Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 01 May 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber

Members Present: Councillors B. Wyse (Cathaoirleach), T. Durkan, W. Durkan, A. Feeney, D. Fitzpatrick, D. Phelan, P. McEvoy and P. Mulroe.

Members Online: Councillor P. Ward and P. Melrose.

Officials Present: Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. M. McLoughlin, (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. T. Shanahan (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms. É. Lavelle (County Arts Officer), Ms. T. Dalton (Management Accountant), Ms. C. Talbot (Administrative Officer), Ms. M. O'Brien (Administrative Officer), Mr. B. O'Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor B. Wyse (Cathaoirleach) welcomed everyone to the Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting of 01 May 2026.

CM01/0526

Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

There were no declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

CM02/0526

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 10 April 2026, including the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 10 April 2026 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0526

Municipal District Road Works Programme

General Works:

The roadside gullies and water cuts are currently being cleaned across the district. The crews are prepping roads for Surface Dressing Round 1 which will commence 25 May for two weeks with an additional week later in the summer. As this work is totally weather dependent dates may vary for schemes, but Kildare County Council website will be updated.

Local Property Tax (LPT) Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2026.

Roads Programme 2026

Road Improvement Schemes 2026

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Status
LP	L2007	Straffan Bridge	Complete
R	R403	Richardstown	Complete
LS,LT	L7074	Roberstown	Tendered
LT	L70841	Ballintine	Tendered
LS	L5040	Confert South	Tendered
LS	L 5008	Clogherinoe	Design
R	R403	Derrinturn	Design
R	R401	Bracknagh	Design
LP	L1004	Dunfierth	Design
R	R414	Allenwood South	Design
R	R403	Allenwood	Design
LP	L1019	Cooleragh	Design
LS	L7081	Mylerstown	Design
LP	L1008	Hortlands	Design
R	L5042	Crinstown	Tendered
LS	L5073	Garvoge	Design
LS	L5022	Rathmore	Design
LS	L5009	Painstown	Design
LS	L5004	Kilrainy	Design

Road Maintenance Schemes 2026

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Status
L	2004	Ballysize	Design
L	2004	Barrettstown	Design
L	5025	Drehid	Design
L	5013	Mucklon	Design
L	5021	Island Road	Design
L	5003	Cornamucklagh	Design
L	50031	Garriskker	Design
L	5009	Killinagh	Design
L	5041	Treadstown	Design
L	5037	Donaghstown	Design
L	5039	Gragadder	Design
L	5034	Clonshanbo	Design
L	5016	Grange	Design
L	5041	Laragh	Design
R	403	Downings	Design
R	414	Lullymore Road	Design
R	403	Killinagh	Design

Climate Adaptation Schemes 2026

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Status
R	R414	Lullymore East	Tendered

Former National Roads 2026

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Status
R	R148	Killbrook	Design

Safety Improvement Works 2026

- R403 Dag Welds Cross
- R403 Brockagh Prosperous to Allenwood
- R402 West of Carbury at Clonkeen
- R408 Southwest of Maynooth at Crinstown

Drainage: A tender has been awarded for drainage works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

R415 Allen	Complete
L1023 Betaghstown	Complete
R403 Prosperous	Complete
L50242 Drehid	Complete
L1002 Clonuff	Complete
L2004 Fleshtown	Complete

Footpaths: A tender has been awarded for footpath works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

Braydon Pk Kilcock	Complete
L7081 Kilmeague Rd Prosperous	Complete
Brookfield Maynooth	Construction Stage
Meadowbrook Rd	Complete
L1013 Dunboyne Rd. Maynooth.	Complete
L5035 Painstown Rd. Rathcoffey	Complete

A tender has been awarded for footpath works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

Greenfield Drive, Maynooth	Onsite
Carton Court, Maynooth	Onsite
Oak Lawns, Kilmeague	Awarded
St Brigids Terrace, Clane	Awarded

The report was noted.

CM04/0526

Residual 2025/2026 LPT Allocations

The report outlining the residual 2025/ 2026 LPT allocations for the Municipal District was circulated to members for consideration.

In addition Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that LPT funding for Robertstown Eco Park had previously been agreed by the members at €40,000 per annum over three years, totalling €120,000. It was agreed that this would be listed on the agenda for the June monthly meeting for consideration and approval.

Councillor McEvoy noted that due process for monies allocated to Christmas lights should always be followed.

Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager) informed the members that there is an established grant process in relation to Christmas lights and that due process and proper diligence is undertaken in relation to all allocations of monies.

	Elected Member	Project	Department	Total Agreed LPT
Community	Cllr. Angela Feeney	Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee	Community	€4,500
	Cllr. Angela Feeney	printer	Community	€1,000
	Cllr. Angela Feeney	Maynooth ICA - Roof repairs	Community	€2,500
	Cllr. Angela Feeney	Straffan Community for replacement of emergency safety doors	Community	€4,000
	Cllr. Angela Feeney	Kilcock Heritage Trail communication/publicity materials	Community	€5,000
	Cllr. Angela Feeney	Council	Community	€3,000
	Cllr. Angela Feeney	**2025 Funds roll over -** Heritage Maynooth 850th celebration	Community	€5,000
	Cllr. Donna Phelan	Maynooth Christmas Lights	Community	€11,000
	Cllr. Donna Phelan	Craoibh Mhaigh Nuad Fleadh Ceoil Festival	Community	€8,000
	Cllr. Donna Phelan	Maynooth Community First Responders	Community	€5,000
	Cllr. Donna Phelan	Maynooth ICA	Community	€4,000
	Cllr. Donna Phelan	Maynooth 850 Group	Community	€2,000
	Cllr. Tim Durkan	Kilcock Community Project	Community	€23,500
Transport	Cllr. Angela Feeney	Footpath repairs Greenfield Drive and Leinster Park Maynooth	MD Office	€10,000
	Cllr. Paula Mulroe	Funding originally assigned to Traffic calming Downings North Prosperous re-assigned to the accessibility fund	MD Office	€16,000

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all present the residual 2025/ 2026 LPT allocations for the Clane Maynooth Municipal District were approved.

CM05/0526

'No Through Road' Sign, Leinster Street, Maynooth

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

That the council erects a 'No Through Road' sign at the entrance of Leinster Street, Maynooth.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor T. Durkan.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will arrange for this sign to be installed on Leinster Street.

Councillor Feeney thanked the department for the report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM06/0526

Right Turn Lane, Mullen Park Link Road to Straffan Road

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

That the council undertakes a review of the right turn lane from Mullen Park Link Road, Maynooth to the Straffan Road.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Melrose and seconded by Councillor Feeney.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that an initial review of the traffic signals was undertaken when the Mullen Park Road was built.

