

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 03 May 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, T Murray, N O’Cearúil and P Ward.

Apologies: Councillors P McEvoy, J McGinley and B Weld.

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

MY01/0519

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 05 April 2019, the minutes of the special meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday, 12 April 2019, together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 05 April 2019 and the minutes of the special meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday, 12 April 2019 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach conveyed apologies from Councillor McEvoy who was unable to attend the meeting that day due to a conflict of meetings with the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) and Councillor Weld who was representing the Kildare and Wicklow Education Training Board (KWETB) at the Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Annual General Meeting (AGM), both which were held at the same time. He also conveyed apologies from Councillor McGinley who was unable to attend the meeting.

MY02/0519

Matters Arising

Traffic management measures for Moyglare Hall (MY11/0419)

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that the residents of Moyglare Hall had contacted him asking for clarification in relation to a Traffic Management Plan for the estate and if the road going through Moyglare Hall would be taken in charge by the council. He stated that he would forward an email to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department with details of the issues raised in relation to the road.

Barriers on the Greenway at Jackson Bridge (MY24/0419)

Councillor Murray stated that she had been in touch with Mervyn Hamilton, Senior Engineer, Waterways Ireland in relation to removing the barriers from the Greenway at Jackson Bridge. She stated Waterways Ireland were in breach of the Barcelona Declaration (1995) as the barriers were not in line with a universal design and stated the council should instruct Waterways Ireland to remove the barriers. Ms Wright stated that she would discuss the matter with the District Engineer to ascertain why Waterways Ireland was reluctant to remove the barriers.

Old Bakery site in Kilcock (MY33/1218) (MY02/0419)

Councillor Durkan asked if contact had been made with the owners of the site with regard to improving the appearance of the building and Mr O’Gorman stated this matter was addressed under item 21 on the agenda.

Bend on the Dunboyne Road (MY15/0419)

Councillor Murray asked if there was any update in relation to traffic calming measures being put in place at the dangerous bend on the Dunboyne Road. The District Engineer stated that project works on the Dunboyne Road could be added as a separate project for construction by the Road Construction Project Teams and stated it would be a countywide project. Councillor Murray stated that the Maria Villa development would have a major impact on the increase of traffic volumes in the area and asked if the project for works would be listed in advance of other countywide projects. The District Engineer stated that it was a matter that would need to be discussed with the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety.

MY03/0519

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer informed the members that the Municipal District Office was still working on the completion of works from the 2018 list of road's projects. He stated that works were scheduled to commence on the Newtown Road the following week and it was expected to take 2-3 weeks to complete these works. The District Engineer stated that the Part 8 public consultation process for Millicent Bridge, Clane was ongoing until 28 May. He stated that works on the footpaths at Highfield and Kilcock had been completed and a number of LPT projects would not be completed before the dissolution of the current council but would be completed later in the calendar year.

MY04/0519

June Municipal District meeting

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that the date for the June meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District meeting had been changed from Friday 07 June to Friday 14 June at 10:00 a.m.

Resolved It was agreed by all members present that the date for the Maynooth June Municipal District meeting had been changed from Friday 07 June to Friday 14 June at 10:00 a.m.

MY05/0519

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that Councillor McGinley had given him his permission to move his motion and all members agreed.

Amenity land between the Boreen and Carton Avenue

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley. That a suitable amount of the amenity land between the Boreen and Carton Avenue be allocated for allotments as the Wonderful Barn allotments are oversubscribed.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that The Wonderful Barn allotments were not oversubscribed at present.

The council was still accepting applications for them. Any consideration of allotments for the Carton Avenue lands would have to be examined as part of the development of a master plan for the site. Additionally the management of any allotments would also be an issue if they were to be provided as the Parks Section did not have the capacity to administer additional allotment schemes.

Councillor Durkan and Councillor Ó Cearúil stated it was a good initiative to grow your own vegetables. The District Manager stated that the report issued by Mr Wallace stated that the Wonderful Barn allotments were not oversubscribed. She stated that the council would consider the continuation of allotment availability as part of the master plan for Carton Avenue. Councillor Ó Cearúil requested that the matter be referred to Mr Wallace, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent to ensure the continuation of allotment availability was considered as part of the Master Plan for Carton Avenue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the matter be referred to Mr Wallace, , Senior Executive Parks Superintendent to ensure the continuation of allotment availability was included as part of the master plan for Carton Avenue.

