with the Water Services Department and revert to Councillor McEvoy.

MY06/0219

Parks Section Works Programme 2019

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 28 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

A report was circulated to the members detailing the Parks Section Works Programme 2019. The report detailed works for the Kilcock Community Garden, tree works, playgrounds, landscaping at the Carbury/Edenderry Roundabout, the tree planting programme, play policy, Maynooth Playground, Bawnogues reinstatement, site for playground in Derrinturn, maintenance of playgrounds, National Play Day, Prosperous Playground, Carton Avenue Masterplan, tree policy and open space policy. Councillor Ward thanked Mr Wallace for the report and stated it was good to see progression with the Kilcock Community Garden and suggested that he could meet with Mr Wallace on site to discuss further works. Councillor McEvoy asked if trees which had been removed from the lane would be replaced and Mr Wallace stated they would be replaced as part of the tree planting programme.

MY07/0219

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 29, 30 and 31 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item - 29

Bye laws for Carton Avenue

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Cronin. That the council commence putting in place a series of bye laws to govern usage and behaviour on Carton Avenue, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that it was not proposed to put bye-laws in place for Carton Avenue as the council did not have the resources to develop these, due to a large amount of commitments across the county to complete at present. Furthermore if bye-laws were to be enacted, the council did not have the staff resources to implement them. Usage and behaviour was already covered by existing legislation which should be sufficient to govern the use of the avenue.

Councillor Cronin stated that she was looking for bye laws to be implemented stating it was a pedestrian walkway and not a shared space. She stated that current legislation stated cycling was prohibited on the footpath. Councillor McGinley stated he was totally against the motion and stated if bye-laws were introduced no one would be aware of them. He stated the code of conduct with revised wording was what was needed for the avenue.

Councillor O'Cearúil stated a code of conduct for the avenue would be sufficient. Councillor Cronin requested that her motion be put to a vote.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Durkan, with one member voting in favour and seven members voting against that the proposal for putting in place a series of bye laws to govern usage and behaviour on Carton Avenue, Maynooth was defeated.

Item - 30

Signage at entrances to Carton Avenue, Maynooth

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

That the council erects signs at the Main Street and Dunboyne Road entrances to Carton Avenue stating the following:

- Pedestrians shall have priority at all times.
- Cyclists must have a bell on their bicycle and treat pedestrians with respect.
- Motorised vehicles shall not be allowed on the Avenue.
- Dogs shall be kept on a lead.
- No more entrances shall be created onto The Avenue without the approval of the Maynooth Municipal District members.
- Cattle or horses shall not be allowed to graze on The Avenue or on the amenity lands either sides of The Avenue.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there were a number of considerations in relation to the conditions being sought for the signs. Vehicular access was required regularly to cut the grass and was occasionally required to carry out tree, wildflower maintenance and utility service maintenance. Similarly members of the public with mobility issues accessed the avenue with mobility vehicles. Therefore it was not practicable or feasible to stop vehicular access. Cattle or horses have not been allowed to graze on the avenue and there was no intent to do so. The issues regarding use of the surrounding amenity lands for grazing had already been outlined at last month's meeting. Regarding the other conditions being sought, a commitment was given in relation to informing the municipal district members with regard to future developments along the avenue. There was an existing Kildare County Council code of conduct relating to the use of shared pedestrian and cycle spaces. This outlined expected behaviours between pedestrians, cyclists and also addresses control of dogs. If the members were agreeable this could be erected at both ends of Carton Avenue.

The District Manager circulated a copy of the code of conduct to the members. Councillor McGinley stated that having a sign erected either side of the avenue would be helpful.

The District Manager stated that the items in red on the code of conduct were suggested edits to the existing code of conduct. Councillor McGinley stated that the suggested amendments would address all concerns. He proposed the code of conduct with suggested amendments be implemented. Councillor McEvoy stated that cyclists going to and from shops using the footpaths in a responsible manner did not pose a risk to pedestrians. Councillor McEvoy stated that he agreed with cyclists having to be responsible when using the footpath and stated it was important the wording on the code of conduct was correct.