As new traffic patterns have evolved the junctions in this region have been scheduled for a review, this shall include the operation and synchronisation of the right-hand filter lane.

Councillor Melrose said he was happy to see that a review will take place.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that there is also an issue with the traffic light sequencing.

The Municipal District Engineer, informed the members that he will have a look at this issue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Melrose, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM07/0526

Road Safety Measures, Mill Lane, Kilcock

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

That the council considers traffic calming or road safety measures on Mill Lane, Kilcock.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Melrose and seconded by Councillor Mulroe.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will arrange for a traffic count and speed survey to be carried out on Mill Lane. The results of this survey will determine the appropriate course of action in line with the Traffic Calming Guidelines for Kildare.

Councillor Melrose thanked the department for the report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Melrose, seconded by Councillor Mulroe and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM08/0526

Repainting Disabled Parking Bay, Main Street Maynooth

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

That the council undertakes the repainting of the disabled parking bay on Main Street, Maynooth outside O'Neill's Public House and the disabled parking bay located at the side of The Roost Bar, to ensure they are clearly visible and accessible for those who require them.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the line marking contractor for Kildare County Council has been requested to carry out these markings and they will be completed in the coming weeks.

Councillor Phelan thanked the department for the report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM09/0526

Repair and resurfacing of Buckley's Court Back Lane in Maynooth

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

That the council undertakes the repair and resurfacing of Buckley's Court back lane in Maynooth, and if there is insufficient budget to complete the works in 2026, that it be included as a priority in the 2027 Programme of Works.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will carry out an assessment of this location to determine what works are required. This location is not included in the 2026 road works programme and will be considered for the 2027 programme.

Councillor Phelan enquired if anti-skid measures could also be considered at this location.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM10/0526

Review the Road Signage, Clane

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

That the council examines opportunities, where appropriate, to review the road signage to advise drivers of potential for vehicles turning into Mainham Cemetery and Clongowes Wood College from the R407 Kilcock Road, Clane, particularly in light of increased traffic volumes and queuing times to cross the 80 km/h road safely.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will carry out a traffic survey at the location to determine the speed and volumes of vehicles on the R407. This information will be used to assist with the decision in relation to signage. All signage will be in accordance with the traffic signs manual issued by the Department of Transport.

Members noted the following:

- Driver behaviour plays a part in road safety.
- This is an open road and signage is needed.
- Increased traffic volumes on this road.
- Open stretch of road and difficult to cross.
- Area can be very busy as College and Cemetery at this location.
- Funerals here also make the area busy.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the department for the report and asked that the signage be looked at as both road signs and the signs for Mainham Cemetery are not in good He further noted that it may also help if the earth bank at this location were to be extended.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to look at both road signs and signs at Mainham Cemetery and revert to Councillor McEvoy. All signage will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual issued by the Department of Transport.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor W. Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM11/0526

Link with Local Rail Services from Clane, Prosperous and Environs

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

That the council engages with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and relevant stakeholders to explore the feasibility of providing a shuttle bus to link up with local rail services at peak hours from Clane, Prosperous and environs.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Team informing the members that Kildare County Council does not have a role in the scheduling of public transport services. We will however, forward this suggestion to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the service provider for consideration. Where a new route is deemed feasible by the NTA and the service provider, the council will work with all parties to provide the required stop approvals at existing bus stops or provide new bus stops/infrastructure where required.

Councillor Mulroe welcomed the report and said that anything that could be done would be welcomed.

Councillor McEvoy noted that a Mobility Forum is in place in other Local Authorities and maybe this could be explored and any engagement with those who could progress this would be good. He noted that not all service providers information is integrated on the same application.

Councillor Feeney noted that she hoped the NTA would take up the invitation to meet and that she supported the motion.

Councillor Wyse noted that the 821 bus is a great success and all options should be explored.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the department for the report and engagement with the NTA and noted that levels of congestion in this area are huge and anything to help would be appreciated. She noted that the siloing of buses and train services was not good and strongly supported the idea of the Mobility Forum.

Mr. M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport Department, noted that there will be engagement on this with the NTA and the service provider and Kildare County Council will work with all parties to provide bus stops or infrastructure where required.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Mulroe, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM12/0526

Review of Road Signage in Prosperous

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

That the council carries out a review of road signage in the Prosperous area to ensure its accuracy and maintain the existing local signage.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will carry out a review of the signage in Prosperous and make any required amendments and improvements.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the department for the report and noted also that signs are pointing in the wrong direction and some have also been knocked down.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Mulroe, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM13/0526

Council Engages Google Maps to Explore Options to Advise Drivers

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

That the council engages with Google Maps to explore options to advise drivers, particularly HGV drivers, to avoid Clane Main Street in preparation for the opening of the Capdoo Link Road extension, having regard to the intensity of traffic pattern changes experienced during the recent road blockages.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Transport Department will make contact with Google Maps in respect of the motion, once the road is taken in charge.

Councillor McEvoy noted that cyclists are reluctant to cycle in Clane, as there are a huge number of HGVs on the roads in the area and he also noted that Main Street, Clane is a regional road. He also enquired if the Ring Road has been taken in charge.

Members noted the following:

- Welcomed the motion, as Google Maps can advise drivers, particularly HGV drivers, to avoid Clane Main Street.

- There is a high volume of HGV's on Clane Main Street.
- The areas that these are diverted to have a lot of pedestrian traffic and other road users and consideration of this situation needs to be addressed.
- HGV satellite navigations do not all use Google Maps and therefore other companies should also be engaged.

Mr. M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport Department, informed the members that satellite navigation directs traffic through the fastest route.

Councillor McEvoy noted that it must be made clear to Google Maps that HGV's should not be directed onto Clane Main Street. He informed the members that 16,000 vehicles per day use Sallins Road, this is an increase of approximately 35% in a 9 or 10 year period. He noted that Google have a responsibility to consider the safety of road users and pedestrians when creating maps.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor W. Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM14/0526

Reduce Speeding on R407 Portgloriam, Kilcock

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

That the council outlines what measures can be put in place to reduce speeding on the R407 Portgloriam, Kilcock and if they will make a statement on the matter.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that speed enforcement is a matter for An Garda Síochána. The Municipal District Office can liaise with An Garda Síochána around times where speeding may be identified.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that the Go Safe Van and the An Garda Síochána speed camera have been present in this location previously. A speed survey could be carried out here to see what measures can be put in place to reduce speed, as this is an issue for residents in the area.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the speed radar can be used at this location, and Kildare County Council can liaise with An Garda Síochána with their findings. He noted that this is a regional road so will have to look at what measure are possible here.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM15/0526

Resurface Road, Kilmeague to Mylerstown Cross

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

That the council resurfaces the road from Kilmeague to Mylerstown Cross where it needs attention.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this road is included in the 2026 road works programme. It is estimated that the works will be carried out during Q2/Q3.

Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked the department for the report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Phelan and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM16/0526

Streetlights at Clonkeen Cross on the R402, Carbury

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

Can the council provide a costing for the provision of streetlights at Clonkeen Cross on the R402 to include the junction, footpath and bus stop areas?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Team informing the members that the request for the provision of public lighting at Clonkeen Cross on the R402, including the junction, footpath and bus stop areas, has been assessed in accordance with the council's Public Lighting Policy. Clonkeen Cross is classified as a Category B location, being a rural area of low district brightness that is currently unlit. Under this category, public lighting is not provided as a standalone measure and is only considered where it forms part of a broader engineering scheme to address identified road safety issues.

Councillor W. Durkan informed the members that this location is on the R402 on the road to Edenderry. He noted that there is a footpath to a bus stop and residents do not feel safe as a result of the lack of lighting. The report identifies the area as a Category B location and it seems that urban locations are prioritised ahead of rural locations. He noted that over time this policy creates a gap, resulting in a bias being built into a policy that functions like this. He also noted that he requested a costing, and no details are provided in the report. He advised that he would follow up with a CRM on this element.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he will follow up on this matter and revert to Councillor W. Durkan.

The report was noted.

CM17/0526

Develop Walking and Cycling Connection between Schools in Clane

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

Can the council update the Committee on progress in developing a walking and cycling connection between the schools on the R403 Prosperous Road, Clane, and the L1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane, as part of the Safe Routes to School Scheme (Round 2)?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Team are engaging with the landowners between the R403 Prosperous Road, Clane, and the 1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane to obtain agreement on the proposed route for the pedestrian and cyclist link.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the department for the report. He noted that traffic in Clane is intensive and this link could serve 30 to 40% of the school going population who are currently using Main Street, Clane.

The report was noted.

CM18/0526

Reports on Vehicle Collisions occurring at Firmount Cross, Clane

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

Can the council advise the Committee on any required role in making reports on vehicle collisions that occur at Firmount Cross near the junction of the R403, L2002 to Millicent, L5076 to Firmount and L6001 to Killybegs?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that following all fatal road collisions, Kildare County Council engineering staff meet An Garda Síochana on site to complete a detailed LA16 Collision Report. This report is a detailed record of the accident containing site specific engineering information, road and environmental characteristics, collision details provided by An Garda Síochana and all other relevant information. Currently road collisions are reported to An Garda Síochana and subsequently

the Road Safety Authority (RSA) who provides collision data to the Department of Transport Support Office (DoTSO) which issues an annual Regional and Local Roads Network Safety Analysis Report for each County. This report is an evidence-based assessment of collision data in the County and outlines potential locations of Interest on the Regional and Local Road Network. The report is used by the Local Authority when making funding applications to the Department of Transport for Safety Improvement Schemes. Currently, the RSA do not provide collision data directly to Local Authorities. The Government are currently preparing legislation to allow this data to be shared with Local Authorities. It is expected that this legislation will be in place later this year providing Local Authorities with detailed collision information to support evidence-based road safety interventions. The Firmount Crossroads has been identified for a junction improvement project as part of ten locations across the County subject to resource and funding constraints.

Councillor McEvoy referenced Firmount Cross as an example of the National problem, and that with the increase in car use this means junctions are unable to cope. He enquired as to how long the Junction Improvement Scheme was in operation. He also noted that there are constraints around every junction and that it would be good to get feedback on collisions and accidents at junctions from the Road Safety Committee.

Mr. M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport Department acknowledged that works on junctions are happening slower than anticipated, due to both staffing and financial constraints. He noted that feeding information through the Road Safety Working Group is a good point. He added that he would revert to Councillor McEvoy in relation to a timeline for works at Firmount Cross.

Councillor McEvoy requested the Road Safety Working Group explore junctions that are completed and to be completed, and if appropriate feed this information back to members to enable oversight of issues that are occurring in the Municipal District.

The report was noted.

CM19/0526

Road Repairs, Straffan Village to Bridge over River Liffey

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

Can the council confirm when road repairs will be carried out on the road from Straffan Village to the bridge over the Liffey River?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the road resurfacing works scheduled for 2026 on the road works programme were completed during the schools Easter holidays in April to try and minimise disruption.

The report was noted.

CM20/0526

Possible Compulsory Purchase Order of Fair Green in Kilcock

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

Can the council confirm if Irish Rail have made any contact with Kildare County Council in relation to the possible Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of the Fair Green in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council has had no discussions with Irish Rail in respect of this site; however, the council have advised Irish Rail through the current public consultation process that the Fair Green is owned by the council.

A further report was received from the Integration and Strategic Property Management Team informing the members that the Property Interest Register Team are not aware of any proposed Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Fair Green in Kilcock.

Councillor T. Durkan noted the reports informed of a proposal to remove Fair Green and the Mass Cross and said that while he is supportive of DART+ there are parts of the plans which need to be looked at. He advised that historical and residents groups in Kilcock have concerns. He said there were seven ring forts in the area, five have been destroyed and

only two remain. He mentioned that built heritage and archaeology need to be considered. He informed the members that Irish Rail had sold land near this area which could have been used and that there is a Substation on the land they have now identified. He noted that the people of Kilcock are protective of Fair Green and that engagement with Irish Rail in relation to this matter is required.

Mr. M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport Department noted that the council have advised Irish Rail through the current public consultation process that the Fair Green is owned by the council. He advised that the council would continue to engage with Irish Rail.

The report was noted.

CM21/0526

Opening Date for Ring Road, Clane

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

Can the council confirm when the ring road in Clane is due to open?

A report was received from the Capital Projects Team informing the members that the contractor hopes to have all works completed by the end of April 2026. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit must then be completed and any issues identified must be addressed. All items identified in the Snag List will need to be resolved. It is hoped that the road will open to traffic in the next 4-6 weeks.

Councillor Fitzpatrick accepted the report.

The report was noted.

CM22/0526

Expression of Interest Log on Clogherinkoe Serviced Sites

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

Can the council provide an update on the expression of interest log on the Clogherinkoe Serviced Sites?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Kildare County Council has previously made 7 serviced sites available in Clogherinkoe. These sites were initially advertised for sale in November 2024. Due to a poor response, the sites were readvertised on 27th January 2025, again there was limited uptake. The Variation to the County Development Plan (CDP) and more specifically page 41-42 of the document available here, seeks to insert a table specific to serviced sites. The table sets out that an applicant must provide proof of residence for a 10-year period and be within a 10 km radius. If the variation is approved by the members, it should open the sites to more potential applicants. The council will be required to publish the statutory notice to advertise the schemes for two weeks in advance of opening the portal for applications. The portal will open for a minimum of three weeks. If the variation is approved, it is planned to commence the work on this in Q2. The council will again work with the Municipal District members to raise the awareness of serviced sites (including the updated requirements, if the members approve the CDP variation), we will also work with the council's Communications Officer to focus a social media campaign.

