

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday, 11 January 2019 at 10:00 am  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

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

**Apologies:** Councillor R Cronin

**Officials Present:** Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr J Deane (District Engineer), Ms E Wright, (Senior Executive Officer), Ms A Keaveney (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O’Malley (Meetings Secretary).

**MY01/0119**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 December 2018 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McGinley seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 December 2018 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**MY02/0119**

**Matters Arising**

**Taking in charge of Castle Dawson and Meadowbrook Estate (MY02/1218) (MY02/1018) (MY02/0918) (MY06/0418) (MY25/0118)**

Councillor Murray queried the update on the progress report in relation to the taking in charge of Caste Dawson and Meadowbrook Estates.

Ms Keaveney stated that Castle Dawson could not be taken in charge until Newtown Hall was.

Councillor Murray requested confirmation that the pumping station was not in Kildare County Council's ownership, Ms Keaveney confirmed that it was not.

Councillor McGinley stated that the developer had previously agreed to hand over the pumping station to Kildare County Council but this had not happened, Ms Keaveney said that she was not aware of this. Councillor McGinley said he would send in a copy of the letter from the developer.

In relation to Meadowbrook Estate, Ms Keaveney stated that resources were limited and she could not give a timeframe on the taking in charge of the estate.

Councillor Murray requested that the item remain on the progress report.

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

#### **Item 25 - Laurence Avenue, Maynooth**

Councillor McGinley requested a copy of the draft design for Laurence Avenue. The District Engineer agreed to issue the copy of the draft design.

### **Preventative parking measures at the "blue door" Donadea (MY11/1218)**

Councillor Weld asked if the members could be informed of when the meeting with Coillte was taking place and also queried if the members could attend the meeting. The District Engineer agreed that the members could attend.

### **Cycle lanes on the Straffan Road (MY11/1118)**

Councillor Durkan stated that the cycle lanes were being used as filter lanes by motorists and asked the District Engineer if he could meet him on site to discuss this matter. The District Engineer stated that this matter had been referred to the Senior Engineer in the Roads Department.

### **Commercial units in Chambers Park, Kilcock (MY03/1018) (MY02/0918) (MY14/0318)**

Councillor Ward asked if this matter was being progressed and stated that a number of interested parties had contacted him.

Ms Keaveney stated that the receiver was not in a position to sell the units and that the council were in contact with them.

Councillor Ward asked that the members be informed of what the difficulties were with the sale of the units and Ms Keaveney agreed.

**MY03/0119**

**Municipal district road works**

The District Engineer stated that there was no report for 2019 at the moment and in relation to outstanding issues from 2018, contractors were appointed for Highfield, Rockfield and Newtown.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that Councillor McEvoy's motions and questions be taken together at this point of the meeting as Councillor McEvoy had to leave the meeting early due to a clash of meeting dates. The members agreed to the Cathaoirleach's request.

**MY04/0119**

**Taking in charge of Abbey Park, Clane**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council update the Maynooth Municipal District on the progress of the taking in charge of Abbey Park, Clane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Building and Development Control Department wished to advise that there had not been an official request from the developer or the residents to have the estate taken in charge. The developer was currently maintaining this estate.

Councillor McEvoy stated that there had been communication between the council and the developer regarding CCTV. Ms Keaveney stated that the developer was maintaining the estate and had not asked the council to take it in charge.

The report was noted.

MY05/0119

**Speed measurements on the Clane Inner Relief Road**

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

That vehicle speed measurements are undertaken on the Clane Inner Relief Road and that the need for traffic calming is considered.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had carried out speed measurements before and were aware that a substantial number of motorists exceeded the speed limit of 50kph on a daily basis. This may be addressed in the speed limit review. It had also been highlighted to the council in the past that the roundabout at Alexandra Manor needed to be re-aligned and narrowed to reduce entering and exiting speeds. The council agree with this view but noted that it would require substantial funding to redesign and reconstruct this roundabout.

Councillor McEvoy asked the District Engineer to review the solution at Celbridge Manor and see if that was applicable for the Clane Inner Relief Road.

The District Engineer stated that the Celbridge Manor Road was a lot wider than the Clane Inner Relief Road and that they were looking at carrying out work similar to what was carried out at the Courtown Road. He also stated that the cost of this work was substantial but warranted and that the speed limit would be taken into consideration as part of the speed limit review.

Councillor McEvoy stated that there was a commitment given that a meeting would take place in Sallins regarding the by-pass.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and the speed limit on the road referred to would be taken into consideration as part of the speed limit review.

