Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting held on Friday, 02 October 2026 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber

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

Members Online: Councillor P. Ward

Apologies: Councillor P. Mulroe

Officials Present: Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. M. McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. C. Buggie (Senior Engineer), Mr. R. Toft (District Engineer), Mr. C. Galvin (Senior Engineer), Ms. A. Keaveney (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. C. O'Grady (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Mr. D. Carey (Executive Engineer), Mr. A. Martin (Project Manager), Ms. M. Dempsey (Administrative Officer), Ms. O. Howe (Senior Staff Officer), Mr. L. McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms. A. Warren (Meetings Secretary) and other officials

Councillor Fitzpatrick (Cathaoirleach) proposed the suspending of Standing Orders, to 10.05 a.m., in order to facilitate the conclusion of a presentation by the Transport Department.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor W. Durkan and agreed by all members that Standing Orders be suspended until 10.05 a.m.

Councillor Fitzpatrick (Cathaoirleach) welcomed everyone to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting.

CM01/1026

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.

CM02/1026

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the draft minutes of the annual and monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meetings held on Friday, 04 September 2026 and the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor W. Durkan and agreed by all members present that the draft minutes of the annual monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meetings held on Friday, 04 September 2026 be taken as read.

The progress report was noted.

CM03/1026

Municipal District Road Works Programme

General Works:

The crews are carrying out patch repairs and general maintenance on the roads in the district. The crews have been cutting back hedging at junctions to ensure sightlines are maintained. The roadside gullies and water cuts are currently being cleaned across the district.

LPT Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed Local Property Tax (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 (Revised to L7076)	Robertstown	Onsite
LT	L70841	Ballintine	Complete
LS	L5040	Clonfert South	Complete
LS	L 5008	Clogherinkoe	Complete
R	R403	Derrinturn	Complete
R	R401	Bracknagh	Complete
LP	L1004	Dunfierth	Complete
R	R414	Allenwood South	Complete
R	R403	Allenwood	Onsite
LP	L1019	Cooleragh	Onsite
LS	L7081	Mylerstown	Onsite
LP	L1008	Hortlands	Complete
R	L5042	Crinstown	Complete
LS	L5073	Garvoge	Complete
LS	L5022	Rathmore	Complete
LS	L5009	Painstown	Complete
LS	L5004	Kilrainy	Complete
R	R148	Pikes Bridge	Awarded
R	R408	Brookes Grove, Prosperous	Awarded
R	R403	Downings North	Awarded
LT	L50396	Darcy Bóithrín, Kilcock	Awarded
LT	L50396	Rochford Green, Kilcock	Awarded

Road Maintenance Schemes 2026

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

Climate Adaptation Schemes 2026

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

Former National Roads 2026

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

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 Park, Kilcock	Complete
L7081 Kilmeague Road, Prosperous	Complete
Brookfield Maynooth	Construction Stage
Meadowbrook Road	Complete
L1013 Dunboyne Road, Maynooth	Complete
L5035 Painstown Road, 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	Complete
Carton Court, Maynooth	Complete
Oak Lawns, Kilmeague	Complete
St Brigids Terrace, Clane	Complete

Mr. R. Toft, District Engineer informed the members that the crews are carrying out patch repairs and general maintenance on the roads in the district. The crews have been cutting back hedging at junctions to ensure sightlines are maintained. The roadside gullies and water cuts are currently being cleaned across the district.

The Road Improvement Schemes are largely complete, and he noted there are also a few additional areas, recently awarded, which have been added to the list.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired about the footpath in Hewetson.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer informed the members there are two footpath schemes that are currently advancing, one in Brooklands, Clane and one at Hewetson School, Clane. Both have tendered and final details are yet to be agreed.

The report was noted.

Cathaoirleach Fitzpatrick welcomed Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer and Ms. Lisa Murphy to the public gallery. He acknowledged that Ms. Murphy has been nominated for co-option to the council (following resignation of former Councillor Brendan Wyse). The co-option is listed for consideration by the Full Council on 19 October 2026.

