

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 12 April 2019 at 2.30 PM
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 B Weld

Apologies: Councillor P Ward.

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr P Minnock (Director Of
Services), Ms A Conneely (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Deane
(District Engineer),
Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent),
Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings
Secretary).

The Cathaoirleach asked for the members agreement to take agenda item no 2 first followed by agenda item no 1. The members agreed to this request.

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Art and Festival Grant Awards

The District Manager asked the members did any member want to disclose a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest.

Councillors Durkan, Murray and Cronin all stated they were members of the Maynooth Community Committee but were not members of the executive committee. Councillor McEvoy informed the meeting he was a member of the Clane St Patrick’s Day Committee but was not an officer. Councillor Ó Cearúil stated he was the Chairperson of the Maynooth St Patrick’s Day Committee and on that basis, he absented himself from the meeting.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that 33 grants had been approved at the meeting held on the 5 April. She confirmed with members that they all had received a copy of the schedule of grants.

Councillor Cronin enquired what “not meeting the qualifying criteria” meant and also enquired how many people worked in the Community Department.

Ms Conneely informed the meeting that the details of assessment criteria were available on the council website and that from memory, there were circa 32 employees in the department. Councillor McGinley informed the meeting that he had examined the qualifying criteria and that in his opinion the Maynooth Summer Festival met the qualifying criteria. The District Manager disagreed on the basis that the membership of the Committee closely resembled that of the Maynooth CEP and the council did not give grants to CE schemes. Councillor McGinley proposed that the Maynooth Summer Festival Committee be given a grant. However, as there was no seconder for Councillor McGinley’s proposal the motion fell. Councillor Cronin reiterated that it had been agreed at the last meeting that grants should not be paid until invoices were produced with proof of payment.

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Councillor O’Cearuil rejoined the meeting.

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Carton Avenue

Mr P Minnock Director of Services Planning and Strategic Development had been requested to attend the meeting to brief the members on Carton Avenue.

The members raised the following issues.

The Code of Conduct for Carton Avenue had appeared on the April progress report and not on the agenda.

Councillor McGinley stated that the developer had advised residents on the 4 April that he had received written approval from the Planning Department to go ahead with works but no member of the Planning Department had attended the meeting on the 5 April to brief the members as requested.

The members asked the Executive for clarification around the legal grounds to carry out the works i.e. was a Part 8 required?

Some members expressed concerns about the width of the bridge and the use of a large area of reinforced grass surface.

The question as to whether or not cycling was allowed, or should be allowed on the Avenue was also discussed.

Councillor John McGinley put forward a motion as follows:

That there shall be no Code of Conduct for the Avenue

And

That the proposed reinforced grass surface from the Limetree Hall exit to the Avenue Walk be reduced to 2m

And

That the 4m wide bridge at the Limetree Hall exit be reduced to 2m

And

That no further work shall be carried out on the Avenue until the Master Plan goes on statutory public display and approved by the Maynooth Municipal District Committee.

The District Manager informed the members that the draft Carton Avenue Code Of Conduct had been produced as a result of a previous motion at a previous Maynooth Municipal District Committee meeting. She stated that the draft had been prepared by the Parks Superintendent and it had appeared on the Progress Report. She accepted that the members no longer wanted to enact a Code of Conduct for the Avenue and that no further action was required in that regard.

In relation to the question of whether or not cycling was allowed, the District Manager stated that the community in Maynooth routinely walked and cycled on the Avenue and there were no proposals to change the status quo.

In relation to the legal grounds for the developer carrying out the works the District Manager confirmed that the developer was carrying out the works in compliance with a valid planning permission. In relation to questions asked about whether or not a Part 8 was needed for works outside the development boundary, the District Manager confirmed the works were sub threshold and did not require a Part 8. She further stated that, as the works related to an Executive Function, parts (b) and (c) of Councillor McGinley's motion could not be considered or voted on by the municipal district members.

Mr Minnock stated that he had visited Carton Avenue that morning and noted a number of unauthorised accesses onto the Avenue. He stated that Kildare County Council's objective was to increase permeability in an orderly manner so the public could use it safely.

Following discussion amongst the members the following was agreed;

That the draft Code Of Conduct would not be enacted.

The members recommended to the Executive that the path be restricted to two meters in width and that the four meter bridge be reduced in width. However, the members accepted that this was an Executive function.

On the proposal of Councillor McGinley and with all members in agreement it was further agreed that no further work shall be carried out on the Avenue until the Master Plan goes on Statutory Public Display and is approved by the Maynooth MD

Having regard to health and safety the members asked that the fencing beside the bridge be improved and this was noted by the Executive.

The meeting concluded.