**MY06/0119**

**Signage on the R403**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
That the damaged traffic calming signage, northbound on the R403 entering Derrinturn is repaired.

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

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

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

**MY07/0119**

**Trash-racks on the Butterstream Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
Can the council update the Maynooth Municipal District on the plans to replace the trash-racks on the Butterstream Flood Alleviation Scheme for improved maintenance?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that there were works proposed on Butterstream as part of the scheme for Clane proposed in the Office of Public Works (OPW) Flood Risk Management Plans. However, there was no specific date set for the commencement of works. The members would be further updated as plans advanced.

A report was also received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council was endeavouring to procure a suitable access gantry to be placed over the trash screens to facilitate potential cleaning of the screens during flood events by the Maynooth Municipal District staff.

The report was noted.

**MY08/0119**

**2018 Road Works Projects Presentation including LPT funded projects**

The District Engineer gave a presentation on the road works projects completed in 2018. He stated that the weather event that took place in March 2018 could not be forgotten. He stated that a similar amount of money was spent in 2018 as in 2017 and noted that the Maynooth Municipal District was one of the best funded municipal districts in the council. The District Engineer gave an overview of the financial aspect of the works completed in 2018 noting that funding had been received for the Royal Canal Greenway. He gave a summary of the roads completed under the regional road restoration improvement schemes which included the R148 Kilcock Enfield Road, R148 Kilcock to Maynooth, R401 Clonmeen to Carrick and R408 Borehole to Prosperous. The District Engineer provided a summary of the local road restoration improvement schemes and the 2018 surface dressings completed stating that a lot more surface dressing work had been completed due to weather. He gave an overview to the members of other significant schemes completed in 2018 stating that the ramps at Capdoo and Maynooth were not completed in 2018 but would be completed in the following three weeks. In relation to the North South Corridor, the District Engineer stated that phase four had been completed in 2018 and the design for phase five was nearly ready. The District Engineer stated that funding had been received from Central Government for repairs to roads following the extreme weather events in 2018. He also stated that he had a full programme of road repairs especially in bog areas for 2019. The District Engineer stated that there had been plant and depot improvements in 2018, including the upgrade of trucks and the purchase of a new dedicated Johnson mechanised sweeper for the Maynooth Municipal District Office. He outlined the area challenges in 2019 including the change of municipal district boundaries, the North South Corridor – phase five, Maynooth Main Street rehab scheme, the Royal Canal Greenway, road improvement schemes and LPT projects. The District Engineer stated that the Excellence in Local Government Award was received in 2018 for the Maynooth Harbour Cycle Hub. He completed his presentation by thanking the elected members and staff of Kildare County Council.

The members thanked the District Engineer and all staff for the work undertaken in the last 12 months noting the difficult weather conditions. Councillor Weld stated that some of the bog roads were in poor condition and asked the Roads Department to look at extra funding for these particular roads stating that if there was severe weather again in 2019, these roads could become impassible.

Councillor McGinley suggested erecting more signage on the shared space in the Harbour Field identifying that it was a shared space as there were a lot of pedestrians and cyclists using it.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that every year it cost approximately €200,000 to maintain the Kilcock to Enfield Road and asked if heavy goods vehicles could be banned from using this road and be directed to use the motorway instead.

### **MY09/0119**

#### **Anti-speed ramps at Saint Joseph's National School, Kilcock**

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

That anti-speed ramps be put in place from Saint Joseph's National School, Kilcock, along the road serving Chapel View and the Paddocks Estates, Kilcock, given the high volume of traffic and the large number of children in the area.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as the full Maynooth Municipal District budget for traffic calming was normally €25,000 per annum, the council had no plans to install additional ramps along this section of road in 2019. This may be a suitable project for LPT funding.

Councillor McGinley stated he appreciated these works were not in the traffic calming plans for 2019 but as this was a school area could it be considered for NTA funding.

Councillor McGinley requested that the item remain on the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ward that the report be noted and the item remain on the progress report.

### **MY10/0119**

#### **Pay parking surplus in Maynooth**

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

That the pay parking surplus in Maynooth be used to refurbish The Square in Maynooth in 2019 and that any remaining surplus be used for access and disability schemes in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the refurbishment of The Square required design, costing and public consultation in the context of a public realm plan for Maynooth. This project might be considered by the Public Realm Team, the establishment of which was now under consideration at this time, and subject to the agreement and funding support of the five municipal districts.

Councillor McGinley stated that the report did not address the motion itself and noted that it was the members who decide what the pay parking surplus was used for. He also stated that at an in-committee meeting in November it was agreed to remove the cobblestone and extend the limestone to the front of Brady's and the Willow and Wild Cafe.