Councillor Cronin stated that her concern was that the avenue was a pedestrian walkway and stated she was pro cyclists. Councillor Cronin asked that Councillor McGinley withdraw his motion. Councillor Murray asked for clarification on what Councillor McGinley was proposing. Councillor McGinley stated that he was proposing that code of conduct signs be erected on both sides of the avenue. Councillor Murray stated she had no objection to Councillor McGinley's proposal and stated she agreed that pedestrians and cyclists should share the space. She stated that the Tidy Town's Committee were concerned about the amount of signage displayed on the avenue as they had a bioversity sign awaiting erection which they were currently discussing with the District Engineer. Councillor Murray stated that any proposals for additional signage to be erected on the avenue should be discussed with the Tidy Town's Committee. Councillor Durkan stated that he agreed with erecting signage on the avenue as long as it blended in with the signage already there. Councillor McGinley stated that it was important the Tidy Town's Committee were in agreement.

Ms Wright stated that the use of symbols of what was allowed on the avenue could be displayed on the signs stating it would also need to be in Irish paying attention to the historic element of the avenue. Councillor Murray stated that a report from Tidy Towns had concerns regarding cluttered signage and they wanted to minimise the signage. Mr Wallace suggested that the members revert back with a proposed design for the signs. Councillor Durkan asked that the item remain on the progress report until a design was completed. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted, that the members submit their suggestions for appropriate signage for Carton Avenue to the Parks Department and that this item remain on the progress report.

Item - 31

Carton Avenue Preservation Society

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

That the council implement the suggestion of the Carton Avenue Preservation Society as soon as possible.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the design of the access from Lime Tree Hall to Carton Avenue was the subject of a compliance submission which was currently being assessed by the Planning Authority.

Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the report be noted and that this item remain on the progress report.

MY08/0219

LED Lights

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

That where sodium lights are being replaced with LED units, that the spill angle of the new light shall be at least the equivalent of the old light in order to maintain the level of cover.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that while it was anticipated that the national LED replacement programme would be designed to maintain the same level of illumination, it may not be possible to achieve in all areas/locations. LEDs were focused to provide light on the public roads and footpaths and where local issues arise, the Public Lighting Section would engage with the service provider to overcome issues that may emerge with regard to level of cover/spill angle etc.

Councillor McGinley welcomed the report and stated his concern was for the older estates where there were lengthy gaps between the lighting poles. He stated the council were doing

excellent work with the replacement of the lights and asked if the council could consider another type of LED lighting for the older estates. The District Engineer stated that he would refer the matter to the Public Lighting Section for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and that the matter be referred to the Public Lighting Section to consider alternate types of LED lighting for older housing estates.

MY09/0219

115 Bus Service

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council contact Bus Éireann to seek an explanation regarding the continuous problems in the provision of the 115 Service serving Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members were in agreement, a letter would be sent to Bus Éireann. In advance of drafting the correspondence, information on the issues arising, their frequency and approximate number of people impacted by the 115 service would be helpful, if available.

Councillor Ward stated he had been looking for an improvement on the 115 bus service since 2016 and that it was unsettling for the community of Kilcock given the current service was not fit for purpose. He stated that the service was unreliable and continuously late and a page had been set up on Facebook regarding the problems with the service. Councillor Ward gave examples of patterns with the service and asked that a strongly worded letter issue to Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) requesting a meeting with them.

Councillor McEvoy supported Councillor Ward's motion. He stated that it was critical in developing the town to ensure a reliable transport service was in place. Councillor Cronin supported the motion and stated a strongly worded letter should issue to Bus Éireann and the NTA requesting a meeting with them. She stated that the Facebook group was helpful and suggested it would be beneficial to have representatives from the group at the meeting.

Councillor Murray stated that it was very frustrating that people were being encouraged to use public transport when the current service was not fit for purpose.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that students and workers were constantly let down by the service and stated it was frustrating given national policy was to reduce the carbon footprint and increase the use of public transport. Ms Wright stated that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section would write to Bus Éireann and the NTA inviting them to meeting. Councillor Durkan stated the meeting should be held in committee. Ms Wright stated it was likely the NTA would want to hold the meeting in their headquarters in Dublin as they have a large volume of requests for meetings and the members confirmed they had no problem with travelling to Dublin. Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted and that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department arrange a meeting with the members, council officials, the NTA and Bus Éireann and this item to remain on the progress report.

