Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 03 July 2026 at 10.30 a.m.
in the Council Chamber

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

Apologies: Councillor P. Ward.

Officials Present: Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. M. McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. C. Buggie (Senior Engineer), Mr. C. Galvin (Senior Engineer), Mr. S. Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Mr. D. Carey (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. F. Brown (Administrative Officer), Ms. R. Jackson (Administrative Officer), Ms. S. Barry (Administrative Officer), Ms. O. Howe Smith (Senior Staff Officer), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor Fitzpatrick (Cathaoirleach) welcomed everyone to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting of Friday, 03 July 2026.

CM01/0726

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.

CM02/0726

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 03 June 2026 including the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Phelan and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 05 June 2026 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0726

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 also been cutting high grass at junctions to ensure sightlines are maintained. Surface Dressing Round 2 commenced on the 01 July in the district. As this work is totally weather dependent dates may vary for schemes, but the council website will be updated. There will be some disruption to traffic during these works.

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	Onsite
LT	L70841	Ballintine	Onsite
LS	L5040	Confert South	Complete
LS	L 5008	Clogherinoe	Awarded
R	R403	Derrinturn	Onsite
R	R401	Bracknagh	Onsite
LP	L1004	Dunfierth	Complete
R	R414	Allenwood South	Tendered

R	R403	Allenwood	Awarded
LP	L1019	Cooleragh	Design
LS	L7081	Mylerstown	Design
LP	L1008	Hortlands	Awarded
R	L5042	Crinstown	Awarded
LS	L5073	Garvoge	Awarded
LS	L5022	Rathmore	Awarded
LS	L5009	Painstown	Awarded
LS	L5004	Kilrainy	Onsite

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	Design
L	5037	Donaghstown	Design
L	5039	Gragadder	Design
L	5034	Clonshanbo	Complete
L	5016	Grange	Complete
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	Awarded

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 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	Onsite
St Brigid's Terrace, Clane	Onsite

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired if anti-skid measures will be reinstated on the road that had been resurfaced.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer informed the members that the road surface put down, replaces the previous high-friction surfacing. He noted that this location will be monitored and if a different surfacing is required this will be installed. However, he did not anticipate that this will be necessary.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer informed the members that the Celbridge Road Active Travel Scheme on the Celbridge Maynooth Road is currently out for Public Consultation and urged members and the public to engage with this process.

The report was noted.

CM04/0726

LPT Allocation

The members considered the allocation of €40,000 LPT funding per annum for a period of three years (2026-2028) to Robertstown Community Initiatives.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Phelan and agreed by all members present that €40,000 LPT funding per annum for a period of three years (2026-2028), be allocated to Robertstown Community Initiatives.

CM05/0726

Upgrading and Reopening of Leinster Street Carpark

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

That the council engages with Maynooth University on the upgrading and reopening of the Leinster Street Carpark in line with measure PK6 of the Maynooth and Environs Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031, with an emphasis on delivering a mobility hub for the Maynooth Central Settlement Consolidation Site.

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 location in question is in private ownership. The council is happy to engage with all interested parties in the implementation of these measures. If the members are in agreement, the council will write to the owners of the carpark.

Councillor Melrose noted that the car park is not in use and it is an objective of the Local Area Plan to deliver a mobility hub, EV parking and bicycles/scooters that can be used to promote active travel in the town. He noted that the car park in the ownership of Maynooth University.

Councillor Melrose requested clarification as to when there is a measure in a Local Area Plan does the council consult or communicate with landowners where necessary.

Members noted the following:

- Supported the motion.
- A good demonstration site for the Public Sector Climate Action mandate.
- Owner of car park would have access to public funding.
- Trees and water are part of heat management in urban centres.

Mr. M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer informed the members that he did not know in this instance if the landowners had been consulted. He advised that a letter will be issued to the owners of the car park.

Councillor Melrose thanked the department for their report and the members for their support.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Melrose, seconded by Councillor Mulroe and agreed by all members that the report be noted and that the council will write to the owners of the car park.

CM06/0726

Review Bike Rack Provision, Kilcock

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

That the council reviews bike rack provision in Kilcock identifying shortfalls to inform an implementation plan subject to funding and resources.