Councillor Fitzpatrick accepted the report.

The report was noted.

CM23/0526

Collection and Allocation of Development Levies in Maynooth

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

Can the council provide a detailed breakdown of where development levies collected from housing developments in Maynooth are allocated, including how much is retained within the

Clane–Maynooth Municipal District and what specific projects or infrastructure these funds have been used to support locally?

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that a split between development contributions collected on residential and commercial development is not available.

The Development Contribution Scheme for 2023 – 2029 was adopted by members at the Council meeting held on the 19th of December 2022 and came into effect for seven years from the 01 January 2023. The development contributions in this scheme estimated that €14.4m of development contributions would be generated in Kildare per annum. The scheme as adopted divides development contributions received as follows:

Transportation, Surface Water and Flooding – Countywide	60%
Community and Civic – MD element	32%
Community and Civic – General element	8%

(Community and Civic covers the areas of Community, Environment, Economic Development, Public Realm, Open Spaces and Recreation.)

At the Budget meeting held on the 17th of November 2026, the members noted the Capital Programme 2026 – 2028, the programme sets out the proposed capital projects on both a countywide and Municipal District basis. Development Contributions are used for the provision of public infrastructure, as outlined in Section 48 of the Planning and development Act 2000 as amended.

Below is a schedule of public infrastructure projects in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District which have been funded by Development Contributions over the last 5 years.

Kilcock Community Facility (Bawnogues)	Allenwood playground
Clane Scouts Den	Clane Library
Carbury Community Building	Prosperous Town Park
Maynooth Outer Orbital Route	Derrinturn Playground
Improvement works Moyglare Road Maynooth	Harbour Field Playground Maynooth
Realignment Dunboyne Road Maynooth	Bawnogues Amenity Lands
Clane Inner Relief Road	Bawnogues Playground
Maynooth Municiapl District Drainage works	Carton Avenue Maynooth
Maynooth Eastern Ring Road	Allenwood Community Centre
Maynooth Community Centre Fire Stn Site	

Councillor Phelan noted that her question was not answered in the report as she had requested amounts and instead received details in percentages.

Ms. T. Dalton from the Finance Department informed the members that this figure is not available, but that over the past five years approximately €6m was reinvested locally, along with approved Capital Programmes.

The report was noted.

CM24/0526

Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2026

Councillor Wyse welcomed the new County Arts Officer, Ms. É. Lavelle to her first Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting, in her role as Arts Officer. He noted that the members are very supportive of the Arts Service in the Municipal District.

Ms. É. Lavelle informed the members that the Arts Service seek approval for nine applications across five awards representing five different art forms to a value of €15,950. Clane Maynooth Municipal District is lucky to be home, in particular to a strong Visual Arts Community. She also noted that a wide range of art forms are also represented.

First Name	Surname	Municipal Distri	Arts Grant / Scheme	Brief description	Award value €
Marie	Farrington	Clane - Maynooth	Arts Act Grant 2026	Engage in crucial process-@led testing and material research through studio time at Temple Bar Studios. Critically develop the material vocabulary of my work through moldmaking, feeding into expansive new bodies of work Conduct studio visits with curators towards future exhibition opportunities	2500
Sarah	Baxter	Clane - Maynooth	Arts Act Grant 2026	Following our previous successful collaboration, to work with writer Hugh Travers on the development of a draft of a new play, In From The Cold. To follow this development and writing work with a one day workshop with four professional actors.	1750
Shane	Hynan	Clane - Maynooth	Arts Act Grant 2026	I plan to undertake an embedded three month residency in Berlin in early 2027 and spend a sustained period of time researching and developing new work exploring the overlap of my structural engineering background and my photographic practice. This will form the foundation for the next major body of work.	1750
Collette	Kelly	Clane - Maynooth	Arts Act Grant 2026	Our choir proposes to invite an orchestra to join us for our Christmas Concerts in 2026.	750
Clane Musical	Society	Clane - Maynooth	Arts Act Grant 2026	The Society is staging the pantomime Freezin from the 22nd to the 25th January 2026 in The Westgrove Hotel, Clane. The cast includes forty five children aged six to sixteen, fifteen senior cast and chorus, three Production team members, five stage-crew, twelve chaperones, and team of eight for front-of house	750
Marie	Farrington	Clane - Maynooth	Dennis O'Driscoll Literary E	I am applying to support the development of a collection of essays under the working title â€¨Diagonal Acts,â€™ exploring meaning, memory and mortality through the sculptural position of the diagonal line. The award would enable a crucial period of critical engagement with research and writing, towards my first nonfiction book.	1500
Fíona	Scarlett	Clane - Maynooth	First Fortnight Award	I will spend nine months developing 'Then Sing Your Soul Down', a contemporary literary novel looking at the toxicity and fascination with fame and its effects on mental health, and also provide a series of intimate creative writing workshops for mental wellbeing entitled 'Writing Well' at Riverbank Arts Centre.	4000

Pauline	Keena	Clane - Maynooth	Research & Thinking Award	This project is the next stage of an established international collaboration with French novelist Camille Laurens and Dr. Loic Bourdeau, Maynooth University and myself. Through clinical engagement with visual art at a large Dublin hospital and the University we want to examine and reflect on the meaning of care.	2200
Shane	Hynan	Clane - Maynooth	Tyrone Guthrie Centre Resi	Following a major solo exhibition and tour or my Beneath | Beofhas project I'm looking to spend some time on residency, dedicated solely to writing, and developing writing ideas and projects I've had in recent years but not had time or space to ponder or explore adequately.	750
Total Awards €				**€**	**15,950.00**

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Mulroe and agreed by the members the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2026 for Clane-Maynooth Municipal District were approved.

CM25/0526

Development of Maynooth Health Centre

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

That the council writes to the Health Service Executive (HSE) regarding the development of Maynooth Health Centre given the shortage of available General Practitioner (GP) places to meet current and growing population needs.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor T. Durkan.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that this is a matter for members to agree.

Councillor Feeney welcomed the report and noted the need for a Primary Care Centre for Maynooth. She noted that discussions are ongoing and the Health Centre is underutilised, with people being directed to other areas for health care. She said General Practitioners (GPs) are looking for property in Maynooth to set up or expand practices. The Maynooth Health Centre building is large and we need to write to the Health Service Executive (HSE) regarding its development, given the shortage of available General Practitioner (GP) places to meet current and growing population needs. She referred to potentially reigniting the

in-committee discussions which used to take place in the Municipal District with the HSE, to enable the members to inform people in the locality.