MY06/0519

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2019

The members considered the allocation of the Community Heritage Grants for 2019. A detailed report confirming the allocation of Community Heritage Grants as follows was circulated to the members:

MD	No of Apps	Total Allocation
Athy	9	€8,500
Celbridge	12	€10,150
Kildare	14	€12, 690
Maynooth	9	€7,020
Naas	11	€10,000
County	3	€2,800
Total	58	€51, 160

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Table 1 Recommendation - Community Heritage Grant Scheme- Maynooth

MD No	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	Mooretown Drive Zero Waste Community Garden	Purchase heritage seeds	€220
2	Newtown Community Group	restore headstone of Fr. Arthur Murphy	€800
3	Maynooth Tidy Towns Assoc	horticultural programme wildflowers, seeds etc	€450
4	North Kildare Beekeepers	Beekeeping suits & hives	€950
5	Maynooth Local History Group	History walk	€550
6	John Sullivan Resource Centre	biodiversity workshops	€900
7	Cloncurry Cemetery Committee	Notice board at Cloncurry Graveyard	€1,200
8	Lyreen Research Forum	children's colouring book on monuments etc	€950
9	Clane Local History Group	Talks and journal launch	€1,000
Total			€7,020

Table 2 Projects which have a county remit

No	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	County Kildare Archaeological Society	Lord Fitzgerald Photographs	€900
2	Wild Kildare	Moth trapping & entomological equipment	€900
3	Irish Midlands Ringing Group	CES ringing	€1,000
Total			€2,800

The District Manager asked the members if their circumstances met any of the requirements under Part 15 Section 177 of the Local Government Act, as amended for members to disclose a pecuniary (i.e. financial) or other beneficial interest, of which they have "actual knowledge" that they or a connected person has in a matter that arises at a meeting of the local authority. All members present confirmed they had no disclosures for pecuniary purposes. Ms Loughlin informed the members that a total of 64 applications had been received and 58 of those applications were deemed eligible for grant purposes. She stated

that the total allocation for the Heritage grants was €51,160 and nine of those awards were in the Maynooth Municipal District. Councillor Ó Cearúil asked for clarification on double funding on the projects which were listed for the Maynooth Municipal District and also listed for countywide projects and Ms Loughlin confirmed that no projects were doubly funded.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present that the allocation of the Community Heritage Grants for 2019 be approved.

MY07/0519

Estates to be taken in charge in Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can this Municipal District Committee have a full break down on the status of estates to be taken in charge in Maynooth, to include what steps need to be taken before those estates can be taken in charge?

A report was circulated to the members providing a full breakdown on the status of estates to be taken in charge in Maynooth.

The report was noted.

MY08/0519

Road surfaces in Courtown Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward.
That the council examine the road surfaces in Courtown Estate, Kilcock and undertake repairs of a number of sections of the road which have deteriorated significantly.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a significant section of road had been overlaid in 2018 but no further works were planned for this year except for localised repairs.

Councillor Ward stated there were a number of sections of the road in the Courtown Estate where small sections of the road had collapsed and asked if localised repairs could be carried out on those parts of the road. The District Engineer stated that localised repairs

were not effective on concrete parts of the road but stated urgent repairs could be looked at. Councillor Ward asked if temporary repairs could be carried out and the District Engineer stated temporary repairs could be carried out.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and temporary repairs be carried out on the damaged sections of road.

MY09/0519

Traffic management for the road works on the Moyglare Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the council put in place a properly manned traffic management system for the road works on the Moyglare Road.

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 Kildare County Council was aware of the traffic management issue that had occurred on the Moyglare Road on Thursday 25 April 2019. This issue occurred as a result of a fault with the temporary traffic lights in place. This issue was raised with the contractor and as a result the following measures had been introduced:

1. The length of the shuttle system was reduced to minimise traffic delays.
2. A full time traffic operative was on site to monitor the temporary traffic lights and to respond swiftly to any faults which may occur.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that he appreciated work had been done but stated a properly manned stop and go system was needed. Councillor Murray stated complaints had been received from the GAA regarding vehicles having difficulty when exiting the grounds and stated a third set of lights would be helpful at times when the club is busy. Ms Wright stated she would take the member's comments back to the Road's Design Team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted and the member's comments be relayed to the Road's Design Team.