CM04/1026

Assessment of Footpaths and Kerbs, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth

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

That the council carries out an assessment of the condition of all footpaths and kerbs, including those surrounding the parking bays, on Back Lane, Pound Lane and Double Lane, as well as the footpath adjoining the green area beside Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, and prepares a schedule of any necessary repairs for consideration under the 2027 Programme of Works.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that he will carry out a technical assessment of the condition of all footpaths and kerbs to identify any remedial works required. Any works deemed required will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Roads Maintenance Works Programme subject to funding being identified.

Councillor Phelan thanked the District Engineer for the report and said that it was great news for the local residents. She also thanked him for meeting with her on site during the summer.

Councillor Feeney echoed Councillor Phelan's remarks of thanks to the District Engineer and added that the onsite meeting had reassured local residents. She highlighted the fact that the Duke and Duchess of Leinster had recently visited the area and it was noted that the cottages were originally constructed by the Duke of Leinster for workers in Carton House.

Councillor Melrose also added his support to the motion.

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

CM05/1026

Pedestrian Safety, Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth

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

That the council assesses the pedestrian signal crossings on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth, particularly at Cluain Aoibhinn and the crossing serving the Soccer Club, with a view to installing "slow" road markings on both approaches to each crossing, or other appropriate warning measures, to improve driver awareness and pedestrian safety.

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 assess the locations with the Traffic Management Section to determine appropriate measures.
Councillor Phelan thanked the District Engineer for the response and acknowledged the work done previously. She said she wanted to make sure that everything possible is being done and enquired if the “slow” road markings can be painted at the soccer club.

Councillor Melrose noted that he had previously submitted a motion requesting that a Speed Limit Survey be carried out.

Councillor Tim Durkan added his support for the motion and proposed the use of Thermaflex. He also commented on the effectiveness of pencil bollards near schools and enquired if some type of bollard could be installed so as to ensure the safety of children.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer said he would look again at what measures could be taken. He acknowledged that the Speed Limit Survey had previously taken place and from the results, a Zebra-Crossing was not deemed suitable. He also informed that red Thermoflex could be installed.

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

CM06/1026

Removal of Parking Bollards, Dublin Road, Maynooth

That the council removes the parking bollards on the Dublin Road, Maynooth which were installed during Covid, are no longer required and would allow for additional parking for businesses in the town.

Councillor T. Durkan withdrew his motion.

CM07/1026

Remarking and Extension of Yellow Box, Maynooth

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

That the council re-marks and extends the yellow box at the Mullen Park, Straffan Road Junction, Maynooth to allow traffic onto the Straffan Road from the Mullen Park section of ring road.

A report was received from the Transport Operations advising the members that the Traffic Management Section, in conjunction with the Municipal District Office, will assess the junction to determine whether any modification to the existing road lining at the junction is warranted.

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

Councillor Durkan thanked the Department for the report and said he would like to meet the Senior Engineer on site. He noted that this junction is regularly blocked and is causing major issues.

Councillor Melrose supported the motion and added that this is the third time this has come up as a motion, indicating that there is clearly an issue that needs to be hastily addressed.

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

CM08/1026

Pedestrian Crossing, Maynooth

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

That the council considers putting a safe pedestrian crossing at the Tesco Roundabout, Maynooth at the Limetree Hall Estate access.

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

A report was received from the Transport Operations advising members that the request has been added to a list of similar infrastructural requests in the county and shall be assessed by technical staff, when resources become available.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Department for the report. She noted that this issue had been brought up previously, and highlighted that it is a very busy roundabout, that is hard to cross, particularly for wheelchair users. She asked for this to be prioritised because of the volume of pedestrians and noted that similar works are being carried out in Clane.
The members supported the motion, and the following points were made:

- A dropped kerb on one side of the road with no receiving dropped kerb on the other side of the road and this then encourages people to cross at that location.
- Could the large bush on the roundabout be removed to improve sightlines.
- Enquired as to what volume of traffic would warrant a controlled crossing.
- People with buggies as well as people with mobility issues encounter difficulty crossing.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer acknowledged the team are actively trying to deliver a number of pedestrian crossings to encourage people to move safely around the county. He advised that the team would assess this crossing and add it to the list along with identifying funding. He noted that National guidance, in house expertise and local knowledge will be utilised when deciding on which type of crossing.