Members noted the following:

- Additional GP capacity is required in Maynooth.
- Maynooth has a population of over c.20,000, together with approximately c.16,000 students, giving a combined population of c.36,000 in and around the town.
- Residents are travelling to Clane and Kilcock to access medical services.
- Members supported the motion as an interim measure while continuing to advocate for a Primary Care Centre in Maynooth.
- It was suggested that flexibility in the use of rooms within the building be referenced in the letter.
- Members noted that there are eight rooms in the building and that these appear to be underutilised.
- It was noted that doctors are endeavouring to meet demand, with patients travelling from as far as Meath to access services in Clane.
- Members agreed that these issues should be clearly highlighted in correspondence to the HSE.
- It was noted that the people of Maynooth are entitled to improved access to local medical services.

Councillor Wyse advised Councillor Feeney to liaise with the Meetings Administrator regarding the content of the letter.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager noted the Community Department has rich data available in relation to population and diversity which should be included in the letter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted and a letter issue to the HSE.

CM26/0526

Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)

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

That the council invites Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) to provide an annual briefing to members within the municipal district on progress to date regarding the ongoing River Basin Management Plan works in this municipal district.
This is a matter for members to agree.

The motion was proposed by Councillor W. Durkan and seconded by Councillor T. Durkan.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that this is a matter for members to agree.

Councillor W. Durkan commended the work of LAWPRO and Teagasc representatives at the recent Johnstownbridge meeting. He noted that the River Basin Management Plan highlights the poor quality of waterways in this part of the county and that an annual briefing would provide the committee with a useful overview of activity in the municipal district.

Councillor McEvoy noted the positive role of LAWPRO and that the National Parks and Wildlife Service may also have a role in relation to under-resourced Special Areas of Conservation. He supported the motion and noted that it would be beneficial to invite to LAWPRO requesting them to address the members.

Councillor Wyse supported the motion and noted that LAWPRO communicates effectively and that it would be beneficial to invite them.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that the way in which LAWPRO conducts its business with stakeholders is not about pointing fingers but about providing solutions, a holistic approach and anything that can be done to support them would be great.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted and a letter be written to LAWPRO.

CM27/0526

Update on Correspondence with OPW relating to Maynooth Castle

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

Can the council confirm if any response has been received from the Office of Public Works (OPW) regarding correspondence issued last October about the development of Maynooth Castle?

A report was received from the Corporate Services informing the members that an Invitation to attend a Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting was sent to the Office of Public Works (OPW) on 03 November 2025 and an acknowledgement of receipt of this correspondence was received from the OPW but no commitment to attend the meetings.

Follow up correspondence providing details of further Municipal District meeting dates was sent to the OPW on 16 April 2026 and a response is awaited.

Councillor Feeney noted that the matter had first been raised in October 2025 and that Phase 2 of the Maynooth Castle works was to include an Auditorium and Roof. She noted that this is time-sensitive as the current approval is due to expire in 2027. She added that correspondence had issued eight months previously without response and suggested that the matter remain on the progress report for the coming months, with further escalation to the Minister if no progress is seen to be made.

Councillor Wyse expressed concern at the lack of response to the request to attend a meeting and noted the importance of engagement with the Municipal District members.

Councillor Feeney requested, with the agreement of the members, that a letter issue to the Minister without delay, as the current approval is due to expire in 2027.

Councillor Wyse noted that a reminder letter could be issued to the OPW and if no response is received that a motion could then be submitted requesting the referral of the matter to the Minister.

The report was noted.

CM28/0526

Cuir Chun Cinn an Ghaeilge

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

An bhféadfaidh an bhliain seo chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn a leagan amach?

Can the council outline any plans or projects in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District this year to promote the Irish language?

A report was received from the Irish Language Officer, Corporate Services Department, informing the members that Kildare County Council supports Irish-language and bilingual initiatives in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District primarily through Kildare Library and Arts Service and Coiste Gaeilge Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara (the Council's Irish language committee), with Irish-language and bilingual elements also incorporated across wider Council programmes and festivals.

The following outlines the key plans and initiatives currently being progressed within the Municipal District.

- Kildare Library Service delivers a designated Irish-language programme, Leabharlann le Gaeilge. The programme includes Irish-language and bilingual (Irish–English) events across the county, online Irish-language classes for adults, and activities for all ages, creating opportunities for communities to meet, use Irish, and engage with Irish culture and heritage. Provision is particularly strong in Maynooth Library, where a weekly Ciorcal Comhrá is hosted each Tuesday. In addition, literacy, crafts, music and cultural events are provided through Irish and on a bilingual basis. Leabharlann le Gaeilge and Maynooth University also collaborate to host the annual literary event An Tolg Liteartha, which is broadcast on Raidió na Gaeltachta.

- Kildare Arts Service administers arts grants and funding opportunities available to artists working through the Irish language, and coordinates Kildare's annual Oíche Chultúir / Culture Night programme (September), which includes Irish-language and bilingual events.
- Kildare Library and Arts Service and Creative Ireland support Maynooth University's Scríbhneoir Cónaithe (Irish-language writer in residence) programme. In the context of this support, Maynooth University appointed an Irish-language writer in residence for the first time in twenty years. The 2025–2026 writer in residence, Dubhán Ó Longáin, performed at the launch of Maynooth University's Ár gCampas, Ár dTeanga, launched by Uachtarán na hÉireann, at which Kildare County Council's support was formally acknowledged.
- Maynooth University's Arts and Minds Festival, supported by Kildare County Council, includes a number of Irish-language events, including an Irish-language tour of Maynooth Castle; a picnic and pop-up Gaeltacht featuring a set-dancing group from Scoil Uí Riada in Kilcock; and a conversation with the Scríbhneoir Cónaithe (Irish-language writer in residence), Dubhán Ó Longáin.
  Maynooth University Arts and Minds Festival - Maynooth University
- Coiste Gaeilge Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara provides and administers a range of community-based initiatives within the Municipal District, including:
  - Language-planning supports for local organisations, including liaison and collaboration in respect of Fleadh Cheoil Chill Dara. The Council's Oifigeach Gaeilge, Muireann Ní Bheaglaoich, liaises with Gaeilge Nuada, the local group engaged in strategic language planning to develop Maigh Nuad as a Líonra Gaeilge (Irish Language Network). Maigh Nuad is currently at Stage 1 of Líonra development, and Gaeilge Nuada is supported through direct funding from Foras na Gaeilge, together with supports from Cill Dara le Gaeilge and Kildare County Council.
  - Irish Language Local Action Fund: Following approval of LPT funding, Coiste Gaeilge is progressing the roll-out of this initiative, which will extend the range of Irish-language supports that can be delivered at local community level.
  - Scéim na bhFáinní: This scheme supports increased use of the Irish language among sixth class pupils as they prepare for the transition to post-primary education. Schools may obtain further information via the Irish-language section

of the Council's website ('Cúrsaí Gaeilge') or directly from the Oifigeach Gaeilge or their local representative on Coiste Gaeilge. The scheme has also been featured by TG4 (Cúla4 News).

