

Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 01 March 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, J McGinley, T Murray, N O'Cearúil, P Ward and B Weld.

Apologies: Councillor P McEvoy.

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), Ms A Burke (Executive Engineer),
Mr B O'Gorman, Ms S Fitzpatrick (Administrative Officers), Ms A Gough
(Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

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) meeting which was held at the same time.

MY01/0319

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 01 February 2019 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 01 February 2019 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

MY02/0319

Matters Arising

115 Bus Service (MY09/0219)

Councillor Ward asked if there was any update with regard to arranging a meeting with Bus Éireann and Ms Wright stated that a meeting had been arranged with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to meet with all of the members in advance of the next full council meeting on 25 March 2019. She stated Ms Anne Graham the Chief Executive Officer of the NTA would be attending the meeting. Councillor Ward asked if representatives from the community in Kilcock could be invited to the meeting and Councillor Ó Cearúil suggested compiling a list of questions from the community representatives and raising them at the meeting on their behalf.

Footpath from Kane's Pass towards the village of Coill Dubh (MY13/0119)

Councillor Weld stated that the members had given a commitment in 2018 for works to be carried out and now the members were being told there was no funding for the works. He stated that improvements were needed to accommodate wheelchair accessibility. The District Engineer stated that €70,000 funding was available for works to be carried out on footpaths throughout the municipal district which had been discussed at the municipal district meeting in January. He stated that if the members were in agreement that this footpath was a number one priority for works to be carried out, the council could proceed with the works with 30% of the funding going to it. Councillor Weld requested for the money to be spent on this footpath. Councillor Fitzpatrick supported Councillor Weld. The District Engineer stated that he would be guided by the members' decision in allocating specific percentages of the amount available for these works and this was agreed by the members.

Taking in Charge of Estates (MY05/0219)

Councillor Murray stated that Hayfield Manor was only one of a number of estates where parking spaces were leased. She stated that it would be an issue for the council when taking some estates in charge, in particular some of the newer housing estates which were higher in density leaving less space for parking. She stated that it was a suitable motion to be brought forward from the Maynooth Municipal District to the full council and Councillor Ó Cearúil agreed. Councillor Durkan stated the matter would have to be submitted as a motion for the April municipal district meeting in order for it to be brought before the full council meeting in April.

Yellow Box at the end of Pound Lane (MY18/0219)

Councillor Murray asked why the council had no plans to install yellow box at the entrance to Mill Street from Pound Lane. The District Engineer stated that the intention was to maximise the amount of space for drivers turning left from Mill Street onto the Main Street. He stated priority needed to be given to the traffic on Mill Street and a yellow box would add to traffic congestion.

Childcare places in Maynooth (MY28/1018)

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that the Kildare County Childcare Committee had issued a report in relation to this item and asked if an invite could be sent to them asking them to give a presentation to the Maynooth Municipal District Committee on their findings in relation to the Maynooth Municipal District in their recent report issued. The members agreed for an invitation to be issued.

Progress Report on the Wall at Donadea Forest Park (02/0918) (30/0718) (27/0218) (MY27/12/18), (MY35/0917)

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

North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex (MY36/1218)

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update in relation to the application for the North Kildare Swimming Pool. The District Manager informed the members that the deadline for submitting the application was 17 April. She stated that council officials had met with Maynooth University and a site had been confirmed and a Steam 1 application was being compiled to apply for funding in order to complete a detailed design. The District Manager stated that a feasibility study and an operational plan was required and discussions were taking place with consultants in relation to same. She stated the application was the number one priority and it was likely the draft would not be ready until the week the application was being submitted. Councillor Ó Cearúil asked if the site location was on the Kilcock Road and the District Manager stated that the council were seeking a site location plan from Maynooth University.

Signage at entrances to Carton Avenue, Maynooth (MY07/0219)

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update in relation to the new signage for Carton Avenue. Mr Wallace stated that a draft copy of the layout for the signage would be available for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting in April. Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress report.

MY03/0319

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 on Rail Park were scheduled to commence the following week and due for completion on the following Tuesday. The District Engineer stated that works at Highfield were next on the list and proposed works on Millicent Bridge would be advertised via a public consultation process. He stated that the list of roads projects for 2019 had been circulated to the members and resurfacing works at Curryhills were due to commence the following Tuesday, two projects had been transferred to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District and public lighting works were being dealt with by the Public Lighting Section.