The District Engineer stated that the design had been done and did not include limestone.

Councillor McGinley proposed that €200,000 be allocated from the pay parking surplus so that refurbishment works could be done in The Square this year.

Councillor Durkan stated that cost was the main issue and asked if it was possible to get costing on several different materials to complete the cobblelock in Maynooth. He also stated that he had received a complaint that the limestone slabs at the girls school were slippy.

Councillor Murray stated that design and materials had been discussed at a previous meeting and suggested having another meeting to discuss the cost.

Ms Wright stated that the project would require a Part 8 process with full design and consultation with the members and explained why it was suggested that the project be considered by the Public Realm Team.

Councillor McGinley stated that limestone slabs would cost €150 per square metre, Councillor Murray queried if the material used had to be limestone.



The District Engineer stated that footpath renovation works from Brady's to The Square would take place this year and that the material used would be high friction materials not limestone. He clarified that refurbishment works on The Square would not happen in 2019 and that works on the Main Street would take place but from a different fund.

The District Manager stated that it was a matter for the members to decide if they allocate the entire pay parking surplus to the refurbishment of The Square.

Councillor Durkan asked that the matter be put on the progress report and discussed again at the next meeting.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and the matter be put on the progress report and discussed again at the next meeting.

### MY11/0119

#### Street bins in Kilcock

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

That the council examine the need for additional street bins in Kilcock town centre.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that increasing the number of street bins was not always recommended, especially if they were not located in visible spaces with high footfall. If the councillor had a specific location in mind where a bin would be warranted, the council would be prepared to investigate the proposal.

Councillor Ward stated that he was happy with the report and would meet the engineer on site to discuss the matter of additional street bins in Kilcock.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted.

**MY12/0119**

**Signage at The Meadows, Cooleragh and Kane's Pass, Cooleragh**

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

That signage be erected in the following estates; The Meadows, Cooleragh and Kane's Pass, Cooleragh ("Children at Play").

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this motion would be listed for action with the local overseer.

Councillor Weld queried how long it would take for the signage to be erected.

The District Engineer stated that it usually took six weeks.

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

**MY13/0119**

**Footpath from Kane's Pass towards the village of Coill Dubh**

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

That the footpath from Kane's Pass towards the village of Coill Dubh on the right hand side be repaired and that the hedge be cut back.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council endeavoured to resurface and widen this footpath in 2018 but were unable to secure funding for this scheme. This would be a suitable project for 2019 LPT funding.

Councillor Weld expressed his disappointment with the report stating that the footpath was put in by the council and therefore was the council's responsibility. He also stated that he had a request from two wheelchair users for the footpath to be widened and he did not think

it was suitable for LPT funding. He further stated that people were finding it difficult to walk on the footpath with overgrown hedging.

The District Engineer stated that the annual municipal district budget for footpaths was €40,000 and works at this location would use 100% of that budget.

Councillor Weld suggested that the works be completed in stages starting with works from Kane's pass to the village to enable wheelchair users to use the footpath.

Councillor Fitzpatrick queried if funding for this could be sought from another source, he suggested either the Disability Federation or the NTA (National Transport Authority).

Councillor Weld asked for a plan to be brought forward to the members in the next two months on how these works could be completed on a staged basis and also requested that the hedge be cut back. Councillor Weld requested that the item remain on the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and a plan be brought forward to the members in the next two months on how these works could be completed on a staged basis, that the hedge be cut back and the item remain on the progress report.

#### **MY14/0119**

#### **Street furniture in Maynooth**

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

That a review of street furniture is carried out in Maynooth.

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 while the scope and objectives of such a review were not outlined, the Maynooth Municipal District Office would engage with the councillor and the Public Realm Team (as referred to in Motion 6), if the establishment and funding of the team was agreed by the members. Access and disability groups would also form part of the engagement.

Councillor Durkan stated that before Christmas he met with groups from Maynooth regarding projects they have been putting forward such as sign posts and chairs that could be moved in the town and suggested putting a work programme in place to do this. He suggested walking the street with the group to identify these works.

Councillor Murray stated that a walkability survey with the groups would be of assistance. The District Engineer agreed to this.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Murray that the report be noted and the District Engineer carry out a walkability survey in Maynooth with the groups to identify street furniture items to be moved.

### MY15/0119

#### Street cleaning regime for Kilcock

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

Can the council set out the current street cleaning regime for Kilcock, listing the streets and when they are swept by the roadsweeper?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had a full time road sweeper (Johnson Unit) in Kilcock every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The driver did the main approach roads each Wednesday and swept the individual estates on a rotational basis (the council endeavour to sweep each estate every month). A manual litter pick was carried out each Monday morning from 6:00 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. in the Fairgreen, Square and Church Street areas. The bins were emptied two to three times per week and other manual litter picks were completed on a needs basis.