MY10/0519

Revised draft design of the new footpath/cycle lane on the Celbridge Road

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

That the council inform the members of the timeline for the revised draft design of the new footpath/cycle lane layout on the Celbridge Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an outline drawing showing proposed widening of the footpath along the Celbridge Road, as well as improvements to the drainage system, was distributed in February 2019. The council would welcome the councillor's views on these proposals before advancing the scheme to the next stage (detailed design and formal request of funding).

Councillor Murray stated that the members had received a draft design of the new layout for the footpath/cycle lane for the Celbridge Road and stated a public consultation process would be the best way to proceed to let the public decide. The District Engineer stated that the member's views were welcome on whether to proceed to a detailed design stage or maximise the existing footpath. All the members agreed that the matter should be brought before the next council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the proposed widening of the footpath along the Celbridge Road proceed via a formal public consultation process.

MY11/0519

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

Signage directing traffic towards Naas

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

That signage directing traffic towards Naas be added to the Clane Inner Relief Road (R407) to prevent unintended entry to Crocán (L10231).

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office would schedule this request for action.

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

MY12/0519

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

Road surface to Loughanure Commons (L5077)

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy. That the council repair the road surface to Loughanure Commons (L5077) through Butterstream.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an overlay for this section of road was included in the 2019 Road Works Programme and was scheduled to commence in the next 3-4 weeks.

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

MY13/0519

Bollards along sections of the cycle lanes on the Straffan Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan. That the council give an update in relation to the provision of bollards along sections of the cycle lanes on the Straffan Road, Maynooth in the interests of health and safety.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue was referred to the Senior Engineer for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety who had now directed the Municipal District Office to erect these bollards at specific identified locations. Works were scheduled to commence in the next month.

Councillor Durkan asked if there was a timeframe and specific locations for the installation of the bollards. The District Engineer stated three white soft landing bollards would be installed at three junctions identified.

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

MY14/0519

Royal Canal Greenway project

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

Can this Municipal District Committee receive a comprehensive update on the entire Royal Canal Greenway project including the current position on the Maynooth to the Fingal county border works and the Dublin City Centre to Fingal sections?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that:

Maynooth to Athlone: The bridge section at Moyvalley was planned to be dropped in on the 03 May and open to the public three weeks later. This would leave the last remaining section between Ferns Lock and Cloncurry which was currently under construction and due for completion in second/third week in June.

Maynooth to Dublin: There are still some fundamental design issues on this scheme which are currently being analysed and need to be agreed between the National Transport Authority (NTA), Waterways Ireland and Kildare County Council before the scheme can go to tender. It is predicted that the project could be delivered no earlier than Quarter 3, 2020. The report was noted.

MY15/0519

Relief Road Moyglare

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can this Municipal District Committee have an update on the progress of the relief road going through Moyglare?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these works were continuing in line with the contractor's schedule and it was expected the road to be ready for opening in Quarter 3, 2019.

Councillor Ó Cearúil asked if the council could request an update from Meath County Council and Ms Wright stated she would contact Meath County Council.
The report was noted.

MY16/0519

Signage or road markings on both sides of the bridge on the L5037

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Murray.
Can the council confirm when will signage or road markings be put in place on both sides of the bridge on the L5037 (details provided) to indicate to motorists to lower their speed?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office would schedule this request for action.
The report was noted.

MY17/0519

Green posts on the L10101

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cronin.
Can the council clarify why are the green posts, signalling a local road, removed from the L10101 on the Kilcock/Clane road and are there plans to replace them?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the junction definition post was removed from the Baltreacey Cul De Sac as the council received complaints that it was restricting sightlines at its original

location. It would be replaced when the council cleared an alternative location for the junction definition post which would not hinder visibility at this junction.

The report was noted.

MY18/0519

Traffic calming measures on the L1019

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

Can the council consider traffic calming measures on the L1019 from Cooleragh to Coill Dubh?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as promised at previous Maynooth Municipal District meetings, the council intended to go to tender soon seeking contractors to resurface the footpath between Cooleragh and Coill Dubh. No further traffic calming measures were planned. The report was noted.

MY19/0519

Landscaping on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm when will the contractors return to finish landscaping on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth as part of the footpath upgrade?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would raise this issue with the contractor during the 'snagging' process.

The report was noted.