MY10/0219

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 8 and 33 in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item - 8

Footpath along Laurence's Avenue, Celbridge Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That an analysis is carried out of the width of the footpath on the Celbridge Road along Laurence's Avenue and that the shrubbery is trimmed back to give more room to pedestrians.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council was looking at a number of issues in relation to their overall objective to improve pedestrian access to the two primary schools on the Celbridge Road.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that he had received correspondence on behalf of the residents raising their concerns in relation to health and safety issues regarding tree branches overhanging onto the path which were limiting space usage for pedestrians. He stated he would forward a copy of the letter to the District Engineer and offered to meet the District Engineer on site to discuss matters further. Councillor Murray stated that there were major issues in relation to accessing the two schools in the area and asked if the residents would be consulted with regard to the preliminary draft drawings which had been prepared.

Councillor McGinley stated that residents had objections to the fence being moved back 1.8 metres and stated the solution should be incorporated on the far side of the road. He stated that land had been zoned on the far side of the road and there was a pinch point at the Maxol Garage and stated a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) should be actioned to acquire some of the gardens in this area to facilitate the widening of the footpath.

Councillor Durkan stated that he had allocated LPT money for the provision of a footpath on the opposite side of the road as far as Rockfield. He suggested that the council go back and consult with residents regarding the possibility of widening the footpath on both sides of the road.

The District Engineer agreed with the members concerns and suggestions. He stated that it was important the members understood there were complex issues involved including a CPO, consultations with the residents and the developer, which the council would continue to pursue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted.

Item - 33

Survey of trees on Laurence's Avenue

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can a survey of the trees on Laurence's Avenue be carried out?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the main issue with the trees on Laurence's Avenue was the mature poplar trees on the road frontage of the estate. These were in decline and had been pruned a number of times to remove branches which were dead. However this type of dieback once

present in this species of trees just continues until the tree was dead. It would be preferable to remove these trees and replace them with a more appropriate tree which would grow to the same size as the poplars but would not present the same problem. Any removals may have to be phased over a few years because of the size of the trees and cost involved. The council would survey the remaining trees in the estate to ascertain what other works may be required.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated he was only looking for the removal and replacement of a couple of trees which were causing concern. He asked that this work be done in consultation with the residents.

The report was noted.

MY11/0219

Free Public WiFi in Maynooth Town Centre

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

That this council examines the possibility of free public WiFi in Maynooth town centre.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that currently through the IT Department and the Library Service the council provided free public WiFi via the Library Service. Providing free public WiFi was previously investigated by the IT Department in Maynooth town centre but due to the lack of council controlled buildings (to deliver the service from) and resources required, the provision of public Wi-Fi was not considered feasible at this location.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that he appreciated the matter had been looked into previously and the council provided free public WiFi via the Library Service. He stated that Maynooth was the only town in Kildare with a university and suggested the council work with local businesses to introduce another route for free public WiFi. Councillor Ó Cearúil asked that further research be carried out by the council to look at how free WiFi could be introduced into Maynooth Square. Councillor Durkan stated that research needed to be carried out to clarify what was required to deliver free WiFi in The Square. Councillor McEvoy stated that the network for the service provision to control delivery of WiFi could be very expensive. He

suggested a survey be carried out to establish where the gaps were in the private provision of WiFi and what the current demand was which would be helpful before any investment was made.

Councillor Durkan stated that grant funding of €15,000 per town from the European Union had been granted and stated there may be a possibility some of the poles from the camera network already in Maynooth town could be utilised. Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that he took on board the points made by Councillor McEvoy and Councillor Durkan and stated the possibility of free WiFi warranted further investigation. He asked if the IT Department could revert back with costings and infrastructure implications. Ms Wright stated that applying for funding involved a process of developing a digital strategy and was limited to four applications and the council had to provide match funding.

The District Manager stated that there was free WiFi available in Athy, Naas and Balitore and Maynooth libraries and stated the council would look into the possibility of providing free WiFi access in The Square, Maynooth. Councillor Ó Cearúil asked if costings and measurement of footfall regarding the installation of free WiFi in The Square, Maynooth could be provided.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor McGinley that the report be noted and that the IT Department explore the costings and infrastructure implications to install free WiFi in The Square, Maynooth.