- Scéim Gaeilge do Chách (Irish for All): This scheme can support accessible in-person Irish-language classes locally and can assist with the costs associated with Irish-language immersion courses in the Gaeltacht. The scheme is focused on equity of access and is underpinned by the principle that Irish is for everyone.
- Coiste Gaeilge has received funding from the Clane–Maynooth Municipal District to support Lá Spraoi Teaghlaigh. In 2024, Councillor Donna Phelan worked with Gaeilge Nuada and event organisers to support additional measures to facilitate an autism-friendly event. Coiste Gaeilge has engaged with Gaeilge Nuada in relation to this year's event, which is proposed to take place in Maynooth University during August. The Council's Oifigeach Gaeilge also supports promotion of the event, including publicity and inclusion on relevant local and national listings (including Heritage Week, as applicable).
- A member of Coiste Gaeilge (Councillor Donna Phelan) and the Council's Oifigeach Gaeilge attended a strategic language-planning meeting hosted by Gaeilge Nuada and Cill Dara le Gaeilge in relation to the group's objectives under Plean don Ghaeilge i gContae Chill Dara 2024–2030 (Irish Language Plan for County Kildare 2024–2030). Coiste Gaeilge will continue to engage with local language-planning meetings and events, recognising the voluntary work being undertaken to develop Maynooth as a Líonra Gaeilge (Irish Language Network).

Mr. B. O'Gorman, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services informed the members that there was engagement with the Irish Language Officer on this report and she will follow up with Councillor Melrose, if required.

Councillor Phelan advised that she is on Coiste Gaeilge and part of Maynooth University Arts and Minds and she can be contacted directly if members have any suggestions relating to the promotion of the Irish Language.

Councillor Melrose noted that Pop up Gaeltacht often take place in public houses and he added that people may wish to participate in events that incorporate the Irish language with

their families during the day and on that note it would be good if a review of other locations could be considered.

The report was noted.

CM29/0526

Out-of-Hours Emergency Contact Numbers

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

Can the council provide a clear protocol for elected members in this municipal district to access out-of-hours emergency contact numbers of who is on call at weekends?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the council has an established procedure in place for accessing out-of-hour's emergency contact arrangements in respect of urgent infrastructural matters arising outside normal working hours. Where contact is made with the Council outside office hours, callers are directed via a recorded message to the Council's out-of-hours emergency service telephone number (1800 500 444). This number operates as the central contact point for reporting out-of-hours emergencies. Calls are assessed and, where appropriate, the relevant service area is notified to ensure the matter is responded to in accordance with established procedures. The out-of-hours contact arrangements are kept under regular review, with contact details updated as required to reflect staff leave and personnel changes, ensuring the service remains current and effective.

Councillor Phelan enquired in relation to which area engineer is on call on weekends should an emergency occur.

Mr. B. O'Gorman informed the members that the out-of-hours protocol is explained in the report. Where contact is made with the council outside office hours, callers are directed via a recorded message to the council's out-of-hours emergency service telephone number to the appropriate people and report assessed. There are officials on call, there is a cascade of people who are called on. He advised that specific officials could not be named, but all calls are answered and triaged as necessary.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager noted that as this was an Uisce Éireann issue and Uisce Éireann is the organisation that should be contacted in the first instance.

The report was noted.

CM30/0526

Ascertain Use for Former Hotel in Robertstown

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

That the council immediately liaises with the owners of the former hotel in Robertstown to discuss uses for the building going forward.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that this property is not in the ownership of Kildare County Council. The property is a listed building under the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) (Planning).

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the members that he accepted the report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM31/0526

Protection and Historical Significance of Fair Green, Kilcock

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

That the council acknowledges the historical significance of the Fair Green, Kilcock and works towards adding it to a protected monuments and or structures list.

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

A report was received from the Forward Planning including Heritage and Nature informing the members that it should be noted that KD005-030: Cross - Market cross (Fair green Kilcock) is included on the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) and refers to a small, rectangular, granite (sic) cross base with a broad mortice in its upper surface, traditionally used as a coffin-resting stone. The Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) is a statutory, comprehensive list of Irish archaeological sites and monuments protected under the Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023. Furthermore, the Water Pump is also included on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) Ref 11802036.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he fully supports DART +, it will bring employment for people in the town although some issues still remain. Regarding Fair

Green it is good to see that it is listed on the Records of Monuments and Places (RMP). He added that people do not want to see Fair Green destroyed as residents use this area and children play football on the green. He further noted that Irish Rail sold land in 2015 which could have been used for parking. He mentioned that seventy meters to the west, on the far side of the bridge, would be a suitable place for parking with access also from the bridge and this would not affect traffic coming into the town. He informed that a local historian provides a full history of the cross, the pump and the ring fort. He said DART + needs to work around these issues and find a way to protect both the ring fort and Fair Green.

Members noted the following:

- Submissions deadline for DART + was this week and there was good consultation with the public.
- DART + are aware of the issues and it is hoped that they will listen to the wisdom of the people that live locally.
- It is good to recognise the heritage value of the Fair Green and monuments.
- Prioritising cars at the car park near the gate rewards cars and that cyclists, pedestrians and buses should also be accommodated.
- Green areas are very important and need to be part of the conversation.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM32/0526

Overview of all Renewable Energy Infrastructure in the Municipal District

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

Can the council provide an overview of all renewable energy infrastructure with an active (including under appeal) or granted planning application within the municipal district, to include solar and wind turbine infrastructure?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the list below sets out all renewable energy infrastructure within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District and an indication of their planning status.