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

CM09/1026

Speed-Limit Signs, Coarse Moor and Hammerstone, Straffan

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

That the council installs additional 30km/h speed-limit signs, or appropriate speed reduction signage, in Coarse Moor and Hammerstone, Straffan, to encourage drivers to reduce speed and improve road safety for all road users.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department advising members that as part of the roll-out of Jake's Law, signage in all housing estates in charge of the local authority will have 30km/h signage installed as one enters the estate. Please note that Hammerstone is currently not in charge of the local authority.

Councillor Feeney acknowledged the proactive residents in the estate who had reached out to her with their concerns regarding safety in the area due to increased traffic volumes. She enquired in relation to a timeframe for the roll out of the safety signage, which she could take back to the residents. She also thanked the team for the clarification regarding the Hammerstone Estate.

Councillor Phelan supported the motion and added that the same builder owns both estates and enquired if something could be done to address speeding issues during the Taking in Charge process.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer responded and said they hoped to have the signage in place early next year. He added he is aware of the estate and that there has been good engagement with the local residents which he said will continue.

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

CM10/1026

Review of Traffic Management, Moyvalley

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

That the council review the traffic management at Centra, Moyvalley to consider additional filter lane provision.

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

A report was received from the Transport Planning informing the members that the council notes that the development at Centra, Moyvalley, permitted under Planning Reference 21/1733, has only recently become operational. Traffic management and road safety considerations formed part of the planning assessment process, and a number of conditions relating to these matters were attached to the grant of permission, including a requirement for a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. The development was required to be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the planning permission and has been completed substantially in accordance with the permitted plans. A Road Safety Audit (Stage 3) was undertaken following completion of the development. The audit considered the increased number of turning movements associated with the filling station and identified a potential risk of vehicles attempting to overtake traffic slowing or waiting to turn into the premises. The audit recommended that the warning centre-line road markings on the eastern approach be extended. It did not recommend the provision of an additional right-turn filter lane. As the development has only recently become operational, the Council will monitor the operation of the access and associated turning movements. Should operational or road safety concerns be identified, the Council will consider whether any further traffic management measures are warranted.

Any proposal to provide an additional right-turn filter lane would be subject to a separate technical assessment. This would include consideration of traffic volumes and turning movements, road geometry, available road width, visibility, drainage, land availability and the interaction of the access with the nearby R148/R160 junction. Any proposed revised arrangement would also be subject to an appropriate Road Safety Audit.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the team for the detailed report and acknowledged that it was great to see the site operational. He appreciated the volume of work that had gone into the development but added that this is a high-speed road and the current layout is still causing issues. He asked for a commitment to monitor and review to see if anything else can be done.

Councillor T. Durkan highlighted the previous successful addition of a filter lane at Blackwater Bridge, which was a similar situation, and he really feels the filter lane should be added as requested.

Ms. A. Keaveney, Senior Executive Engineer advised that they would continue to be monitor the area and see what additional measures are required.

Councillor W. Durkan requested that this item be added to the Progress Report.

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

CM11/1026

Extension of Footpath to Prosperous United

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

That the council identifies a suitable funding source to provide an extension of footpath to Prosperous United grounds from the existing footpath.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there is currently no funding in the Road Maintenance Budget to provide a footpath at this location. The existing verge width in places along the road is not sufficient to meet the current standards required, therefore land take would be required.

Councillor W. Durkan highlighted that similar issues have been raised previously and that there is a Municipal District wide issue with connectivity around the Active Travel Networks. He added that as previously mentioned by Councillor Wyse that there is a real opportunity for the council to look to provide lower cost footpath alternatives, adding that the people in n Prosperous are really affected by this issue. Finally, he stated he would bring a motion to Full Council as this matter is a county wide issue.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer responded by saying that he had previously met on site and noted that the particular site is very challenging. He does see the merit of the request but acknowledged that identifying funding streams would be an issue.

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

CM12/1026

Linking of Footpaths, Kilcock

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

That the council considers the linking of footpaths on Connaught St., Kilcock in the interest public safety.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that any footpath at this location will require agreement from the landowners and the set back of their boundaries. It will also require the removal of the existing hedgerow to facilitate the footpath. This site is currently the subject of a proposed development through the planning process.