Councillor Ward queried who was in charge of sweeping the outer roads of Kilcock and it was confirmed that Kildare County Council were in charge.

The report was noted.

**MY16/0119**

**Road safety signs on the Old Bog Road**

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

Can the council place some road safety signs on the Old Bog Road, Kilcock to alert road users to use caution at this location?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these signs were renewed in 2018, and anti-skid surfacing was overlaid. The council accepted that there were still residual risk with this junction and would be happy to engage with the councillor and local residents on what further measures could be applied.

The report was noted.

**MY17/0119**

**Ponding at The Meadows, Cooleragh**

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

Can the council address the issue of “ponding” at The Meadows, Cooleragh as the shore to the left as you leave Kane’s Pass has started to collapse and is in urgent need of repair?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would investigate this issue and revert to the councillor.

The District Engineer confirmed that repair works to the shore had been completed.

The report was noted.

**MY18/0119**

**Ponding at The Meadows, Cooleragh**

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

Can the council address the issue of “ponding” in The Meadows, Cooleragh outside the following houses? (details provided).

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would investigate this issue and revert to the councillor.

The report was noted.

**MY19/0119**

**Maynooth Traffic Management Plan**

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

Can the council inform the members as to why the sequencing system that was part of the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan, has not been implemented at the junction of Main Street, the R408 and Mill Street, Maynooth?

Councillor Murray stated that she had been contacted by the Garda Sgt Keely who had concerns regarding the junction and had requested a meeting at the junction to explain his concerns. Councillor Murray stated that there could be five light changes before you get through the traffic lights.

Ms Wright stated that she would ask the Traffic Management Executive Technician to meet Garda Sgt Keely on site to discuss the matter.

The report was noted.

**MY20/0119**

**Installation of the lights on the north side of the Royal Canal**

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

Can the council provide the timeframe for the installation of the lights on the north side of the Royal Canal?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had been informed by SSE Airtricity that they would commission the lights between The Harbour and Bond Bridge in the next two weeks.

The report was noted.

**MY21/0119**

**Changes to electoral boundaries**

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

That the council immediately start an advertising campaign to notify people of the changes to electoral boundaries in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that work was underway to reflect the boundary changes contained in the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report 2018 on the electoral register, which would be finalised in the coming weeks. A publicity campaign would take place to inform the public of the changes to the electoral register which would be published on the 01 February.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that he had concerns in relation to engineering matters where areas such as Robertstown, Kilmeague, Allen, Coill Dubh and Allenwood, that were currently part of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District, would be dealt with when the transition of these areas from the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District to Maynooth Municipal District took place. He stated that he was concerned that there would be a gap in service to these areas when the boundary changes were introduced.

The District Manager stated that previously when there was a boundary change it was introduced in a way that there was no disruption of services to the public and confirmed that this would be the case again when the boundaries change.

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

**MY22/0119**

**Biodegradable dog litter bags**

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

That the council procure biodegradable dog litter bags for use in the Kilcock area.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that under the Litter Management Plan, the council's policy was to promote the 'any bag, any bin' option. It was not proposed to purchase dog litter bags. However, it was noted that these are nominally priced and available widely for purchase by dog owners. The Environmental Awareness Officer had also assisted in local promotion activities. These included arranging for footpath stencilling on walking routes and installation of a motion activated messaging system (pilot areas), to encourage dog owners to properly dispose of dog foul material. Reports of dog fouling in any particular area, should be reported to the council's Litter Report Freephone 1800 243 143 for follow up by the Community Warden Team (Environment).

Councillor Ward stated that there were issues with dog fouling on the Greenway and noted that there were dispenser containing biodegradable dog litter bags in the Naas area, he requested that these be installed in Kilcock.

Mr Fagan stated that the council's policy was to promote the 'any bag, any bin' policy and that there may be biodegradable bags available in some parks but they were not available for the streets.

Councillor Ward requested that biodegradable dog litter bags be made available on the Greenway.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and biodegradable dog litter bags be made available on the Greenway .

### **MY23/0119**

#### **Glass and clothes recycling facility in Maynooth**

The committee agreed to consider items number 21 and 22 of the agenda together.

#### **Item 21 – Motion Councillor Durkan**

That a bottle bank is provided on the southern side of Maynooth.