MY20/0519

Finance Committee Report

A report was circulated to the members providing an outline of the work that the Finance Committee had considered over the last 12 months. The District Manager asked the members if they had any questions in relation to the report and they confirmed they had no questions.

The report was noted.

MY21/0519

Old Bakery Site in Kilcock

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

Can this Municipal District Committee receive a comprehensive update on the steps/ contacts made/taken with the owners of the Old Bakery Site in Kilcock in order to progress the recent decision on the joint motion of this Municipal District Committee to clean up this site?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that this site had been inspected from a derelict site perspective, and was deemed not to be derelict, however, the owners would be contacted to determine what plans they had in hand for the site.

Councillor Ward stated the site needed urgent attention and asked that the owners be contacted urgently. Mr O’Gorman stated the owners would be contacted.

The report was noted.

MY22/0519

Business incubator unit in Kilcock

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

That the council give an update in relation to the provision of land in the ownership of Kildare County Council being made available for a business incubator unit in Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Business Unit had a full work programme at the moment so there was no update at this time. When additional resources were allocated to this area, the council could address this request.

Councillor Durkan stated a large amount of land had been zoned for business use and only a small amount of it had been developed. Councillors Ward and Murray supported the motion and asked what timeframe was envisaged to complete the current work programme. The District Manager stated that the Head of Enterprise had a full work programme with

Enterprise Ireland and a three year work plan had been agreed with them. She stated that if businesses were looking for land they could contact the businessunit@kildarecoco.ie.

The District Manager stated that all business hubs were being progressed through the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) and the plan was to get two additional senior staff and it was hoped to get someone in the next six months. She stated discussions were ongoing with the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) to direct them towards development in Kilcock. Councillor Ward complimented the District Manager and the LEO for the great work which had been implemented with the business hubs. Councillor Durkan asked if the Housing Department could be notified that the land in Kilcock in the ownership of Kildare County Council covered an area of 32 acres and not 22 as previously stated by the Housing Department. He asked if the Housing Department could confirm the section of the site they wanted to use so the remainder of the site for business use would be known.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted and that the Housing Department be notified that the land in Kilcock covered an area of 32 acres and not 22 acres.

MY23/0519

Maynooth Swimming Pool

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

Can the council confirm was the Maynooth Swimming Pool funding application made before the 17 April and if a statement can be made on the matter?

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the application was submitted but there were technical issues which delayed the process. A decision was awaited from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) as to whether or not the application would be accepted.

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any further update since the report was issued and the District Manager stated she would write to the members once an update was known.

The report was noted.

MY24/0519

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that Councillor McGinley had given him his permission to move his motion and all members agreed.

Toddler swings at Maynooth playground

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley.
That the council upgrade the toddler swings at Maynooth Playground as the existing ones are very stiff, giving little swing movement and the seats are not suitable for young toddlers.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the swings would be examined to see what was causing the issue. They may just need to be greased. If replacements were required, this would be arranged.

Councillor Durkan noted the report and stated that it might be time to replace the swings and Mr Wallace stated he would examine the situation.

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

MY25/0519

Trees on the Moyglare Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
That the council plants new trees after felling dozens in order to progress works on the Moyglare Road, and details be made public.

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 unfortunately, the construction of Phase 6 of the North South Corridor Project required the removal of approximately 30 trees and approximately 200 metres of hedgerow. The 200 meters of hedgerow would be replaced in the same location; however, it would not be possible to replace all of the trees due to the additional pedestrian and cycling facilities which formed part of the scheme. Kildare County Council would

endeavour to identify as many locations as possible to plant trees along the scheme during the tree planting season, November 2019 to March 2020.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that he welcomed the news of the planting of hedgerows and asked if all of the trees which had been felled could be replaced and if additional trees could be planted. Mr Wallace stated that the Annual Tree Programme would be implemented provided the residents were not opposed to it. The District Engineer stated that Phase 6 of the North South Corridor Project would add additional trees to the area.

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

MY26/0519

Departure of District Engineer

The Caithaoirleach and all the members congratulated Mr Deane on his promotion and wished him the best of luck with his move to Westmeath County Council. They thanked him for all his hard work and commitment during his 16 years working with Kildare County Council. The District Manager congratulated Mr Deane on his promotion and thanked him for his dedication and professionalism over the years whilst working for Kildare County Council. Mr Dean thanked the members and the District Manager for their good wishes and wished the members the best of luck in the local elections.

The meeting concluded.