MY12/0219

Maynooth Eastern Orbital Route

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Murray. That the council provide the members of this municipal district with a timeline regarding the next stages in the construction of the Maynooth Eastern Orbital route.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the route selection process for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road was ongoing. The appropriate assessment and environmental impact assessment screening process was also ongoing. The statutory planning and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)

process was due to commence in Quarter 2, 2019. Detailed design and tender process would follow the statutory processes with a view to commencing construction in Quarter 2, 2020. A 16 month construction period was anticipated.

Councillor Murray noted that a lot of submissions had been received and asked when the chosen route would go on display for public consultation. Ms Wright stated that the preferred route had not yet been identified thus a time frame was not yet known.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted.

MY13/0219

Meadowbrook Link Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin. That soft collapsible dividing posts be installed dividing the two-way traffic on the Meadowbrook Link Road where it intersects the Straffan Road to slow down drivers turning onto Meadowbrook Link Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no proposals to install bollards at this location at this point in time.

Councillor Cronin stated that she was disappointed with the report stating it was collapsible bollards she had in mind and asked if temporary posts would be considered. Ms Wright stated that the report had been issued by the Senior Engineer in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and there were no proposals to install bollards.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cronin seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted.

MY14/0219

Donadea Forest Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin.
That the council write to Coillte again asking them what they intend to do to address the worsening ad hoc parking around Donadea Forest Park to avoid their expensive parking charges.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had written to Coillte asking for a meeting to discuss these issues. Councillor Weld had stated that he would like to be present at this meeting. Other councillors were also welcome to attend should they so wish.

Councillor Cronin stated that the parking charges were too high and stated she would like to attend the meeting with Coillte. Councillor McEvoy stated that low cost access to the park would help reduce the number of cars parking on the road.

The District Manager stated that part of the problem was the fact that five euro coins were required for the machine and it was difficult for customers to have the cash readily available in this format. She stated that an annual admission card could be purchased and it was good value for customers.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cronin seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted.

MY15/0219

Traffic Calming Measures in Clane

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

That the council put in some traffic calming measures to reduce the speed on the way into Clane from Barberstown at Lidl.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Office would forward this issue for inclusion in the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) database.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that he had received several representations from residents and he welcomed the news that the matter was being referred to the TAAG. Councillor McEvoy supported the motion and stated that that it was important to redefine the Capdoo junction and connect to the inner relief road when it was being constructed.

Ms Wright stated that issues could be discussed with the Director of Services for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety at the meeting arranged for 11 February 2019.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the report be noted.

MY16/0219

Park and Ride Facility in Kilcock

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

Can the council examine the issue of seeking the inclusion of the Park and Ride facility in Kilcock in the Irish Rail/Bus Éireann annual tax saver scheme?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Tax saver Scheme operated by Iarnród Éireann/Dublin Bus/Bus Éireann/Luas had proved to be a huge success with over 4,000 companies, now purchasing monthly and annual tickets for their employees. The scheme also included parking at selected Irish Rail car parks which were operated under APCOA Connect Ireland. The Tax saver annual parking pass did not guarantee a parking space/spaces and were

allocated at stations on a first come first serve basis. The Pay Parking Section was currently monitoring daily car park use at the recently opened Kilcock facility. Competitive tariffs of €1.00 per hour (minimum), €3.00 per day or €50 per month apply to the facility to incentivise long stay parking/commuters using the nearby Kilcock train station and bus services. A review of the operation and income would be examined in Quarter 2, 2019, in tandem with a review of the Kildare County Council owned parking facilities at Fairgreen, Kilcock, adjacent to the train station.

Councillor Ward asked if a process could commence to examine to how the Park and Ride facility in Kilcock could be included in the annual tax saver scheme and asked if it could be referred to the National Transport Authority (NTA). Ms Wright stated it was unclear how such a scheme might work but she would explore the matter further and revert to Councillor Ward.

The report was noted.

MY17/0219

Cleaning Schedule for the Dublin Road, between Maynooth and Leixlip

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

Can the council provide the cleaning schedule for the Dublin Road, between Maynooth and Leixlip?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District swept the Maynooth Leixlip Road as far as Kellystown Lane in Leixlip twice a week. The Maynooth Municipal District cleaned the Maynooth Leixlip Road out of Maynooth once per week (Monday) as far as Carton Wood. However, this section of road had seen much construction activity over the last three years and it had been very difficult to keep clean.