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

Councillor Melrose thanked the team for the report and acknowledged that as Kilcock continues to grow and more estates are developed there are young families with buggies trying to access the town safely, while active modes of travel continue to be encouraged. He noted that there is currently a gap in the footpath network.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer stated that there were some difficulties getting agreement with landowners in the area and ongoing issues that are not within the control of the council.

Councillor Melrose reiterated his point regarding young families in Kilcock, who are frustrated that they cannot access the town.

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

CM13/1026

Improvement Works, Courtown Roundabout, Kilcock

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

That the council carry out the necessary safety works at the Courtown Road Roundabout, Kilcock, including the repainting of the worn road markings and the replacement of the Pelican Crossing lights, which due to their current condition are difficult for road users to distinguish clearly, in the interests of pedestrian and road safety.
The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that the Municipal District Office will assess the location and carry out any line marking renewal required at this location. Also, an assessment of the Zebra Crossing Belisha beacons at this roundabout shall be carried out to determine that the signals are functioning normally and fit for purpose.

Councillor Ward thanked the District Engineer for meeting him in Kilcock to look at this and a number of other issues. He added that it is a simple fix for the problem. The Belisha lights have faded, and he asked that they be replaced and fitted with sun visors. He also requested that any necessary road line markings be carried out.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer acknowledged that the lights had bleached and are hard to see and advised that they would be replaced.

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

CM14/1026

Proposed Walking and Cycling Path, Prosperous Road, Clane

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

That the council update the Committee on progress in developing a walking and cycling connection between the schools (near the GAA entrance) on the R403 Prosperous Road,

Clane, and the L1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane, as part of the Safe Routes to School Scheme (Round 2).

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

A report was received from the Transport Operations informing the members that a specific corridor for the proposed shared walking and cycling path between the R403 Prosperous Road & L1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane (proposed Safe Route to School Scheme Round 2) is being considered as part of a current planning application to Kildare County Council at this location. A co-ordination meeting with the school principals is required to determine the optimum location for connecting the proposed shared path into the school properties to facilitate access onto the R403 Prosperous Road, Clane.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the team for the report. He welcomed the level of detail and commitment contained in the report. He added that the area is going through a population surge, and people can see the benefit of walking and cycling as an alternative to convenience driving, when there is a safe route to do so. This has been ongoing for a number of years, he acknowledged there has been lots of work done previously trying to progress this issue, and it would be really welcomed by the local schools, sports clubs and residents.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer stated that it would take co-ordination and co-operation with a number of groups and they are actively working on it. There is a funding requirement, and funding has been allocated, but there remains a number of hurdles outstanding that they are working through. He added that they hope they will be able to work together with the local groups to deliver this valuable piece of infrastructure.

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

CM15/1026

Attenuation Tank, Alexandra Manor, Clane

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

That the council confirm that the underground stormwater attenuation tank at Alexandra Manor, Clane is routinely maintained in advance of winter.

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 Surface Water Network is routinely maintained across the district. Storm Water attenuation tanks form part of this maintenance.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the District Engineer for his report and advised that this issue had come up at the same time last year before the flooding which occurred in January. He said it is good to make the public aware that this routine maintenance is carried out so, as to reassure local residents and the wider community.

Councillor W. Durkan added his support for the motion acknowledging the impact that blocked drains had last year. He asked if there was any scope to improve the levels of the vacuum clearance service from last year, or will the same schedule be maintained.

Mr. R. Toft, District Engineer responded and advised the schedule will be similar as there are similar resources available, but they will look to prioritise the location and other particular areas.

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

CM16/1026

Update on Yellow Box, Maynooth

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

That the council provides an update on the previous request to install a yellow box at the junction of the Straffan Road and the Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth, as traffic regularly blocks this junction during peak times, preventing buses and other vehicles from exiting onto the Straffan Road?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office has assessed this location and has instructed the Line Marking Contractor to carry works required to improve traffic movements at this location.

The report was noted.

CM17/1026

Update on Upgrade of Ballygoran Road, Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on what progress has been made on the Maynooth and Environs Area Based Transport Assessment proposal (Option 9E) to upgrade Ballygoran Road, Maynooth to cater for bus services, and whether the council has undertaken any recent assessment of traffic volumes, road safety and road conditions on the route, in light of the increasing use of the road by commuter traffic, commercial vehicles, HGVs and school transport services?

