



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 02 February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber**

Members Present: Councillors T Durkan (Cathaoirleach), A Feeney (Leas Cathaoirleach), A Farrelly, D Fitzpatrick, P Hamilton, P McEvoy, P. Ward, B Weld and B Wyse.

Remote Attendance: Councillor N Ó Cearúil

Officials Present: Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. J McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr. J. Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. AM Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms. E McGrath (A/Administrative Officer), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Ms. G Allen (A/County Librarian) Via Teams, Ms. S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor Durkan welcomed Maynooth Community Council members in the gallery to the meeting. He commended the work of the Tidy Towns Committee congratulating them on winning the recent IBAL Awards. He conveyed the gratitude of the council to the Community of Maynooth and acknowledged the huge amount of voluntary work involved.

CM01/0224

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.



CM02/0224

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 05 January 2024 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday 05 January 2024 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0224

Municipal District Road Works Programme

A report was received from the District Engineer providing an update on the Municipal District Roadworks.

LPT Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2022 and 2023. Funding for 2024 to be agreed by the members. Once agreed it can be scheduled into the works programme.

General Works

General maintenance has been continuing since the last meeting. Gully cleaning and drainage maintenance is currently being carried out by the crews.

Crews have been active over the last few weeks cleaning up after storms Isha and Jocelyn which brought down a number of trees and debris right across the district.

Funding from the Department of Transport for 2024 has not yet been announced. It was hoped to have the schedule of road works for restoration improvement (RI) and restoration maintenance (RM) available for this meeting.

The District Engineer gave a presentation to the members informing them of the following:

- District consist of over 700km of road from Maynooth to Broadford to Co. Meath.
- Road surfacing in 2023 - 19km x €30 per sqm.
- Examples of photos of resurfacing schemes were shared.



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- Restoration Maintenance €738,000.
- Surface dressing cost in the region of €6 per sqm.
- Bitumen – roads closed - rolling over half a day.
- Climate Budget €500,000.
- Baltreacy sightline junctions improvements with landowner agreement.
- Summer months – 2 skips sized 14 cubic meters – Maynooth Yard – 2 skips per week at €200 per lift - €30,000pa just to dispose of street bin rubbish.
- General Maintenance - patching, line marking and 90m sightline at junctions for safety.
- Winter maintenance – Kildare County Council €670,000 and Transport Infrastructure Ireland €40,000 – 31.5% of all Public Roads treated – 10 routes with 20 drivers working week on week off and also 5 backup drivers.
- Based on all 10 routes crew's plans are made at the start of each year – crews go out 1 or 2 times – 7pm and 3am – to be finished by 6am for morning traffic.
- Three or four weeks ago conditions dictated that salting had to be carried out at 3pm, 7am and 3am.
- Rain and temperatures causing black ice. If there is moisture and no salting then there would be a problem.

The District Engineer thanked all the staff on the ground of both the Municipal District and Members Services.

CM04/0224

LPT Schedule of Works 2024

To agree and approve the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2024.

It was agreed by the members that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation for 2024 be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on Friday 09 February 2024.



CM05/0224

Maynooth Community Council Deputation

The members received a deputation from Maynooth Community Council.

Members of Maynooth Community Council, through their presentation, informed the members of the need for a dedicated community amenities centre within Maynooth and provided examples of what this could look like. They outlined the current high population and the lack of facilities to deal with this continued growth.

The members raised the following points:

- Thanked Maynooth Community Council for their presentation the considerable amount of work undertaken and how they have done their town a great service.
- Fast growing towns can often get left behind.
- Population has risen from 3,000 to 20,000 and from 900 students to 18,000 students.
- Maynooth population was now greater than County Leitrim.
- Maynooth had lost the Swimming Pool and the Parish Hall.
- Services at Maynooth University were continually booked out.
- €6 million project at Harbourfield.
- Maynooth should be allowed to progress and for people to be able to enjoy where they live.
- Kildare County Council had done a lot to move things along through social audits and in time this submission would have a space.
- Kilcock Community Centre was due to open next week and it was a great lift for the Community.