The report was noted.

MY18/0219

Newtown Road Traffic Calming Measures

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

Can the council illustrate what traffic calming measures can be put in place on the Newtown Road to prevent motorists from speeding?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council intended to install a new edge kerb on the canal side of the Rathcoffey Road which would narrow the perceived carriageway width. The council had other works in planning but were restricted by the width of the available road corridor.

Councillor Murray asked if a mobile speed detection unit could be placed temporarily in the area and Ms Wright stated she would discuss the matter with the District Engineer.

The report was noted.

MY19/0219

Yellow Box at the end of Pound Lane

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

Can the council confirm if the yellow box at the end of Pound Lane is to be reinstated as part of Phase 5 of the North South Corridor works?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the latest version of the Phase 5 layout which was emailed to the members on 28 January did not show a yellow box at the entrance to Mill Street from Pound Lane.

Councillor Murray asked if the possibility of reinstating the yellow box could be considered and Ms Wright stated the report had not indicated that this would happen. Councillor Murray requested that this item remain on the progress report for consideration.

The report was noted.

MY20/0219

Traffic Lights at the entrance to Brooklands, Clane

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

Can the council clarify its current intentions regarding the covered traffic lights at the entrance to Brooklands, Clane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department anticipated that future development, under discussion at this time, would be conditioned to complete the signalised junction at this location.

The report was noted.

MY21/0219

Roadworks in Prosperous

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

Can the council clarify why is it not incumbent on those commencing road works that the road be returned to its original or an improved condition given recent road works in Prosperous on R403, circa Villa Court, have left the road in a worse condition than it was previously?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were ongoing road works in Villa Court, Prosperous and along the R403 as large diameter surface water pipe work was installed. The installation of the drainage pipeline was complete in Villa Court but permanent restoration of the road surface would only commence when the entire pipeline had been laid (two weeks from now).

The report was noted.

MY22/0219

Edenderry to Kinnegad Road

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to carry out road surfacing or anti-skid works on the Edenderry to Kinnegad road at the location of Ballindoolin to try and reduce the high level of accidents?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would register this section of road for the laying of anti-skid materials later in the year.

The report was noted.

MY23/0219

Parking Bye-Laws in Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm how many car parking tickets or notices have been issued since the Parking bye-laws have been introduced in Clane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a total of 96 fines had been issued in Clane from the date of commencement of the bye-laws to date. Kildare County Council Community Wardens were monitoring the village and ensuring compliance with the new bye-laws.

The report was noted.

MY24/0219

Hemingway Park, Clane

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that Councillor Weld had given Councillor McEvoy his permission to move his motion, and all members agreed.

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

That the council give the municipal district members an update on the purchase and future plans for Hemingway Park, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Hemingway Park was an unfinished estate in Clane. Approximately two years ago the council sought to buy the estate from the receiver who had been appointed to the company that owned the site, and had built some units in Hemingway Park. The receiver indicated that the company owned assets in more than one local authority area, and that he would be seeking to dispose of the assets in one transaction. Last year the receiver placed assets on the market, and at

the time of the sale being advertised, residents of the estate sought, and had a meeting with the council, during which they queried various aspects associated with the development of the site. Officials undertook to revert to the group when any potential purchaser proceeded to engage with the council in terms of planning or development. The council understand that the property was now in the process of the ownership being transferred to a development company, and were awaiting formal proposal(s) for the completion of the development.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the estate remained unfinished for a decade now and the council had made an application to purchase the site for the development of social housing. He stated a third party would be welcomed to complete the estate and stated the residents were concerned that the scheme would remain unfinished. He stated that Councillor Weld wanted to ask the council to ensure the members were informed of developments on the site.

Ms Fitzpatrick stated she would convey Councillor Weld's request to the Housing Department and revert to Councillor Weld. Councillor McEvoy requested that the item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and Councillor Weld's request be conveyed to the Housing Department and that this item remain on the progress report.

MY25/0219

Number of Housing Units provided by Part V Schemes

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

Can the council provide an update, breakdown and forecast in relation to the number of housing units provided by Part V, Voluntary Housing Associations and general acquisitions in the Maynooth Municipal District for 2018?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) delivered 8 units in the Maynooth Municipal District in 2018 of which five were Part V units. It was estimated that 63 AHB units would be delivered in 2019.