Planning Reference and Applicant	**Location**	**Brief Description (see Planning Register for full description)**	**Planning Status**
16/1265 Power Capital Renewable Energy Limited	Dysart, Johnstown-bridge.	Solar: 10 year permission for the construction of up to 25 MW solar PV farm within a site area of 35.6 hectares and associated ancillary development.	Granted
17/535 Harmony Solar Smithstown Limited,	Smithstown and Roosk.	Solar: 10 year permission for a solar photovoltaic panel array within a site area of 25.04 hectares; and all ancillary works.	Granted
17/799 Vento Ludens Limited	Kishawanny Lower, Carbury.	Solar: 10 year permission for to construct and complete a Solar PV Energy development with a total site area of 8.60 hectares and associated ancillary development.	Granted

18/94 Renewable Energy Systems Limited	Ovidstown Ballyvoneen Enfield.	Solar: Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm to generate renewable electricity on a 13.6 hectare (ha) site and associated ancillary development.	Granted
18/1514 Bord na Mona	Drehid	Solar: 10 year planning permission to develop a renewable energy development of solar photovoltaic arrays over a site of approximately 200ha and associated ancillary development.	Refused
18/1534 North Kildare Windfarm Ltd.	Ballynamullagh Coolree, Drehid, Dunfierth, Killyon, Kilmurry and Mulgeeth.	Wind: Development of a wind farm, recreation amenity trail and all associated works: up to 12 no. wind turbines with a tip height of up to 169 meters and all associated works.	Decision of ABP quashed by High Court Order.
19/1312 Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited	Ticknevin, Carbury.	Wind: 10 year planning permission on a 3.23 ha site for 1 turbine (with 8 additional turbines in County Offaly).	Granted
21/1256 Power Capital Renewable Energy Limited	Griffinrath, Celbridge.	Solar: 10 year permission for construction of a solar PV farm with an operational life of 35 years within a site area of 44.21 hectares and associated ancillary development.	Granted
22/327 Obton Ltd.	Carbury	Solar: 10 years to construct and complete a Solar PV Energy Development with a total site area of 121.55 hectares and an export	Granted

		capacity of 100MW and associated ancillary development.	
23/837 Carbury Compost Unlimited at Monaghan Mushrooms	Monaghan Mushrooms Drummin, Derrinturn	Solar: Construction of a photovoltaic solar farm comprising of 54 no. table solar panel arrays erected on ground mounted galvanised steel frames/support structures	Granted
23/60073 Coolcarrigan Farm Limited	Coolcarrig-an, Timahoe West	Solar: For an amendment to the granted planning (Planning Reference: 221203)	Granted
24/60568 Cadamstown Solar Limited	Mulgeeth and Mucklon	Solar: A 10 year permission to construct and complete a solar PV energy development with a total site area of 80.9 hectares, operational for 35 years. The export capacity to grid is estimated to be c. 56MW MEC.	Granted by An Bord Pleanala (Refused by KCC).
24/61180 Cadamstown Solar Limited	Townlands of Cadams-town, Ballina, Clonuff and Garrisker.	Solar: 10 year permission to construct and complete a solar PV Energy Development with a total site area of 173.3 hectares The solar farm would be operational for 40 years.	Refused by KCC. Currently on appeal to An Comisiún Pleanála.
25/60291 Cadamstown Solar Ltd.	Kilglass	Solar: 10 years to construct and complete a solar PV energy development with a total site area of 45.9 hectares, The solar farm would be operational for 35 years.	Refused by KCC. Currently on appeal

		The export capacity to grid is estimated to be c. 35MW MEC.	to An Comisiún Pleanála.
25/60111 Maynooth University	North Campus of Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	Solar: Installation of double row V-shaped duo-pitch and single row mono-pitch solar carports over the existing surface car park and associated works.	Granted

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the department for the comprehensive report and noted that the reason for the question was to see if any progress was being made. He also noted the volume of land area taken up with infrastructure. He said it was one of the most significant changes of character and land use to the municipal district, from agricultural to industrial, as it is usually rural areas that host developments of this nature. He noted that going forward consideration should be given to the impact of these projects on the municipal district. He welcome the move to sustainability, however he was also very conscious of the change to the character of the municipal district.

Ms. C. Talbot informed the members that the online GIS allows for the viewing of individual planning sites with further information requests, changes to an application and how they are granted and some that are fast tracked through the planning process. Further Information on how to use the website can be made available to members through the Planning Department.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take items 33 and 36 together.

CM33/0526

Premises in Municipal District as Youth-Friendly Spaces

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

That the council identifies any publicly owned or underutilised premises within the municipal district that may be repurposed to provide safe, accessible youth-friendly spaces, in line with the recommendations of the recent Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) report 'Nowhere to go…. Plenty to say'.

The motion was proposed by Councillor W. Durkan and seconded by Councillor Mulroe.

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the Community Department received the referenced report on April 20th and is reviewing the report. The KWETB report is available here: kwetb.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/KWETB-Report_WEB.pdf

The KWETB report contains a recommendation: "Liaise with local authorities and statutory and voluntary agencies to identify publicly owned or underutilised premises that could be repurposed to provide safe, accessible youth-friendly spaces." The needs of young people are varied and multi-faceted and require a collaborative inter-agency/multi-agency response that includes stakeholders such as parents, community members, service providers (statutory and community and voluntary), local representatives and others – local and national.

Reflecting this, Kildare Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) is the local structure that brings the key stakeholders together to agree shared priorities and actions to improve outcomes for children and young people in Co. Kildare. The Council contributes to the development and implementation of the CYPSC 3-Year Plan, along with other member organisations, which include KWETB, Tusla and In Sync Youth and Family Services, HSE, An Garda Síochána, among others. Kildare CYPSC is in the process of developing the next 3-Year Plan (2027-2029), which will involve cross-sectoral consultation.

There will be an opportunity for Kildare County Council staff and elected representatives to highlight concerns, gaps, needs as part of this process.

The motion calls for a survey, by the Council, of “any publicly owned or underutilised premises within the district”. It should be noted that mapping of existing services and related gaps forms part of each 3-Year Plan, and recommendations from local research, such as the recent KWETB report will inform the Plan. Kildare County Council welcomes the opportunity to explore through the CYPSC structure, along with inter-agency partners, how to progress the recommendations from the KWETB report. It is also noted, as flagged in the recently adopted Sports Plan, that schools were identified as under-utilised community facilities and it is suggested that in the consideration of suitable facilities for youth services across Kildare, as part of the CYPSC Plan that this should form part of consideration regarding suitable spaces. This clearly offers efficiencies and economies of scale in terms of public expenditure. The Council, via the Community Department currently own 7 properties in this District that are managed by a range of caretaker groups but can be booked by other groups and agencies for programme delivery, including for youth related services, subject to availability. Indeed, some of the groups referenced in KWETB report are already using some of these facilities.
These properties are listed here:

kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Community/communitycentres/

Councillor W. Durkan noted that the KWETB report outlines a lot of information on Youth Services available in the municipal district. Assessments such as deprivation indices are used in the report and this can highlight a gap in funding or service areas that everybody should be aware of. He thanked the department for the report and said the members need to look at any opportunities for these provisions to be brought to the municipal district.

Councillor Mulroe noted that the municipal district does good work providing Playgrounds, Robertstown Eco Park and the Skate Park, but they are under resourced for teenagers. For children who do not attend GAA or other expensive membership clubs, there is very little available. As we move forward we should involve and engage young people in the decision-making process and what they would like in relation to infrastructure. Also, consideration should be given to young women and girls, as they can be seen leaving

sports as they get older and everything should be done to encourage their continued participation.