The members thanked the Community Council for their presentation and wished them well in the future.

It was agreed by the members to take Item 6 and Item 14 together.

CM06/0224

Public lighting on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

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



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That the council investigate the provision of additional public lighting on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth junction with Obelisk Lane (R405) in the interests of public safety.

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

A report was received from Transport Design Team informing the members that the request has been added to the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS) Register and will be ranked in accordance with the set criteria. There is currently no funding for additional lighting in the Public Lighting Budget. In the interim, the Public Lighting Section will get a quotation for the lights.

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

That the council install a public street light at the bus stop in Barrogstown, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from Transport Design Team informing the members that the request has been added to the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS) Register and will be ranked in accordance with the set criteria. There is currently no funding for additional lighting in the Public Lighting Budget. In the interim, the Public Lighting section will get a quotation for the lights.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Transport Design Team for the report. She requested that lighting at bus stop locations be included, adding that pedestrians have to cross over very dark roads. Progress would be welcomed in the interest of public safety.

Councillor Durkan acknowledged the works the District Engineer had done to date.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney and Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members that the reports be noted.

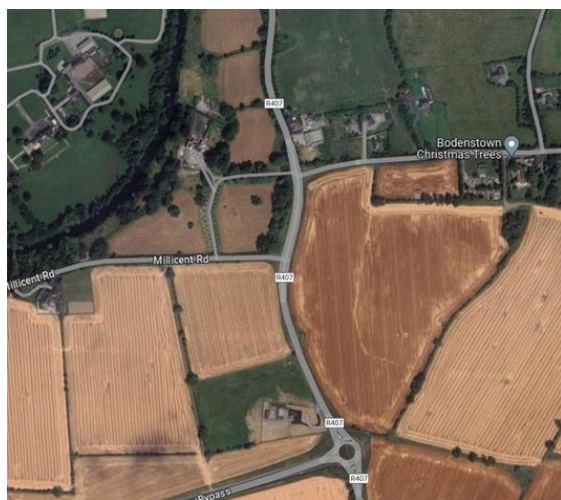


CM07/0224

L2002 Millicent Road junction with the R407 at Bodenstown

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

That, with the Rural Junctions Project underway, the council assess the performance of the L2002 Millicent Road junction with the R407 at Bodenstown to address issues of movement towards the Sallins Bypass.



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

A report was received from Roads Projects Team informing the members that the Council is currently working on the first 10 junctions countywide with consultants now appointed, and design options for each junction currently being worked on. Once those completed designs are available, Kildare County Council can determine the workload involved in the implementation of the various junction improvements, which will likely range from Low-Cost Safety Improvement to CPO/ Detailed Consent. In some cases, Department of Transport (DoT) funding will need to be sought. Once that work is done, Kildare County Council will be seeking advice from the DoT Support office in determining the next tranche of junctions to be considered. These will be evidence-based Locations of Interest (LOI) as determined by the Regional Road Network Safety Analysis. At that time, Kildare County Council will consult with the Municipal Districts to determine other junctions of concern that might warrant inclusion. It is likely, given capital programme pressures, that the next tranche will consist of 5 additional junctions countywide.



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Councillor McEvoy informed the members that this upgrade at the Mill and Bodenstown Junction was a legacy item. He enquired if this could be considered in the next round of funding.

Mr. J McGowan informed the member he would take back their comments to Mr. S Deegan.

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

CM08/0224

Support for young people who choose to cycle to school

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

That the council identify and allocate resources to collaborate with An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders on initiatives in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District that promote and support young people who choose to cycle to school.

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

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the Kildare County Council's Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer is in the process of engaging with Community Gardaí in the Clane-Maynooth area and will liaise with schools and students to support and promote active travel to local schools.