A number of queries were raised by the members as follows: Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if the widening of the footpath at McCormack's Garage was included in the planning application for Cairn Homes. Councillor Weld asked if there was any update on the projects for which €8,000 had been transferred to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District. Councillor Ward asked for confirmation that works at Highfield were due to commence the following Tuesday. Councillor Ward asked if a letter would be issued to the Highfield residents before the works commenced that the District Engineer forward him details of the 2019 works. Councillor Cronin asked when works at Rockfield would commence.

The District Engineer confirmed as follows: provision for the widening of the footpath at McCormack's Garage was included in the planning application for Cairn Homes, the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Engineer had been provided with details of these projects for which money had been transferred to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District. Works at Highfield from the 2018 and 2019 schedule of works were due to commence on Tuesday, there was a possibility works would commence at Rockfield in April, and stated that he would

speak to the engineer dealing with the works at highfield in relation to a letter issuing to the residents.

MY04/0319

Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2019

The members considered the Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2019 (including the agreed list of roads projects) (see appendix A attached).

The District Manager stated that the report which had been circulated to the members included LPT funding and central funding which had been included in the overall budget for 2019 which was discussed in September. She stated that the figures also included the €200,000 for the pay parking surplus which had been put aside for the refurbishing of The Square in Maynooth.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by all the members present that the Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2019 (including the agreed list of roads projects) be approved.

MY05/0319

Kilbrook Estate, Kilshanroe

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.
Can the council confirm what is the status of Kilbrook Estate, Kilshanroe?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the bond provided for the developer of this estate expired on 31 December 2004 and was not reinstated. Kildare County Council received a Section 180 to take the estate in charge in 2013. The estate was served by a waste water treatment plant, and as such Irish Water were not in a position to consider taking in charge any developments with "developer provided infrastructure" i.e. stand alone waste water treatment plants which were not connected to the public network. Until Irish Water puts arrangements in place for the taking in charge of such infrastructure, the council would not be in a position to progress the taking in charge of any such developments. Kildare County Council was paying for energy costs and maintenance associated with those for this estate.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked why the bond had not been reinstated given the fact the council were paying for energy and maintenance costs associated with the estate and asked if Irish Water would be willing to pay for these costs. Ms Burke stated she would look into the matter and revert to Councillor Fitzpatrick.

The report was noted.

MY06/0319

Lane in Kishavanny

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

That the council take in charge the lane in Kishavanny near Edenderry Golf Club.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in conjunction with the Maynooth Municipal District Office this request would be assessed to determine the current condition of the road and if the request met the requirements of the council's policy on taking in charge (i.e., number of properties served, condition of road etc).

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

MY07/0319

Yellow box outside the Band Hall

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

That the council restore the yellow box outside the Band Hall, Pound Lane, Maynooth, as agreed by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department on 04 December 2018.

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 the repaired yellow box was narrower than the original box and would be widened to facilitate the pedestrian gate.

Councillor McGinley stated that originally there were two parking spaces outside Band Hall and when the road had been restored a third parking space had been added. He asked if

this parking space could be removed and replaced with a yellow box. The District Engineer stated that the council would widen the yellow box to allow for pedestrian access and stated this would still leave plenty of room for the additional parking space.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Cearúil that the report be noted and that the council widen the yellow box to facilitate the pedestrian gate.

MY08/0319

Traffic at Firmount Cross (R402/L2002)

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

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

That the council highlight the implications for increased levels of traffic at Firmount Cross (R402/L2002) at the forthcoming An Bord Pleanála oral hearing in relation to the proposals to expand the Bord na Móna Drehid Waste Management Facility.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had appointed consulting engineers to examine the planning application by Bord Na Móna for the expansion of the Drehid Facility. They would be representing the council at the future An Bord Pleanála (ABP) oral hearing. The council would instruct them to highlight the implications for increased levels of traffic at Firmount Cross (R402/L2002), at the forthcoming oral hearing on proposals to expand the Bord na Móna Drehid Waste Management Facility.

Councillor Weld stated he was happy with the report and stated he would be attending the oral hearing with An Bord Pleanála to raise concerns in relation to the condition of the road and the number of accidents which had occurred on the road. He stated that the extension of the facility would double the number of lorries using the road and the community in Prosperous had asked that council officials highlight the huge increase in traffic volumes to the hearing. He stated that Bord Na Móna should be contributing towards funding for the repair and upkeep of the roads and asked if a condition could be included in the planning permission to charge Bord Na Móna a set rate per tonnage for the HGV's using the route.