A report was received from Projects Team informing the members that the Maynooth and Environs Area Based Transport Assessment includes several short, medium and long-term measures and a number of these are being progressed at present including the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (which is at construction stage) and the Maynooth Outer Orbital Road (which is at early development stage). There is no project team currently looking at the progression of Option 9E at the present time. There have been no traffic counts completed on this road in recent times.

Councillor Phelan accepted the report and advised that she will submit it as a motion at a later date.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take items 18, 26 and 27 together.

CM18/1026

Harbour Field, Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the redevelopment of the Harbour Field, Maynooth to include what funding applications are currently in process and what level of match funding is currently secured from pay parking in Maynooth?

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that on 15 September official notification was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage that the Harbour Field Project was one of six projects to receive funding in principle through the Town and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF). Further contact from the Department is awaited to conclude the detail of the funding allocations and the next gate approval submissions required. A Letter of Offer will be received, along with the Funding Agreement which will set out the terms and conditions attaching to the funding allocation. In relation to funding, the members will be aware that excess car parking funds were used to provide match funding for the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) awarded for the delivery of:

- Maynooth Town Renewal Masterplan which is currently progressing
- District Heating Exploration Project which is completed
- Development of key town renewal projects - these projects will emerge from the Masterplan once approved by the Department.

The funding in place will be used to progress as many projects as possible through their next steps. The progression of the Harbour Field project to this current stage, detailed design, was financially assisted by the URDF fund and LPT. Excess car parking funds were not used to progress this project. Match funding for the Harbour Field to progress with TCRIF funding will come from development contributions.

Councillor T. Durkan welcomed the report and advised that the motion had been drafted before the announcement that funding was successful. He added that this was welcome news for Maynooth and was a long time coming. He enquired if a timeline was in place.

Councillor Feeney stated that this was great news for Maynooth and enquired in relation to next steps.

Councillor Melrose echoed the sentiments of his colleagues and congratulated the Executive for all the hard work and dedication that had gone into the plans.

Mr. A. Martin, Project Manager advised the members that they have approval in principle from the Department and are waiting on the details. Once they have the details the design can be finalised and it will then go to tender as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CM19/1026

Update on Junction Improvements in the Municipal District.

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

Can the council provide an update on all projects covered under Category A and Category B Junction Improvements in the municipal district, indicating what progress has been made to date, when completion is expected on a case-by-case basis, and when additional junctions will be considered for inclusion?

A report was received from Projects Team informing the members that the Roads Capital Projects Team is in the process of appointing a contractor to install traffic lights in Allenwood Village. A timeline for the works will be provided once available. A contractor is

working on the Phase 1 works at Blackwood Cross at present. Works are expected to be complete shortly. The next junctions to be progressed will be Blackwood Cross Phase 2 and Watchhouse Cross. Options reports have been received for the other seven (7) junctions however, no works are being progressed at these locations at the present time as part of this project. Further engagement will take place with the Transport SPC to agree how to consider what junctions are to be included in future phases of the project.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the team for the comprehensive overview and added that it was great to see so many projects will progress over the next while, which will be particularly welcome in Allenwood and Coill Dubh. He requested further clarification around the timelines for the other seven junctions.

Ms. A. Keavney, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that she would bring their enquiry in relation to timelines back to the Projects Team for response.

The report was noted.

CM20/1026

Update on Potential Lighting Upgrades at Clonkeen Cross

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

Can the council provide an update on the potential for lighting upgrades at Clonkeen Cross, Carbury including an indicative costing of works?

A report was received from the Transport Operations Team informing the members that the request for additional lighting at this location has been assessed under the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS). The location falls within Category B (Areas of Low District Brightness), where infill lighting is only considered where infrastructure is readily available or where engineering solutions for vulnerable road users are being implemented. A public lighting design and indicative cost estimate of €66,765 (excluding VAT) have been prepared for the location. However, when assessed against the KLIPS scoring criteria, the proposal did not achieve a sufficiently high ranking for works to be considered for now.