Councillor McEvoy thanked Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team for the report and the support to empower all road users to cycle. He suggested the setting up of a gazebo in schools which could be moved around and be a place for cyclists to meet up. This would also improve on the efforts of the Climate Action Plan.



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Councillor Hamilton said that Maynooth Post Primary were looking at adding a bike facility. He noted that the W61 Bus was always full of students. He requested that the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Officer provide a short-written plan.

Councillor McEvoy agreed that he would like to request a short-written plan from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Officer.

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

CM09/0224

Repairs on the 'Drehid Road', Carbury

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

That the council carry out urgent repairs on the 'Drehid Road', Carbury as this road is now in a very poor condition as a result of increased construction traffic in this area.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will raise with the Developer and the Planning Section in relation to compliance with planning conditions on the maintenance of the haul routes.

Councillor Weld advised that the road was in a deplorable condition. He said that bonds should be insisted on and certain works be carried out to stop the deterioration of the road. He then requested that this item remain on the Progress Report.

The District Engineer informed the members that part of the conditions would be to maintain the road. He said that he would consult with the developer and follow up on this matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that the report be noted. It was agreed that this item remain on the Progress Report.



CM10/0224

Subsidence issues on the local road at Curryhills, Prosperous

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

That the council carry out urgent works to repair the subsidence issues on the local road at Curryhills, Prosperous.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer has inspected this road and routine maintenance will be carried out to maintain this road. This road is included in the 2024 Road Works Programme but is subject to funding which has not yet been announced by the Department of Transport.

Councillor Weld advised that residents from a number of houses had made complaints. He requested that the Municipal District Office secure funding to address this issue as a matter of urgency.

The District Engineer informed the members that these works were part of the 2023 Road Works Programme and they again will fall under that programme for 2024.

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

CM11/0224

Connaught Street near Ledwill Estate, Kilcock

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

That the council install additional signage, road markings and lighting at the pedestrian/road pinch point on Connaught Street near Ledwill Estate, Kilcock due to ongoing safety concerns.



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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will inspect this area to see what temporary works can be provided.

Councillor Ward said the Area Office would be familiar with this issue it had been raised at previous Municipal District Meetings. This was a pinch point area and dark due to no lighting. He also said there was no signage or alerts when coming onto Connaught Street. He added that he had serious concerns and it was lucky that no serious accident had occurred. He dreaded phone calls and enquired if any interim measures could be put in place.

The District Engineer said the footpath ended at two points and suggested line marking to link the two sets of lights and make drivers more aware. He added that cars were out in the middle, going too fast and he agreed with the members concerns. He also added that the flooding at this location had been resolved.

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

CM12/0224

Flooding issue on the R407, near Ballybrack

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

That the council undertake works to alleviate localised flooding issue on the R407, near Ballybrack.

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



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A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection at this location and arrange for works to be carried out if required.

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

CM13/0224

Paths in Anne Street, Prosperous

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

That the council inspect the paths in Anne Street, Prosperous to review health and safety concerns and remedy any damaged areas.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will inspect this area and routine maintenance will be carried out as required.

Councillor Farrelly said cobblelock was rising and causing a trip hazard. He was not suggesting the whole path was an issue but just those areas and that it was a hazard especially on dark evenings.

Councillor Fitzpatrick agreed and said that he was aware of a person falling. A request was made to address the issues before the official opening of community centre in Prosperous on the 16 February 2024.

The District Engineer informed the members that he would examine the issues and crews would be there next week.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that the report be noted.



CM14/0224

Public light on the road from Hatters Cross

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

That the council install a public light on the road from Hatters Cross towards the graveyard in Prosperous.

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

A report was received from Transport Design Team informing the members that the request has been added to the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS) Register and will be ranked in accordance with the set criteria. There is currently no funding for additional lighting in the Public Lighting Budget. In the interim, the Public Lighting Section will get a quotation for the lights.

Councillor Farrelly said he appreciated the report. He added that people walked along this road to the graveyard and advised also of an issue of overhanging trees on that route.