Councillor Murray stated that she had attended meetings with the residents who are unhappy about the future increase in traffic volumes which would further deteriorate roads in the area. She stated that all safety measures needed to be considered before planning permission was granted and this should be discussed at the forthcoming meeting. Councillor Durkan supported the motion and asked that all concerns were brought before the oral hearing.

Ms Wright stated that the Bord Pleanála oral hearing was due to take place on 11 March in Johnstown, Enfield but final arrangements for the meeting had not yet been confirmed. Councillor Weld asked that the members be informed of the final arrangements for the meeting. Ms Wright stated the council had only received notification of the meeting and Councillor Durkan asked if details could be circulated to the members. Ms Wright stated the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department had a meeting with the engineering consultant that afternoon.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the report be noted and that the council instruct officials to highlight the implications for increased levels of traffic at Firmount Cross (R402/L2002), at the forthcoming oral hearing on proposals to expand the Bord na Móna Drehid Waste Management Facility and that the venue and details of the meeting be circulated to the members once confirmed.

MY09/0319

Footpaths in the "Meadow" Cooleragh

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

That the council repair the footpaths in the "Meadow" Cooleragh as they are in a poor state of repair.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Office could carry out localised repairs only.

The District Engineer stated that it was hoped the works would be carried out within the next six to eight weeks.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the report be noted and that the Maynooth Municipal District Office carry out localised repairs.

MY10/0319

Road in Staplestown

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

That the council resurface and reline the road through the village of Staplestown.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had no plans to resurface this road but would examine the lining issue.

Councillor Weld stated that he was disappointed with the report as the road was beginning to crack as a result of an ongoing water leak from the school which had now been repaired. He stated that he was in favour of the council looking at relining the road and asked that this particular section of the road was resurfaced. The District Engineer stated that it did not fit the criteria for resurfacing by the council and stated he would discuss the possibility of resurfacing with the Water Services Section. Councillor Weld requested that the item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil that the report be noted and the council examine the lining of the road and the District Engineer to discuss the possibility of resurfacing the road with the Water Services Section and that this item remain on the progress report.

MY11/0319

LED speed display signs on the Celbridge Road

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

That an LED speed display sign is erected on the Celbridge Road to tackle ongoing speeding outside the two primary schools.

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 the council could relocate the speed sign from Parklands to this location on a temporary basis.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that he had previously met with the residents on site but stated speeding was still a problem on the road. He stated he and the residents were in favour of the council relocating the speed sign from Parklands to this location on a temporary basis.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was a good idea and the District Engineer stated that speed signs tended to be more effective when used on a temporary basis.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor McGinley that the report be noted and that the council relocate the speed sign from Parklands to the Celbridge Road on a temporary basis.

MY12/0319

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 11 and 18 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item - 11

Traffic management plan for the Dunboyne Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
That an adequate traffic management plan is devised for the Dunboyne Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and the Maynooth Municipal District Office agreed with the traffic calming proposals to be carried out by the developer, Cairn Homes Ltd., on the Dunboyne Road within the confines of their planning permission. From the council's analysis, the proposed traffic calming works incorporated some of the specific requests of the local residents. These would help to ensure pedestrian and traffic safety for the duration of the construction activities and would also help to reduce traffic speeds at this location.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that all the members had been contacted by residents in relation to traffic speeding on the road and particularly in relation to the Cairn Homes development

which was bringing additional construction vehicles. He stated that a speed curtailing measure was required and stated it had also been reported that construction work was starting before 08:30 a.m. He asked what could be done to reduce speeding and stated the residents were not happy with the signage proposed by Cairn Homes. Councillor McGinley stated that the residents had submitted eight proposals and asked which ones the council were going to implement. He stated that the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety had previously stated he would seek funding for work to be carried out on the bad bend on the road. Councillor McGinley stated that Cairn Home's target was to finish the development by the end of the year and on completion this would significantly increase traffic volumes. Councillor Durkan supported the motion and stated that a large development required a traffic management plan. He stated the restriction on start times in the morning should be included in the planning permission and should be enforced. Councillor Murray agreed with all the points raised and stated every submission sent in by the resident's detailed concerns in relation to the Dunboyne Road. She suggested a meeting with the District Engineer and the residents on site would be helpful to discuss their concerns.

The District Engineer stated that the contractor intended to commence construction on the road and bridge through the new Mariavilla Estate in the coming weeks. He stated that the contractor had submitted a full traffic management plan for approval. The District Engineer stated he would meet with the residents to discuss their issues and agreed to circulate details of when the meeting would take place to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and the District Engineer arrange a meeting with the residents on site to discuss their issues and circulate details of when the meeting would take place to the members.