Councillor Durkan thanked the team for the level of assessment. He noted that this area comes up time and time again with residents, and this is essentially the last junction on that road that is not illuminated. There are footpaths and bus stops already in place, but residents do not feel safe using them at certain times of year. It is great to see that an indicative cost was provided, and he enquired if this could this be included in future LPT requests for discussion.

The Senior Engineer informed the members that there is an ever-increasing demand for public lighting and there is limited funding. He said that ideally, they like to put the lighting in where it will have the most impact for people and the least impact on wildlife. He advised that funding for works, deemed to have met the KLIPS criteria, will be prioritised.

Councillor Durkan stated he understood the logic, but he would like to see this location included as a specific project.

The report was noted.

CM21/1026

Update M4 Eastbound Hard Shoulder Bus Priority Measures Pilot Scheme

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

Can the council advise the Committee of the key stages, reports, deliverables, and associated timelines required for the delivery of the M4 Eastbound Hard Shoulder Bus Priority Measures Pilot Scheme?

A report was received from the National Roads Office informing the members that the first section of the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority measures between Junctions 6 Celbridge and Junction 5 Leixlip has been delivered. The measures came into operation on the 03 September 2026, which permit buses to use the hard shoulder during peak travel times. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) are yet to advise the delivery timeframe of the remaining section of the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures between Junction 7 Maynooth and Junction 6 Celbridge.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed the opening of the new section and noted that he had seen a convoy of buses on the road, indicating the number of people using public transport. He enquired in relation to further sections opening and advised that he had had enquiries from people from Westmeath and Offaly. He suggested engaging with the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District, to ask Transport Infrastructure Ireland to confirm when this will be done.

Mr. M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer advised that planning consent is in place, and it is the case that Transport Infrastructure Ireland allocate funding. He acknowledged there has been a positive response to the project so far.

Councillor McEvoy appreciated the answer in the report but requested more clarity around timelines on the progression of the project. He again suggested collaborating with Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to formalise their advocacy.

The report was noted.

CM22/1026

Reduce or Stop HGV Trucks, Main Street, Clane.

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

Can the council outline to the Committee the steps required to reduce or stop HGV trucks routing through Main Street, Clane?

A report was received from Transport Department informing the members that the prohibition of HGVs on a public road may be provided for by means of a traffic management measure under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (as amended) and the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997-2024, and specifically the Road Traffic (Control of Traffic) Regulations 2006 through the making of an appropriate traffic management arrangement and the erection of the prescribed regulatory signage. In accordance with its statutory functions, the local authority would be required to consult with An Garda Síochána and have regard to the interests of affected stakeholders, including local businesses, residents, road hauliers and public transport providers. Consideration would also need to be given to the wider implications of any proposed restriction, including

road safety, environmental impacts, accessibility for commercial premises, and the potential displacement of HGV traffic onto other parts of the road network. While no formal public consultation process is required, the Transport Department would consider a non-statutory public consultation process in advance of the introduction of any such measure. Before any such restriction could be considered, a comprehensive assessment of the proposal. including a detailed traffic survey and analysis to establish existing traffic volumes, vehicle classifications, origin-destination patterns, and the extent of HGV movements through the town centre would be required. The assessment would also need to examine the capacity, geometry and suitability of alternative routes to accommodate diverted traffic and any potential impact on communities in surrounding areas.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the team for the report and said that the trader's perception (rightly or wrongly) was that the removal of HGV's would improve trade in the town. He acknowledged that this could be one of a series of measures including introducing a minimum standard of walking and cycling and rationalising parking all of which would lead to people spending more time in the town and spending more money as a result.

The report was noted.

CM23/1026

Lighting for Sensory Walk, Kilcock Playground

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

That the council as part of Kilcock Playground, considers appropriate lighting of the Sensory Walk.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the council will investigate in conjunction with our Public Lighting Section the installation of site-appropriate lighting between the Bawnogues Park sensory garden, playground and athletic track. Its implementation will depend on the logistics required and identifying a budget to do the work.

Councillor Melrose thanked the Parks Department for the positive report and highlighted that sensory walks can act as a lifeline to families who have children with sensory needs. As the days get darker earlier, the request is that this 'lifeline' is extended beyond daylight hours. He added that the lighting should be in keeping with biodiversity guidelines and suggested solar lighting might be an option.