Members noted the following:

- Concerns around young people's mental health.
- A large young population in the municipal district.
- Creche Model as a Community Model to give spaces to young people in the evenings and during weekends.
- Facilities would resolve a lot of youth issues.
- Need a voice for young people.
- Sports facilities in schools needs to be utilised.
- Recreational sports as well as competitive sports need to be examined.
- Get out - get active, we need a variety of programmes including sports.
- Pocket Community Areas with activities such as table tennis may seem small but they provide an outlet for young people.
- Local Authority collaboration with other services and organisations is key.
- Regional Assembly Economic and Special Plan is on the website for submissions.

Mr. T. Shanahan, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department informed the members that what the report reflects is that this is a collaborative space and resources are not available to investigate all public buildings (as per the motion), many of which would not be in council ownership in any event.

However, he advised that there may be an underutilisation of some spaces in council ownership. He advised that the council has, seven buildings/spaces. Contact will be made with the youth services section of KWETB to make them aware of what is available.

Funding is available for opening Youth Spaces, through KWETB and some are operating in council owned premises already. In Clane alone €40,000 has been invested to enhance the property where the Scouts are current caretakers. In 2027 an online booking system will be looked at so as to make these spaces more visible. Schools are a major public investment and community facility and access to schools after hours should not be an issue given there

are instances in other counties where this happens with collaboration and this needs to be progressed by KWETB, as per their report. Children are being brought into facilities at design stage and their recommendations taken on board and design changes. We want children and young people to play their part in design and collaboration.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager, informed the members that this is a busy space with many agencies such as TUSLA, KWETB, Kildare County Council and others all in different spaces and working and co-ordinating together. Everybody must make sure to maximise resources that are in our county. All of these agencies mentioned sit on CYPSC – Children and Young People Services Committee and she informed the members that she was the Vice Chair of CYPSC in Kildare. They would be looking at a new plan going forward. Looking at the population and how all resources will be maximised. It is important that young people are listened to in relation to consultation. Local Community Development Committee as an entity has all of the agencies around the table. Allenwood Playground has a space for young people to hang out and they are being incorporated into this space. There are a lot of large key infrastructure works coming into the municipal district in the future, for example in Maynooth, Kilcock and other areas.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Mulroe and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

The members agreed to take items 34 and 35 together.

CM34/0526

Update on vacated Fire Station site in Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update regarding the feasibility study on the vacated fire station site in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the Community Department took possession of the former Fire Station in Maynooth on March 3, 2026. Recognising the needs of Maynooth and its rapidly expanding population, our

intention is to deliver a high-quality community building that will support a wide range of activities, sports, and local groups; therefore, this project will require a significant investment of both time and financial resources.

At this early stage, is it apparent that due to the nature of the building, community needs, funding needs, and ongoing other uses of the site, that the project will be a long-term, 3 phase process, with the immediate focus upon the Fire Station building, and bringing as much of it into a usable condition for safe community use.

In that regard site investigations for the building have been commissioned, to establish certain structural matters. An energy audit is currently in its final stages, with the report expected shortly. The findings of the audit are a pre-requisite that will inform overall building refurbishment and design. This initial assessment is essential, even more so for Maynooth, given Decarbonisation Zone status.

In addition, an expression of interest has been lodged with the Just Transition Fund, seeking funding for a feasibility study, and related design drawings, regarding a potential green roof, bicycle circular economy hub, and interpretative space for the Demo-House educational messages. Until such time as the aforementioned audits and investigations are concluded, the study and related drawings for the use of spaces, cannot conclude.

However, once a robust design proposal is in place, consultation with the elected members and the local community will take place.

Further opportunities to make submissions and observations will also be available through the Part 8 process. It will be extremely strategic that the site have in place a Part 8 permission, given that all relevant Government grant schemes for capital works, have as a requirement that planning permission is in place to progress to delivery, using grant funding.

Councillor Feeney thanked the department for the comprehensive report and also thanked the Director for her work. She said people need a space in the town and the Fire Station is

a great site in the town centre. She noted that a Community Centre is long overdue for Maynooth and this has been issue for the past twenty-five years. It is now on track and thank you to Kildare County Council for their work on this, adding that public representatives also have a duty to make sure there is funding to deliver these projects.

The report was noted.

CM35/0526

Maynooth Community Centre Feasibility Study Project

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

Can the council provide an update on the Maynooth Community Centre feasibility study and any other progress of note on the project?

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Councillor Melrose thanked the department for the report. He noted that in the report there is a 3 phase process and he enquired if this could this be expanded on. He also enquired in terms of Just Transition Funding and how this will work towards making the building energy efficient and independent.

Mr. T. Shanahan, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department informed the members that the whole building must be looked at with an emphasis on longevity - ensuring it is a development of scale that meets the current and future needs of a fast growing town.

Phasing was necessary on the basis that there is not adequate funding yet to fully complete the development and that grant funding would need to be sought. In addition, phasing would be needed to recognise the sensitivity that the site it still also a place of employment.

An energy audit was nearing completion, structural survey on the roof and foundations ongoing and this would inform phase 1's scope and in turn costs, and potentially determine if an extension to the existing facility is structurally viable or requires large expenditure.

The Community Department were looking at other funding streams to maintain progress but Just Transition Funding may not be proceeding. It was recognised that for Phase 1, Fire Station re-furb, a significant amount of funding including from members LPT is in place but

energy retrofitting would be a major task. Equally we urgently needed to future proof the project, and not only focus on Phase 1, by progressing a Part 8 this year given that timelines on grant applications are tight, usually emphasising shovel ready applications and the council are committed to working with members on this and work is being done in the background. When the findings of all surveys are fully understood we would be in a better position to brief on Phase 1.

Phase 2 would, subject to planning and funding be an extension to the Fire Station site, with Phase 3 a large scale Sports Hall/Multifunctional Hall.

The report was noted.

CM36/0526

Non-Affiliated Services/Infrastructure for Young People

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

Can the council outline the non-affiliated services and infrastructure available for young people in the municipal district and identify potential gaps in these services?

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the needs of young people are varied and multi-faceted and require a collaborative inter-agency/multi-agency response that includes stakeholders such as parents, community members, service providers (statutory and Community and voluntary), local representatives and others – local and national. Kildare Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) is the local structure that brings the key stakeholders together to agree shared priorities and actions to improve outcomes for children and young people in Co. Kildare. Kildare CYPSC is in the process of developing the next 3-Year Plan (2027-2029), which will involve cross-sectoral consultation. There will be an opportunity for Kildare County Council and elected representatives to highlight concerns, gaps, needs as part of this process. Mapping of existing services also forms part of each 3-Year Plan.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.