Item - 18

Safety measures on the Dunboyne Road

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

Can the council clarify what steps are being taken in relation to safety measures on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, during the Cairn Homes construction period and when the Link Road is opened up for traffic?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and the Maynooth Municipal District Office agreed with the traffic calming proposals to be carried out by the developer on the Dunboyne Road within the confines of their planning permission. From the council's analysis, the proposed traffic calming works incorporated some of the specific requests of the local residents. These would help to ensure pedestrian and traffic safety for the duration of the construction activities and would also help to reduce traffic speeds at this location. The construction of the Link Road was progressing well and the date of opening still had to be confirmed by the developer.

The report was noted.

MY13/0319

Street furniture in The Square, Kilcock

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

That the council renew and/or refurbish the old and damaged street furniture in The Square, Kilcock.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward 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 review this issue, and work with the Parks Section to see what improvements could be made.

Councillor Ward stated he had met with the District Engineer on site and would organise a further meeting on site with the District Engineer and a representative from the Parks Section.

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

MY14/0319

Street lights on New Road, Kilcock

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

That the council ensure that all the street lights on New Road, Kilcock be repaired as soon as possible as they have not worked for a number of weeks.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that repairs to the street lighting at this location would be carried out as soon as possible. It should be noted that the lighting fault in The Square, Kilcock (outside Macari's) required a specialised lantern and it would take additional time for this lantern to be ordered, delivered and installed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and that repairs to the street lighting at this location be carried out as soon as possible.

MY15/0319

Operators of bus routes

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

That this council sends a letter to the operators of the bus routes at (details supplied) requesting them to reduce their speed.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department stating that this was a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Durkan stated that there were issues in relation to speeding on the Kilcock Road and the Newtown Road which were both highly pedestrianised areas. He asked that a letter issue to the operators of the bus routes requesting them to reduce their speed. Councillor Murray agreed with Councillor Durkan stating An Garda Síochána should be involved in relation to the speeding issues. All the members present agreed that a letter be sent to operators of the bus routes requesting the bus drivers to reduce their speed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan seconded by Councillor Murray that the report be noted and that a letter issue to the operators of the bus routes requesting the bus drivers to reduce their speed.

MY16/0319

Bus stops for the 139 Naas/Blanchardstown route

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin.
That the council designate safe and easily identified bus stops clearly marked for the 139 Naas/Blanchardstown bus route travelling through the Maynooth Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that they were awaiting details of these works from the National Transport Authority (NTA) and would inform the members with any updates received.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Cronin seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the report be noted and the members be informed when a further update was received.

MY17/0319

Car parking spaces

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.
Can the Municipal District Engineers Office arrange to paint two car parking spaces between the old Post Office in Prosperous and the Maynooth Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office would list this job for attention.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked when the car parking spaces would be painted and the District Engineer stated that once the resurfacing works had been carried out in Prosperous, the car parking spaces would be painted.

The report was noted.

MY18/0319

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 17 and 24 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item - 17

Noise levels on the M4

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

Can the council confirm what progress has been made on reducing the noise levels on the M4, through resurfacing and the provision of sound absorbing barriers?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that they had allocated technical resources to examine problems at this location and possible solutions would include resurfacing and the provision of sound absorbing barriers. The process would also include a cost estimate of the possible solution considered.

The report was noted.

Item - 24

Noise reduction measures on the M4

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

Can the council provide an update in relation to the provision of noise reducing tarmac on the M4 Motorway between Maynooth and Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that they had allocated technical resources to examine problems at this location and possible solutions would include resurfacing and the provision of sound absorbing barriers. The process would also include a cost estimate of the possible solution considered.

The report was noted.

MY19/0319

Severe weather

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

Can the council confirm if they are prepared for severe weather, similar to the unforeseen weather in March 2018 which the Maynooth Municipal District was subject to?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had an agreed Severe Weather Plan which was produced in line with national guidelines. This plan was used in conjunction with the structures and procedures outlined in the council's Major Emergency Plan to respond to storms and severe weather events. The council had a Severe Weather Assessment Team who met on a regular basis to review and update the council's preparedness for severe weather response. Meetings of the Severe Weather Assessment Team were also triggered by weather warnings. Following a review of Kildare County Council's Winter Maintenance Plan 2019, the council had increased its 2019 winter salting programme, effective from 28 January 2019. The objective of the Winter Maintenance Plan was to keep all principal roads in the county open to traffic and free from ice. Ten separate routes would be salted during the winter period, resulting in 620 kilometres of road being treated to ensure safer travel for all road users. The salting of roads took place prior to the time of forecasted ice formation and in consultation with Met Éireann. Following severe weather events in 2018, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department had upgraded part of its fleet, and snow ploughs were available for use where required. Adequate supplies of salt and fuel were also available to Kildare County Council during the winter period.