Ms. C. O'Grady, Executive Parks and Landscaping Officer informed the members that the team are working in conjunction with the Public Lighting Section and would investigate the options.

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

CM24/1026

Sponsorship Process for Roundabouts, Kilcock

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

Can council confirm when the sponsorship process for key road roundabouts in and around Kilcock will commence, when the last sponsorship process was undertaken, and what requirements must be met to begin a new process, given the current condition of a number of these roundabouts?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing members that a full review of roundabouts throughout the county, including Kilcock, is ongoing and, upon completion, will inform the Sponsorship of Roundabouts tender documentation. It is expected that this will be completed and advertised by the end of Quarter 4 2026. The last Sponsorship of Roundabouts Tender was in November 2017.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report and said it is good to see this is progressing. He enquired as to whether the council regularly inspect these roundabouts. He pointed out that some of the roundabouts are in a bad state of repair, particularly when coming of the motorway and this does not give a good first impression on the approach to Kilcock.

Ms. C. O'Grady, Executive Parks and Landscaping Officer mentioned that safely accessing the roundabouts to maintain them is a huge issue and not an easy task. The roundabouts that are in poor condition, would not be put out to tender until improvements are carried out.

The report was noted.

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CM25/1026

Updates on Clane Library Project and Grand Canal Greenway

Mr. D. Carey, Executive Engineer referred to the update on the Clane Library Project and the Grand Canal Greenway which were previously circulated. He further noted the following updates since June 2026 on both projects:

Grand Canal Greenway

Sallins Link:

- Procurement process still ongoing.
- Works include the removal of the existing vehicular ramp from the R407 to Canal View to be replaced by a new precast construction pedestrian ramp, installation of a new controlled crossing on the R407 to link the towpath from East to West and a link towpath from the new ramp to the bridge on the east of Sallins. This project will include considerable utility coordination, traffic management and stakeholder engagement.
- Enabling works package currently being completed for the removal of vegetation along the entire scheme over the winter season to facilitate the construction of the towpath.
- Final design package completed for the sensitive section from the 20th Lock to Clonkeen (Offaly Border) these works will be completed by Waterways Ireland

  dependent on weather conditions and resource availability, most likely to commence mid spring 2027.

- Waterways Ireland will complete a section of tow path from Healy (Bonynge Bridge to Lock 18). The package was originally intended to commence in early autumn however some revised design and environmental surveys are now required prior to commencement of this section.
- Contractor package 1 is now completed and will be issued for tender in the coming weeks, this includes construction of a 6km section of towpath and junction works from Lock 20, Ticknevin to west of Shee Bridge and to include the construction of a new foot bridge at Lock 18 (Landenstown). Expected to complete the procurement process by the end of 2026.

Clane Library Project

Works commenced on site in late May, work completed since the update in June:

- Removal of asbestos containing material.
- Removal all walls due for demolition including front elevation.
- Removal of the internal floor slab and reduced dig of the internal fill to accommodate proposed underpinning works.

It is still expected that the works will be completed within the original 18-month period.

- Works to be completed over the next quarter include;
- Completion of the underpinning works and reinstatement of the internal floor slab
- and associated services.
- Completion of the additional steel works and progress toward the installation of the new roof
- Commence the rear extension and associated ground works.

Mr. D. Carey advised the members that a further update will be provided at the January 2027 meeting.

The members welcomed the update.

CM26/1026

Harbour Field Development Project

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

Can the council confirm the status of the Harbour Field development project (Maynooth) given the recent funding allocation under the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that on 15 September official notification was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage that the Harbour Field project was one of six projects to receive funding in principle through the Town and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF). Further contact is awaited from the Department to conclude the detail of the funding allocations and the next gate approval submissions required. A Letter of Offer will be received along with the Funding Agreement which will set out the terms and conditions attaching to the funding allocation.

The report was noted.

CM27/1026

Harbour Field Development Project

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

Can the council outline next steps, including preferred timelines, for the Harbour Field redevelopment project (Maynooth), particularly in light of recently announced funding?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that on 15 September official notification was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage that the Harbour Field project was one of six projects to receive funding in principle through the Town and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF). Further contact is awaited from the Department to conclude the detail of the funding allocations and the next gate approval submissions required. A Letter

of Offer will be received along with the Funding Agreement which will set out the terms and conditions attaching to the funding allocation.