Mr. J McGowan informed the members this would be put on the Light Infrastructure Priority Programme and advised that issues in rural areas involve huge costs.

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

CM15/0224

Corner of Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth at Newtown Inn

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

Can the council provide an estimated timeline for the repair to the road drainage at the corner of Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth at the Newtown Inn?



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A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District office has carried out some repair works at this location. This has resolved the issue of the surface water ponding. However, the surface water line linking this gully to the outlet is susceptible to root ingress which will need to be monitored and routine maintenance carried out to keep it flowing.

Councillor Hamilton thanked the District Engineer for the report and said that given the torrential rain that had fallen that the issue had been handled very well.

The District Engineer informed the members that it had also been uncovered that the end line was not connected to the out flow.

The report was noted.

CM16/0224

Upgrading of Connaught Street, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the upgrading of Connaught Street, Kilcock to include an update on streetlights and footpaths?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Kildare County Council, Roads Planning Section is satisfied that the Developer, Glenveagh has carried out the road improvement works at their site frontage and along a section of Connaught Street in compliance with their planning conditions. Road improvement works could not be progressed any further on Connaught Street by the Developer as there are third party lands involved where no agreement could be reached on accommodation works. The road improvement works included a new footpath and public lighting which is now fully operational.

The report was noted.



CM17/0224

Repairs to the goalposts at the Harbourfield, Maynooth.

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

That the council carry out repairs to the goalposts at the Harbourfield, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that arrangements are being made to inspect the goalposts and ascertain if they can be repaired. If they can't be repaired the posts will be removed.

Councillor Feeney said a local Doctor had contacted her in relation to this issue and also enquired, given the shortage of these types of facilities, if the goalposts were not repairable could they be replaced.

Mr. S Wallace advised that he would get costings for the replacement of the goalposts.

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

CM18/0224

Playground in Kilcock

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

Can the council provide a full update on progress with the playground in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the design for the playground has been completed. We expect to complete the preparation of the tender for the playground in February-March and then advertise the tender. Pending the



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availability of whatever playground contractor wins the contract, construction should take place over the Summer.

The report was noted.

CM19/0224

Pond area of the Town Park, Prosperous

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

Can the council update members regarding plans to address safety concerns in the pond area of the Town Park, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that it is proposed to develop the pond area in the park into a wetland area. We will prepare a design for this and carry out the works in Summer/Autumn time.

Councillor Farrelly said that he appreciated the report and requested that something be done urgently as he had a significant amount of enquiries from concerned parents.

Mr. S Wallace informed the members that realistically it would be summer when works would be carried out and that in the meantime he would look at options to make it safe. The report was noted.

CM20/0224

Social housing development in Maynooth

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

Can the council update members on the status of the proposed social housing development in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the tenders have been assessed and the council are doing our due diligence regarding



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insurance, performance bond, and cost breakdown with the preferred tenderer before entering into a contractual agreement. As this is a design-build contract, the contractor will have some upfront design work before commencing on-site. We hope to be on-site in the next 4 to 6 weeks if everything proceeds smoothly.

The report was noted.

CM21/0224

Library in Clane

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

Can the council give an update, with an outline of tasks, towards the planned development of the new library in Clane?

A report was received from the Corporate, People and Cultural Services Department informing the members that the Stage 3 application was submitted by the Library Service to the Department of Rural and Community Development in December 2023 and we await their response. In the meantime we are working with the Design Team to produce the tender documents for the main contractor for the Clane Library Capital Project. Once we have approval from the Department we hope to be in a position to progress the project to the tender and the construction phase.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed the application for additional funding, adding that a lot of people were keen to see the development of the library and all stakeholders were working together. He added it was important that this happened quickly.