The report was noted.

MY20/0319

Additional traffic wardens

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Can the council consider assigning additional traffic wardens to patrol outside the Boy's National School, Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich and Educate Together, Maynooth and Straffan National School?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Pay Parking Section in conjunction with the Community Wardens would carry out an inspection at these locations and examine any problems in relation to parking.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that he had meant to say school wardens and not traffic wardens as he would not like to see parents penalised. He stated he would raise the matter again.
The report was noted.

MY21/0319

Traffic lights at the junction of the Summerhill and Church Street

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.
Can this Municipal District Committee receive a comprehensive update on the provision of traffic lights at the junction of the Summerhill and Church Street in Kilcock, to include any additional works to be carried out at this location?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had been in recent discussions with the developer and understood that commencement of these works was imminent.
The report was noted.

MY22/0319

Tree trunk which is at the entrance to St. Patrick's College

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

Can the council update the members on the condition of and the plan for, the tree trunk which is at the entrance to St. Patrick's College?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a wood sculptor had been requested to assess the tree trunk to see if it was feasible to use it as a sculpture. The members would be updated on the plans for the stump when this had been completed.

The report was noted.

MY23/0319

Land adjacent to the River Valley Baptist Church

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

Can the council clarify if they are in ownership of the area of land on the R148 adjacent to the River Valley Baptist Church where there is a large mound of earth and if so, what are the plans, if any, for this site?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this land was in public ownership and would become part of the carriageway when the adjacent green field site was developed.

Councillor Murray asked if the site could be tidied up by sowing some grass seed and displaying signage and the District Engineer state he would have look at the current signage displayed.

The report was noted.

MY24/0319

Alcohol Bye-Laws

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

That this municipal district be informed regarding the progress of the review and introduction of the Alcohol-Bye Laws for the Maynooth Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that The Draft Alcohol Bye-Laws for the County of Kildare had been sent to the council's legal advisors for perusal. Maps for the towns and villages which the bye-laws would cover are in the process of been drawn up. Once the bye-laws and maps were ready, they would be brought before the members.

Councillor Murray asked if there was a timeframe for the introduction of the bye-laws and the Meetings Administrator stated that the council had been dealing with the solicitors that week and stated it was hoped maps would be drawn up by the end of March and a report issued to the members in April. She stated that bye-laws were for the county and not specific to municipal districts and stated eighteen towns and villages had been identified for inclusion in the bye-laws and additional ones could be added if required. Councillor Murray asked if towns could be added at a later stage and the Meetings Administrator stated that once the draft bye-laws were brought before the members additional towns could then be added before they went for public consultation. Councillor Weld welcomed the bye-laws and asked who would enforce them. The Meetings Administrator stated that An Garda Síochána would enforce them.

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

MY25/0319

Part V's

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

Can the council confirm how many homes they have acquired through Part V in 2018 throughout the Maynooth Municipal District and how many are expected as of now, for 2019?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that 15 Part V units were delivered in 2018 in the Maynooth Municipal District. Based on current plans, the council expected 12 units to be delivered in 2019. Additional units may be available subject to future confirmation.

The report was noted.

MY26/0319

Pre Pay Power accounts

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

Can the council clarify why new council tenants in the Maynooth Municipal District are obliged to take out Pre Pay Power account contracts?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that all new house purchases and voids that come to housing maintenance had the electricity provider changed to pre-pay power. This allowed any previous account balances to be cleared so that all new tenants were starting from a zero bill on day one. Tenants were not obliged to utilise pre-pay power, it was at their discretion what electricity provider they used once they were allocated a property.

Ms Fitzpatrick stated she would check what steps needed to be taken in order to change utility providers and revert to Councillor Cronin.

The report was noted.

MY27/0319

Task force to combat illegal dumping

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Weld.
That the council set up a multi directorate task force to combat illegal dumping in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the Environment Section would arrange a meeting with the relevant local stakeholders. The members would be advised of arrangements.