The report was noted.

CM28/1026

To consider the Taking in Charge of Capdoo Park, Clane (DC3215)

The members considered the Taking in Charge of Capdoo Park, Clane (DC3215).

Mr. L. McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer acknowledged that this was a legacy estate and had been on the radar for quite a while.

Councillor McEvoy said there was a long-standing request for street lighting and enquired if this would now be possible given that the estate will be Taken in Charge.

Mr. L. McNeela advised the members that he would pass on their comments to the Public Lighting Section.

Councillor W. Durkan also commented that this was very welcome news and will be great to see what other works can progress once the Taking in Charge process is complete.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor W. Durkan and agreed by all members that Capdoo Park, Clane (DC3215) be taken in charge.

CM29/1026

Update on Kilcock Settlement Plan

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

Can the council provide an update and timeline for the Kilcock Settlement Plan?

A report was issued from the Planning Department informing the members that as previously advised to the elected members, the Planning Department are currently preparing a series of County Development Plan Variations to integrate the Settlements of

Sallins, Monasterevin, Kilcock and Celbridge into Volume 2 of the County Development Plan to align with the requirements of the recently commenced Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended). Sallins and Monasterevin are at various stages of the statutory process and Kilcock and Celbridge are at research stage and will be published on completion of the statutory processes for Sallins and Monasterevin, subject to the availability of resources and environmental consultants. It is not possible to indicate a timeline for the publication of subsequent Variations at this time.

Councillor T. Durkan acknowledged that there are two other plans ahead of this particular plan but stated that the people of Kilcock are anxious to see what further levels of housing and commercial development are proposed.

Ms. O. Howe advised that she would bring the query back to the Senior Planner for response.

The report was noted

CM30/1026

Estates Currently Engaged in the Taking in Charge Process

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

Can the council provide an update on estates currently engaged in the Taking in Charge process in this Municipal District?

A report was issued from Building Control informing members that the Taking in Charge process is only considered to have commenced once a valid Taking in Charge request has been received in line with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. There are currently twenty-eight estates within the Clane/ Maynooth Municipal District for which there is a valid Taking in Charge request. Details are included in the appended report

Councillor Melrose commended Mr. L. McNeela and the Building Control Team for all their hard work, and he appreciates the comprehensive report that was provided.

CM31/1026

Update on Taking in Charge Process, Lyreen Meadows, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the Taking in Charge process for Lyreen Meadows, Kilcock?

A report was issued from Building Control informing the members that to date, no Taking in Charge request was received in respect of Lyreen Meadows. Notwithstanding this, as Lyreen Meadows is accessed via Chambers Park, it will be necessary for Chambers Park to be Taken in Charge before the Taking in Charge process for Lyreen Meadows can progress. Development Control is currently actively progressing the Taking in Charge process for Chambers Park

The report was noted.

CM32/1026

Vacated Fire Station, Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the feasibility study for the vacated Fire Station in Maynooth?

A report was issued by the Community Department informing the members that preparatory for a feasibility study and preliminary investigative works are ongoing. Given the buildings age, and character, an Asbestos Survey was completed, and the report and findings are being reviewed. A geotechnical survey / site investigation is soon commencing, following a procurement competition and will be essential in determining the condition of the structure and ground conditions etc. The data from this will, along with other information prepared for recent funding bids, inform the preparation for a tender process for a full site feasibility study to address all aspects. The feasibility study is essential to move the project towards

design and Part 8 planning stage and to provide the baseline data needed to pursue the grant funding needed to fully develop the site for community infrastructure. An energy audit

of the former fire station has been completed, and the report is being reviewed by the Climate Action Team, with a view to a potential Pathfinder funding bid, which if successful could secure 50% of the costs associated with energy retrofit-related cost.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Community Department for the report.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager informed the members that Mr. Carey will be working alongside the Community Team, on this project. She noted that Mr. Carey had informed her that there is asbestos present at the fire station and highlighted the importance of having the relevant surveys in place before projects go to tender, so as to ensure accurate costings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.