Ms. G Allen thanked the members for the LPT funding and also Clane Action Group. A Part 8 Application was made last June and the Fire and Disability Access had been addressed. An application for grant funding of €1.9 million was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development from the National Strategy Capital fund last summer. A response has yet to be received. That grant funding is not required to deliver Clane Library but it would allow for the extras. If the funding was not provided it would impact on our



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ability to supply additional new stock, tech facilities, sensory pods and other facilities as seen in Naas Library.

Councillor McEvoy said that Naas was a good example and mentioned organising a visit to the library.

The District Manager said that the Department could see that Kildare County Council could deliver these projects, with flagship libraries in Athy and Naas in our portfolio.

The report was noted.

CM22/0224

Moyglare Hall

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

That the council provide an update on the discussions with the developer of Moyglare Hall confirming if the TIC process has been initiated, what key items are on the snag list the council is working on, including issues related to the adjacent pumping station, status of bonds held and clarify if residents are liable to cover street lighting costs under the management fee and for how long.

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

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that Development Control recently met with the developer of the Moyglare Hall estate and their design team in Kildare County Council offices in order to progress the taking in charge of the estate. The developer has confirmed that they have had CCTV surveys, and any repairs identified, completed on both the storm and foul lines throughout the estate. Development Control await the submission of a formal taking in charge request from the Developer along with the associated documentation including the CCTV surveys, matching as-constructed drawings, taking in charge and vesting maps and any data sheets and O&M manuals pertaining to storm water infrastructure. Development Control has again contacted the



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developer and their design team requesting an update as to when the TIC application will be submitted. Once the formal request has been submitted the Development Control Section will be in a position to carry out a snag list.

Any documentation required in relation to the pumping station serving the Moyglare Housing estate (originally constructed by the developer of Moyglare Hall) must be submitted by the design team acting on behalf of the KWETB. This is because the pumping station was subsequently upgraded by the KWETB in order to serve the Maynooth Education Campus. Development Control has been in contact with the design team for the pumping station upgrade.

There is a Bank Bond in place until taking in charge. Once an estate is taken in charge the maintenance and costs associated with the public lighting will become the responsibility of Kildare County Council. The residents should refer to their contracts with the Management Company as to whether public lighting cost were included.

Councillor Hamilton advised that resident's groups had been in contact with councillors regarding their concerns. He thanked the Building and Development Team working on this matter and went on to ask the following questions:

- Council said there was no issue and the residents said there was an issue?
- Taking in Charge and the Developer - was there a need for a Plebiscite?
- Pump Station – was the council working with KWETB in relation to this matter?

Councillor Durkan supported the motion and said that he had asked this question on Moyglare Hall previously. He enquired if it was appropriate to communicate to the residents that there was nothing to worry about and that this was a process.

Mr. J Hennessy informed the members that residents should be put at ease, there was a low-level risk as the developer was engaging in the process. There was also engagement with KWETB in relation to the pump station.



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

CM23/0224

Taking in Charge of estates in the Municipal District

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

Can the council provide a report on the Taking in Charge of estates in the municipal district?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that the information requested will be covered in the bi-annual report to Full Council on 29 January 2024.

The report was noted.

CM24/0224

Taking in Charge of Hayfield, Straffan Road, Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton

Can the council provide an update on the status and open issues relating to the Taking in Charge of Hayfield, Straffan Road, Maynooth including completing of the wearing course and resolving the persistent bike path flooding at the entrance to the estate?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that the Development Control (Kildare County Council) cannot progress the taking in charge of this housing estate, as the site development works are incomplete and no taking in charge application has been received. The developer has indicated that they will complete the wearing course at the entrance in the short term in order to alleviate the ponding issue.



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Councillor Hamilton thanked Building and Development Control for the report and said that this was good news.

Ms. Burke informed the members that it was hoped the wearing course at the entrance should be completed before the next Municipal District meeting.

The report was noted.

CM25/0224

Chestnut Grove Estate in Kilcock

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

Can the council update the municipal district on the Taking in Charge status of Chestnut Grove Estate in Kilcock?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that no taking in charge application has been received for this estate. Development Control will contact the Developer in relation to this.