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

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that the Active Travel Team will work with the Municipal District Office to install bike racks at appropriate locations. If there are suggested locations from the Councillor, we can assess these.

Councillor Melrose thanked the department for their report and noted that the provision of bike racks in Kilcock will be needed for Dart+ and he offered to also work with the department on this.

Councillor McEvoy noted that integrating active travel with public transport is important and should be the start of active travel networks of connectivity. He noted that perhaps in the

next Local Area Plan, connectivity for all estates in Kilcock can be included, and this will in turn reduce the use of cars.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer informed the members that the Active Travel Team support any objectives that get people onto bicycles, trains and buses and will investigate locations with the assistance of the team in the Municipal District Office.

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

CM07/0726

Improve Accessibility For Service Users, Maynooth

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

That the council carries out a review of the paths and roads in the vicinity of disability service providers in Maynooth with a view to improving accessibility for service users and families.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will meet Councillor Feeney on site to determine what appropriate course of action is required at these locations.

Councillor Feeney accepted the report and noted that she would be happy to meet on site to discuss locations and issues.

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

The members agreed to take Items 8 and 17 together.

CM08/0726

Funding Streams for Junction Improvement, Allenwood

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

That the council outlines what funding streams are being pursued in order to progress the junction improvement project for Allenwood Cross following the Part 8 planning approval, and the estimated timeline for commencement of the work.

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

A report was received from the Transport Projects Team informing the members that funding is in place in the current Capital Programme for the delivery of junction improvements and this will be used for this project. The project is currently out to tender and a timeline for the start of the works will be provided once a contractor is appointed.

Councillor Wyse noted that Part 8 plans were approved, it is very positive that funding is in place already and tender is completed that a timeline will then be identified. He welcomed the report.

Councillor Mulroe noted that she welcomed the positive report. The community are anxious to get this progressed and she is happy to see the momentum on this matter.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that he also welcomed the report, for a long time this has been an ongoing item, and it was great to see it now coming to fruition.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer noted that they would be looking for this to progress as soon as possible.

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

The members agreed to take Items 9, 10 and 28 together.

CM09/0726

Footpath on the R403 to link Derrinturn and Carbury Village

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

That the council provides an estimated costing of works for the extension of the current footpath on the R403 to link Derrinturn and Carbury Village, with a view to improve community access to important services in the area.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there would be significant costs associated with land acquisition and accommodation works for this footpath extension, which are dependent on inputs from a land valuer. As a result, it is not possible to provide an accurate overall cost at this stage. The proposed footpath route is approximately 1.1 km in length, linking the two locations. Based on typical construction rates, the estimated cost for constructing a footpath of this length is approximately €700,000, excluding any land acquisition or accommodation costs.

Councillor W. Durkan supported the proposed footpath link, noting its importance for community access and public transport connectivity. He suggested that alternative funding streams be explored to support delivery over a number of years.

Councillor Mulroe welcomed the new Community Group, established following the ‘Turning the Sod’ initiative, and supported the proposed footpath link, noting its benefits for local services, schools, active travel and connectivity between Derrinturn and Carbury.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer, advised that while the project had merit, the estimated construction cost would not cover land acquisition, accommodation works or other site constraints, and that additional funding would be required.

Councillors Fitzpatrick and W. Durkan requested that the item be added to the Progress Report, with alternative funding streams to be identified.

Ms. Higgins advised that LEADER funding was unlikely to apply and that Just Transition funding may no longer be available but noted that the project could be considered for LPT funding in 2027.

Councillor Wyse advised that he would revert with contact details for the Carbury and Derrinturn Community Group to enable arrangement of deputation at the September Municipal District meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by all members that this municipal district receives a deputation from the Carbury Derrinturn Community Group. The report was noted.

The members agreed to take Items 9, 10 and 28 together.

CM10/0726

Pedestrian walkway on the R403 between Derrinturn and Carbury village

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

That the council examines the feasibility of providing a safe pedestrian walkway on the R403 between Derrinturn and Carbury village.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there would be significant costs associated with land acquisition and accommodation works for this footpath extension, which are dependent on inputs from a land valuer. The proposed footpath route is approximately 1.1 km in length, linking the two locations. Based on typical construction rates, the estimated cost for constructing a footpath of this length is approximately €700,000, excluding any land acquisition or accommodation costs.