Councillor Weld asked when the task force would be set up and Mr O’Gorman asked Councillor Weld if he was referring to internal departments and stated the motion had been interpreted to set up a task force with outside stakeholders. Councillor Weld asked how the internal departments would come together to combat the problem and Mr O’Gorman stated that internal departments and outside stakeholders would be included when arranging meetings with relevant stakeholders.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and that the Environment Section would arrange a meeting with the relevant local stakeholders and internal departments. The members to be advised of arrangements.

MY28/0319

Bye-Laws for household waste

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.
That the Bye-Laws to regulate the storage, presentation and collection of household and commercial waste are amended to accommodate community bins in housing estates.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the council's new Waste Management (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2018 would come into effect from 01 March 2019. The bye-laws provided for specific requirements that apply to both household and

commercial users for the proper segregation, storage, and presentation of waste. The Environment Section would monitor compliance, no change to the new bye-laws was proposed.

Councillor Durkan stated that in cases where one or two bins were provided to facilitate household waste for housing estates the bins had to be registered in one person's name. He stated if the waste was not segregated properly the person the bins were registered to was being held responsible and due to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) bin providers would not change the registered person's name even in cases where they were no longer living in the estate. Mr O'Gorman stated that in relation to municipal waste there was a sponsored bin scheme and stated the Environment Section could assist with the problem of the bin not being reregistered in the correct name. Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and that the Environment Section assist with the transferring of registration of bins to other individuals in cases where residents were having difficulty and that details of the bin providers be forwarded to the Environment Section.

MY29/0319

Litter picking regime in Kilcock

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

Can the council clarify the current litter picking regime operating in Kilcock, to include the weekly schedule of litter picking and to detail the litter picking regime in other towns in the Maynooth Municipal District?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had three dedicated full time litter picking staff for daily bin collection in Maynooth, a five day Kildare County Council road sweeper and a privately hired sweeper covered the full municipal district for the two remaining days per week. A full schedule and details of the street sweeping rota for all of the towns in the Maynooth Municipal District was available on request.

The report was noted.

MY30/0319

Joint Committee with Coillte

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

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

That this council open discussions with Coillte management on the introduction of a Joint Committee structure as a framework for input by the public to the development of Donadea Forest.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department stating that this was a matter for the members to agree. If agreed, a letter would be issued to Coillte to ascertain if they would facilitate the establishment of a committee to input into the development of Donadea Forest.

Councillor Murray stated that Donadea Forest was one of the finest amenities in Kildare and stated the parking outside on the road was an ongoing problem together with the gate not functioning properly at times. She stated other Coillte parks were of a higher standard and asked for support from the members for a committee to be set up. Councillor Weld agreed and stated the members were due to meet with Coillte on 07 March. He stated there were local groups who would be happy to be part of a committee and stated the parking issue at the "blue door" was an ongoing problem. He stated the parking facility in Donadea was not user friendly. Councillor Weld requested that this item remain on the progress report to await the outcome of the meeting with Coillte.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Murray seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and that this item remain on the progress report to await the outcome of the meeting with Coillte on 07 March.

MY31/0319

Water fountain and filling station on Main Street, Maynooth

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

That this council consider the installation of a drinking water fountain and filling station on Main Street, Maynooth to encourage the re-use and re-filling of plastic water bottles.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a pilot scheme to install a water fountain and filling station in Kildare Town was currently being assessed by the Parks Section in relation to infrastructure and cost associated with the installation. If the costs were not prohibitive, the installation of a fountain in Maynooth would be considered in conjunction with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer.

Councillor Murray stated that the initiative to install a water fountain and filling station on Main Street, Maynooth had health and financial benefits as it would reduce the use of plastic bottles. She stated Howth had installed one and it might be beneficial for the council to liaise with Fingal County Council to get an idea of costings and what was involved in the process. Councillor Murray requested that this item remain on the progress report. Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that a drinking water fountain was a great idea and suggested some of the money from the pay parking surplus which was being allocated towards the upgrade of The Square, Maynooth could be put towards the cost of a drinking water fountain. He asked if other locations could be looked at in the future. Councillor Murray stated there was a fountain on The Main Street, Maynooth that could be used. Councillor McGinley stated more than one location was needed for drinking water fountains. Councillor Durkan supported the motion and stated The Square, Maynooth should also have one. He stated that the one already on The Main Street should be used and additional ones should be sought which were aesthetically pleasing. Councillor Cronin supported the motion and stated it would be a good incentive to encourage children to drink more water.