Councillor Ward enquired if there was a specific time period whereby a Developer should make an application for taking in charge and whether a Section 180 would be warranted. He also enquired if there was a Developer.

Mr. J Hennessy advised there was no necessity for a Section 180 when there was engagement, and he confirmed that there was a Developer.

The report was noted.

CM26/0224

Heritage/monument works

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

Can the council provide information as to any supports/grants available to community groups and administered through Kildare County Council in this municipal district regarding heritage/monument works?



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A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that through the Heritage Office of Kildare County Council (and the Arts Office in the case of Item no. 5), the Council administers the following grant schemes;

1. **Historic Structures Fund and Built Heritage Investment Scheme** (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage funded scheme) relates to built heritage projects. The closing date for receipt of applications in 2024 closed for both schemes on 19 January 2024.
2. **Thatching Grants** (Kildare County Council own Conservation Budget) provides support to owners of thatched properties.
3. **KCC Community Heritage Grants Scheme** relates to aspects of heritage as set out in the Heritage Act 1995 including inter alia, monuments, archaeological objects, heritage objects, flora and fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, heritage gardens and parks. The closing date for this scheme is 08 March 2024.
4. **Community Monuments Funds** (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage funded scheme) The aim of this scheme is to conserve, maintain and protect archaeological monuments. The closing date for applications is 01 February 2024.
5. **Creative Ireland Bursaries** (Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media). The closing date for applications is 28 February 2024.

Other grants will open during the year including for example the Heritage Council funded 'Community Heritage Grant Scheme'. Details will be posted on the Kildare County Council website with further details as these are confirmed.

The report was noted.

CM27/0224

Laraghbryan Cemetery

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

That the council install a holding bay for soil in Laraghbryan Cemetery.

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



A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council will investigate further and assess what is feasible.

Councillor Durkan informed the members that he had spoken with Mr. K Kavanagh about this matter and advised that the Cemetery Committee had costed a concrete slab at €2,000. He also advised that there was a bay to store topsoil installed in another cemetery.

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

CM28/0224

Recycling banks for glass, cans and textiles

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

With the Deposit Return Scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium/steel cans getting underway, is there a map of recycling banks for glass, cans and textiles in the Clane-Maynooth MD, and are there opportunities to integrate additional venues and identify gaps in services as part of promoting the development of the circular economy?

A report was received from the Environment Awareness Officer informing the members that the network of glass recycling banks is mapped on the national waste resource website www.mywaste.ie. As the website is a comprehensive resource to help the public to manage waste better, this is the best location to map such recycling facilities. The Environment section is keen to both retain existing sites and also to develop other sites to fill any spatial gaps in the network. Communications are ongoing with the Forward Planning section to identify opportunities in the Local Area Plans as these facilities are ideally built in at the planning stage given the requirement to locate bring banks a minimum of 50 metres from existing and future residential developments. We have also asked the planners to look at any applications for retail or business parks as these would be potentially very suitable for such a facility. To assist with this, we have recently added a layer to the planning



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system mapping system to enable planners to easily identify these facilities in advance of planning applications.

The report was noted.

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Wastewater Treatment Plant at Enfield, Co. Meath

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the current situation with the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Enfield, Co. Meath where Kildare County Council were to have 30% of the capacity?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that contact should be made directly with Uisce Eireann regarding this motion, this matter can be raised via their dedicated email support address at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phoning 0818178178, or raised at their next dedicated Councillors Clinic on Monday, 27 February at 11am.

The report was noted.

CM30/0224

Boycetown Graveyard, Kilcock

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

Can the council update the municipal district on the works to be carried out in Boycetown Graveyard, Kilcock to alleviate the recurring drainage issues and to detail the commencement date and timeframe for the completion of the works.

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that a contract is in the process of being awarded for surface water/drainage and road/path improvement works. It is hoped to have the contractor onsite within the next 4 weeks.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.