Councillor Durkan asked if he could have further information regarding the 8 units, of which five were Part V units. Ms Fitzpatrick stated she would revert to Councillor Durkan.

The report was noted.

MY26/0219

Flooding issues in Courtown Little/Laragh area of Kilcock

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

Can the council provide a comprehensive update on the flooding issue and associated works planned for the Courtown Little/Laragh area in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the council was currently following up with the Office of Public Works (OPW) to establish if funding could be made available to carry out a detailed engineering assessment and modelling. The members would be kept informed of progress.

Councillor Ward asked for confirmation of when the request was submitted to the OPW and what the time scale was for the assessment to be carried out. Mr O’Gorman stated that he would follow the matter up with the Environment Department and revert to Councillor Ward. The report was noted

MY27/0219

Maynooth Local Area Plan

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

Can the council confirm if work has started on the new Maynooth Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019 remained in effect until 26 August 2019. Following the adoption of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) Kildare County Council would be required to incorporate the RSES and the National Planning Framework into the County Development Plan either through a review or a variation of the development plan. Following such process, a new Local Area Plan for Maynooth would be undertaken. It was expected that preparation work on the new plan would commence in Quarter 2, 2019.

The report was noted.

MY28/0219

Swimming Pool in Maynooth

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

That the council outline what progress has been made in relation to the delivery of a swimming pool in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that work was ongoing with Maynooth University to make an application to the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF).

Councillor Durkan and Councillor Murray welcomed the news that the application was being made as a joint partnership by Maynooth University and Kildare County Council. Councillor Murray stated that it was important for a swimming pool to be available for parents of children with special needs as they had been regular users of the swimming pool in Saint Patrick's College. Councillor McEvoy stated that it was important that the public and elected members in other municipal districts understood that the purpose of the location was accessibility to North Kildare. Councillor Cronin asked how it was planned to share the facility between the college and the public. She stated that the plan was a good one and welcomed the application for funding.

The District Manager informed the members that strategically this was a preliminary step and ideally swimming pools should be located in the north and south of the county. She stated that it was important that the best location was chosen when applying for funding and stated if funding was not granted on this occasion the council could reapply. The District Manager stated that the finer details of the design had yet to be worked on and K Leisure was helping with their expertise. She stated if funding was secured on this round of applications the council could work on the design for the facility. Councillor Ó Cearúil stated it was a positive for North Kildare. Councillor Durkan welcomed the news that a joint application was being processed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Murray that the report be noted.

MY29/0219

Election Posters

The members considered the following item which had been submitted from the Protocol Committee.

With regard to the upcoming local elections 2019, that each Municipal District contact their own Tidy Towns groups or relevant community organisations asking them to identify areas they would like to keep 'poster free' and seek their views in relation to having a cap on the number of posters, per candidate, per Municipal District.

Councillor Cronin stated that a cap on the number of poster per candidate would have to be voluntary. She stated that without the display of posters not all of the public would be aware of the various candidates and confirmed she would welcome a meeting with the Tidy Town's committees to discuss the matter further. Councillor McGinley stated it was vital that candidates had posters displayed outside of the town centres but did not agree with the cap on posters. Councillor Murray agreed and stated posters were essential especially for first time candidates. She stated it was important that posters were displayed appropriately and were taken down on time. Councillor McEvoy stated that in Clane there were designated areas excluded from displaying posters and asked if council officials were going to be involved in the implementation of the desired criteria.

The members agreed with the proposal of the Protocol Committee except for the cap on posters. Councillor McEvoy stated that he did not agree with capping the number of posters being displayed and stated geographical areas needed to be considered carefully. He stated a strong message needed to be conveyed that posters were not to be displayed excessively. The members agreed the following wording should be used when the Tidy Town's groups or other relevant community groups were being contacted:

"Identify areas they would like to keep "poster free" for the upcoming local elections.

The Meetings Administrator requested that the members emailed meetings@kildarecoco.ie with the contact details of the Tidy Town's groups or relevant community organisations and stated the Corporate Services Department would then write to them.

The meeting concluded.