Mr Wallace stated that a pilot scheme in Kildare Town was currently being assessed by the Parks Section in relation to infrastructure and cost and stated the cost of a drinking water fountain was €3,500. He stated the council would have to liaise with Irish Water in relation to

water connections and piping and emphasised the Parks Section had a full work schedule for 2019. Councillor Murray asked if it was possible to install one drinking water fountain and Mr Wallace stated he would discuss the matter with the District Engineer.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Murray seconded by Councillor McGinley that the report be noted and that Mr Wallace discuss the possibility of installing one drinking water fountain in Maynooth with the District Engineer.

MY32/0319

Carton Avenue

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

That the council acknowledges that Carton Avenue is a pedestrian walkway.

Councillor Cronin stated that she would like to amend her motion to read as follows:

That the council acknowledges that Carton Avenue is solely a pedestrian walkway.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor Cronin and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that it was agreed by the members at the February Maynooth Municipal District meeting to establish a code of conduct for the shared use of Carton Avenue and not exclusively for pedestrians.

The District Manager stated that this motion could not be heard as if it was passed it would overturn a decision previously made by the Maynooth Municipal District Committee at the February meeting. She stated that decision could not be reviewed until six months had passed as per Standing Orders, item 14. The District Manager stated that the use of the avenue would continue as it always had been, i.e for use by pedestrians and cyclists.

MY33/0319

Public Park in Prosperous

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

Can the council outline the work programme, from start to completion, for the Public Park in Prosperous?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department were currently appointing consultants to examine the drainage of the site. It was envisaged this work would be completed by the end of the summer. Work on the development of a detailed design for the park was planned towards the end of 2019 but this was dependent on the completion of other projects outlined in the Parks Section Works Programme. Construction on the park and a timeframe for this would be indicated to members once the detailed design and costings associated with these had been completed. It was likely that the works may have to be phased over a number of years.

Councillor Weld requested that an update be provided for the April meeting.

The report was noted.

MY34/0319

Funding for a skate park in Maynooth and Kilcock

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

Can funding applications be made for a skate park in Maynooth and Kilcock for young children under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and appropriate sites identified in both towns through a public consultation process?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that while it was acknowledged that there may be a need for additional sport and recreation facilities in both Maynooth and Kilcock. An application to the Urban and Rural Development Fund (URDF) or the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) in respect of a skate park in either location would be premature at this time, given that any application submitted required demonstrable matching private sector investment in regeneration and development within the town. The provision of a skate park was not one of the priorities identified by the community of Kilcock or Maynooth during

the recent and very successful Healthcheck process which took place in both towns.

However, as part of the development of a design for the Harbour Field in Maynooth, should the people of Maynooth desire it, a skate park may be included in the design.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

	Schedule of Municipal District Works 2019						
	Maynooth Municipal District						
	Adopted by the Maynooth MD 1st Mar 2019						
		KCC	Retained LPT	Pay Parking	Total		
		central funding	Funding	Funding			
		€	€	€	€		
Roads, Transport & Public Safety	Roads Maintenance						
	Roads Projects						
	Rural Bus Shelters		€20,000.00		€20,000.00		
	Slip lane extension at BNS Kilcock Road, Maynooth		€14,000.00		€14,000.00		
	Traffic calming at Robertstown School		€20,000.00		€20,000.00		
	Pedestrian Crossing L1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane		€15,000.00		€15,000.00		
	Road overlay Greenfield Drive from entrance		€30,000.00				
	Kerbing in Rockfield		€4,000.00		€4,000.00		
	Traffic calming between Rathcoffey church & school		€23,000.00		€23,000.00		
	Junction improvement at Keightner Cross/light upgrade		€1,000.00		€1,000.00		
	Road repair Curryhills Park Prosperous		€10,000.00		€10,000.00		
	Road at location provided by Cllr Weld		€8,000.00		€8,000.00		
	The Square, Maynooth			€198,589.00	€198,589.00		
	Footpath Projects						
	Beaufield, Maynooth & Courtown, Kilcock		€13,000.00		€13,000.00		
	Kingsbury, Maynooth Park, Railpark & Rockfield		€14,000.00		€14,000.00		
	Widening and lights at McCormacks Garage		€10,000.00		€10,000.00		
	Pedestrian barrier on footpath in Hayfield						
	Resurface of footpath in Parsons Street		€22,600.00		€22,600.00		
	Footpath on Church Street from St Vincents to Timeless Cafe						
	Footpath repairs Highfield, Kilcock		€28,800.00		€28,800.00		
	Footpath from Reillys Funeral home to Chippers		€10,000.00				
	Public Lighting						
	2 public lights in Maynooth Park		€2,400.00		€2,400.00		
	Public light in Sycamore, Kilcock		€1,200.00		€1,200.00		
	Sub Total	€0.00	€247,000.00	€198,589.00	€404,789.00		