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

CM11/0726

Meath Section of the Maynooth Orbital Route

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

That the council writes to Meath County Council requesting a start date and timeline as to when the Meath section of the Maynooth Orbital Route will commence.

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

A report was received from the Transport Projects Team informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor W. Durkan and agreed that the council writes to Meath County Council requesting a start date and timeline as to when the Meath section of the Maynooth Orbital Route will commence. The report was noted.

CM12/0726

Road Surface Repair Works, Clane

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

That the council updates the committee on requests for road surface repair works near 2044-2050 St. Brigid's Terrace, Clane and 111-112A Loughbollard, Clane.

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 footpath upgrade works were carried in St Brigid's Terrace, Clane in early Summer. Road resurfacing at this location is due to take place before the end of Summer. Regarding Loughbollard, Clane, these resurfacing works are due to be tendered in the coming weeks. A timeline for completion will be finalised once a contractor is appointed.

Councillor McEvoy on behalf of the residents of the area, thanked the department for their report.

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

CM13/0726

Enhance Footpath Capacity, Clane

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

That the council provides an update to the members on the options previously identified to enhance the capacity of the footpath at the junction of Main Street and the Prosperous Road, Clane, including any design proposals, funding opportunities and next steps to progress these improvements.

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

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that this work is not currently on the work programme for 2026, but we will review the previous options with a view to progressing, subject to funding and resources.

Councillor McEvoy raised pedestrian safety concerns at O'Brien's, noting high footfall from schools, increased housing and future traffic redistribution from the link road. He said the junction was a key conflict point between vehicles and pedestrians and that these issues could support engagement with the National Transport Authority and other stakeholders.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired if it would be possible to look at the left-hand turn onto main street as the flower bed restricts traffic at this location.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer, informed the members that the Municipal District Office is currently looking at this issue. He outlined that the issue is the capacity for two lanes, turning left and turning right. The key is trying to move people around the town, to also encourage active travel and to look at solutions that move people around safely.

Councillor Mulroe supported the motion and welcomed further proposals and funding opportunities to improve pedestrian safety.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the members and suggested engagement with the Public Realm Team, noting the need to improve traffic flow at the junction.

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

CM14/0726

Audit of Footpath Network, Moyglare Abbey Estate, Maynooth

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

That the council carries out an audit of the footpath network within the Moyglare Abbey Estate, Maynooth to identify sections requiring repair, maintenance or upgrade works, and that any identified works be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Roads and Footpaths Programme, subject to available funding.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that footpath upgrade works were carried out in Moyglare Abbey Estate in 2021. The Municipal District

Office will carry out an assessment and will consider footpath upgrade works for inclusion in the 2027 Maintenance Works Programme pending sufficient budget allocations.

The Municipal District Engineer informed that this area was examined previously and noted that where boundary walls were built on top of footpaths this would have to be taken into consideration.

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

CM15/0726

Bus Stop, Manor Mills Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm when the bus stop at Manor Mills, Maynooth will be operational?

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that there are a few snags that are expected to be completed shortly. Once these are completed, the bus stop will become operational on Mill Street.

Councillor Feeney noted that it was great to see people enquiring about bus stops. This stop will get a lot of use and good to hear it will be ready to open shortly.

The report was noted.

CM16/0726

Bus stops on the Local Link 821 route

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

Can the council provide a timeline for the installation of bus stops on the Local Link 821 route, primarily in Allenwood (Newbridge bound) and Prosperous but also across this municipal district where the 821 route stop locations differ from other bus service's stop locations?

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that Bus stop upgrade works have been carried out on the following Route 821 stops over the last 6 months: - 2 in Prosperous, 1 in Allenwood, 2 in Robertstown, 2 in Allen and 2 at Newbridge Train Station. Bus poles and flags for these stops will be fitted over the next month. A pair of new bus stops and shelters for Kilmeague are also currently in design and are set to be delivered in early 2027.

Councillor Wyse noted that the bus markings are now complete and the report was welcomed.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take Items 17 and 8 together.

CM17/0726

Junction Improvement Scheme, Allenwood Cross

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the Junction Improvement Scheme for Allenwood Cross following the Section 38 consultation process?