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



**Item 22 – Motion Councillor Murray**

That a location is sought out for the establishment of a glass and clothes recycling facility on the Rathcoffey side of Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the Environmental Awareness Officer would carry out an assessment of the requirement, and the availability of a suitable location.

Councillor Durkan stated that he had been contacted by an individual in relation to recycling glass bottles on southern side of Maynooth and noted that bring banks were currently located on the other side of the town. He requested a timeframe for this to be brought forward.

Councillor Murray stated that she had received emails and calls regarding this matter and noted that a number of students lived in houses on that side of the town who did not have the means to travel to the other side of Maynooth to dispose of glass bottles. She stated that there was a lack of glass and clothes recycling facilities on the Rathcoffey side of Maynooth.

Councillor McGinley stated that identifying a location for the recycling facility was the problem and that Newtown Inn had previously been identified as a possible location but had been turned down by the residents, noting the noise coming from the bottle bank being a problem.

Mr Fagan stated that if someone could recommend a site, the Environment Department would make contact with the owners.

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

**MY24/0119**

**Columbarium wall at Laraghbryan Cemetery**

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

Can the council provide an update on the provision of a columbarium wall at Laraghbryan Cemetery?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that works were due to commence for the construction of the proposed columbarium wall over the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

**MY25/0119**

**Monument on the roundabout at Maynooth Business Park**

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

That the members are updated on the proposal to erect a monument, recognising the ongoing contribution Maynooth is making in the area of education, on the roundabout at Maynooth Business Park.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the matter would be discussed with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) as the roundabout is within their maintenance contract. If they are agreeable to the suggestion the council would liaise with the Arts Officer to examine the design of a monument or art piece and the cost for same. If the proposal was to be brought to fruition a budget would have to be identified to cover the cost of the monument or art piece.

Councillor Murray stated that there were groups in Maynooth Town that could be approached for assistance.

Mr Wallace stated that he would talk to TII and confirmed that there were regulations in relation to where monuments could go noting that this would be the first step.

Councillor Murray suggested that the monument be positioned at the main entrance to Maynooth from the motorway.

Mr Wallace stated that it must be ensured that the monument was not a traffic hazard.

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

**MY26/0119**

**Drehid Landfill grant application process**

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

That the Drehid Landfill grant application process be completed early in the new year in light of the forthcoming elections in May.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that as agreed by the Drehid Liaison Committee at their last meeting on 15 June 2018, the Drehid Grant Scheme would be advertised in late January with a closing date for mid March. The Drehid Liaison Committee would be meeting the following week to approve the 2019 scheme.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that he hoped the Drehid Landfill grant application would be dealt with by the end of March and not run in to May.

The District Manager stated that she would take Councillor Fitzpatrick's comments into account.

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

**MY27/0119**

**Cattle grazing on council owned land**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley. Can the council explain how cattle were allowed to graze on the council owned land, between Castlepark Housing Estate and Carton Avenue for the last two months, resulting in cattle trucks driving on the walkway on Carton Avenue?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department Department informing the members that the amenity lands along Carton Avenue had been illegally encroached on over a number of years. Last year the council allowed permission for use of the land for agricultural purposes to prevent this type of activity. The access to some of the lands was off Carton Avenue, this was why a cattle truck accessed the avenue and the amenity lands.

Mr Wallace stated that since a formal agreement to graze the land had been put in place, there had been no stray animals grazing the land.

The report was noted.

**MY28/0119**

**Business incubator units**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan. Can land in the ownership of Kildare County Council in Kilcock be made available for business incubator units?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this proposal was something the Business Support Unit would have to consider further before the council could respond. Perhaps the Cathaoirleach could indicate what land in Kilcock was being referred to. The council would then have to consider if the land was developable and work out how much it would cost to develop sites for incubator units. This development was not included in the Capital Programme for 2019 so a budget would also have to be identified.

Councillor Durkan stated that he would forward the land folio number to the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department in relation to the land he was referring to.

The report was noted.

**MY29/0119**

**Playground in Prosperous**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
Can the members receive an update on the development of the park and playground in Prosperous and when will it be completed?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the progression of the park and playground was dependent on the completion of a drainage plan for the site. The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department were currently in the process of appointing consultants to carry this out. It was hoped to progress the design for the park in the second half of this year subject to this drainage design being completed, and commitment to other works around the county which would form part of the Parks Section 2019 works programme.

The report was noted.

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**Disability swing in Clane Playground**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
When will a disability swing be installed in Clane Playground?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a disability swing would be installed in Clane playground once the council identified suitable swing manufacturers to supply and install it. It was hoped to have this completed by mid summer.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.