Economic, Community & Cultural Development					
	Community				
	Community Grants MD Budget	€45,000.00			€45,000.00
	Christmas Lights Grant Scheme		€10,000.00		€10,000.00
	Community Project Grant Scheme		€10,000.00		€10,000.00
	Continued Youth Work Provision (Pilot Project)		€30,000.00		€30,000.00
	Kildare MOJO		€15,000.00		€15,000.00
	Halloween Festival Community Grant Scheme		€5,000.00		€5,000.00
	Decade of Commemorations		€12,000.00		€12,000.00
	Age Friendly Programme		€2,500.00		€2,500.00
	Purple Flag Annual Subscription		€1,715.00		€1,715.00
	Taking in charge of Community Building		€2,000.00		€2,000.00
	Youth Intervention Work		€11,000.00		€11,000.00
	CFR Start up and Equipment Grant Scheme		€4,000.00		€4,000.00
	Autism Community Support Scheme		€2,000.00		€2,000.00
	CAAP Campaign		€2,000.00		€2,000.00
	Supplement to Community & Culture		€5,000.00		€5,000.00
	Economic Development, Planning & Heritage				
	Shop Front Scheme		€10,000.00		€10,000.00
	Public Realm Team		€80,000.00		€80,000.00
	Public Realm Projects (Derrinturn, Johnstown, Straffan)		€15,000.00		€15,000.00
	Historic Monuments Advisory Committee		€15,000.00		€15,000.00
	Wild Kildare Swift Conservation Project		€2,500.00		€2,500.00
	Historic Graveyard Network		€2,000.00		€2,000.00
		€45,000.00	€236,715.00	€0.00	€281,715.00
	Libraries & Arts				
	Music Generation Initiative		€14,000.00		€14,000.00
	Music and Health Programme (Dementia Choirs)		€6,000.00		€6,000.00
	Supplement to Culture Night		€2,500.00		€2,500.00
	Youth Theatre and Young Film Makers		€2,500.00		€2,500.00
	Arts Bursary		€2,000.00		€2,000.00
	Overhead scanner for Historic Archives		€10,000.00		€10,000.00

			€0.00	€37,000.00	€0.00	€37,000.00
Environmental Services						
	Tidy Towns Competitions		€19,220.00			€19,220.00
	Residents Association Grants		€18,785.00			€18,785.00
	Sponsored Litter Bins		€15,000.00			€15,000.00
	Supplement to Res Assoc Grants Scheme			€20,000.00		€20,000.00
	Supplement to Tidy Towns Projects			€20,000.00		€20,000.00
	Sub Total		€53,005.00	€40,000.00	€0.00	€93,005.00
Recreation & Amenity						
	Parks & Landscaping MD Budget		€78,000.00			€78,000.00
	Playgrounds MD Budget		€38,500.00			
	Maynooth MD Playground Development Fund			€50,000.00		€50,000.00
	Supplement to Tree Surgery & Planting Budget			€25,000.00		€25,000.00
	Sports Inclusion Disability Programme			€3,500.00		€3,500.00
	Get Kildare Walking Programme			€3,000.00		€3,000.00
	Primary Schools Programme - Kildare Sports Partnership			€3,000.00		€3,000.00
	Supplement to Parks Department			€4,000.00		€4,000.00
	Sub Total		€116,500.00	€88,500.00		€166,500.00
Housing & Architectural Services						
	Clane Friary Repairs to walls			€1,000.00		€1,000.00
	Sub Total		€0.00	€1,000.00		€1,000.00
Total			€214,505.00	€650,215.00	€198,589.00	€984,009.00
Carry forward from 2018						
	Maynooth MD Office (Estimate)			€114,000.00		€114,000.00
	Community CCTV supplement			€100,000.00		€100,000.00
	Maynooth Town Twinning (carry forward from 2018)			€5,000.00		€5,000.00
Requests received - no funding available in 2019						
	Hope Cottage Family Support Service (Kill)		€12,100.39			
	Sensational Kids (Newbridge)		€10,000.00			