A report was received from Transport Projects Team informing the members that this project is currently out to tender. This will move to construction once a contractor is identified.

The report was noted.

CM18/0726

Update on planned infrastructure in Broadford Village

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

Can the council provide an update on planned infrastructure in Broadford Village, to include planned bus shelter improvements at the junction of the R148, and a planned pedestrian crossing in the village centre?

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that bus stop upgrade works, including a new bus shelter is scheduled to commence on Stop 132991, Farrell's Nursery, Broadford within the next two weeks.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that it was great to see the bus stop opposite Farrell's being progressed and this is welcomed by the community. This improvement will make bus travel more accessible for rural communities. He also enquired if an update could be provided in relation to a pedestrian crossing in the village.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer informed the members that a crossing location has been identified at the school, and it will be progressed this year.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the department for the report on behalf of the community noting this will be very welcome.

The report was noted.

CM19/0726

Repair and or Resurface Straffan Road, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to repair and or resurface the Straffan Road, Maynooth at the Glenroyal Hotel and the entrances to all housing estates?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there are currently insufficient resources available to include these works in the road's maintenance works programme for 2026. Resurfacing works on the Straffan Road can be considered for inclusion in next year's work programme.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that this would not involve a full resurfacing, but some patch work is required to the existing surface.

The Municipal District Engineer noted that this can be undertaken.

The report was noted.

CM20/0726

Enhanced Space for Pedestrians and Cyclists, Celbridge Road, Clane

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

Can the council update the committee on plans to enhance space for pedestrians and cyclists on the north side of the R403 Celbridge Road, Clane, between the roundabout and the junction with Brooklands and the extension of the link road through Capdoo?

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that the Municipal District Office and the Active Travel Team are working to deliver improved infrastructure at this location. However, the delivery of this is dependent on funding and on third party engagement.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed progress on infrastructure improvements at the location, noted local support, highlighted drainage and signage constraints. He asked that efforts continue, given the importance of the route and increasing pressure on the corridor.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that engagement with the landowner had taken place previously and they had welcomed the works.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer, informed the members that engagement from the public is really important, and welcomed the positive engagement. He noted that feedback on funding is positive and these improvements will be delivered as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CM21/0726

Roundabout Maintenance, Kilcock

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

That Kildare County Council requests the developer of Millerstown Kilcock to landscape and properly maintain the roundabout to the entrance of the estate which is on the Kildare side of the county boundary.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that contact will be made with the developer to request landscaping and maintenance of the roundabout.

Councillor T. Durkan noted the grass was cut recently, but it would be appreciated if this could also be landscaped.

Mr. M. Mcloughlin, Senior Executive Officer, informed the members that Mr. S. Wallace, will revert to Councillor T. Durkan on this matter.

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

CM22/0726

Playground, Straffan

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

Can the council provide an update on progress made to deliver a playground for Straffan?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a suitable site needs to be identified for a playground. To date we have been unable to achieve this following contact with the local community.

Councillor Melrose sought an update on progress to deliver a playground in Straffan and any engagement with the GAA.

Mr. S. Wallace advised that the plans were conceptual and dependent on landowner cooperation. He noted that the Parks Department had engaged with the GAA, but that other landowners would need to come forward. He agreed to revert to Councillor Melrose with any further information.

The report was noted.

CM23/0726

Playground, Derrinturn

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

Can the council outline existing barriers to the provision of a playground in Derrinturn Village?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a suitable potential site needs to be identified; additional budget needs to be identified and a timeframe for the delivery of the project needs to be considered in relation to existing staff resources and commitments to projects across the county.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that this will be for the Community and has come up also at a previous meeting. He noted it was somewhat positive that in the background there are some initial steps being taken towards identifying a site.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer, informed the members that a site needs to be identified and if there is cooperation with a landowner this can be progressed.

The report was noted.

CM24/0726

Landscaping Works, Fitzgerald Close, Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the landscaping works at Fitzgerald Close, Maynooth, and indicate when these works are expected to be completed?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that a member of the Architects Section visited Fitzgerald Close on Friday, 26 June 2026. It was noted that landscaping works previously planted appeared to have failed. The Architects Team will follow up with the contractors to get the area replanted.

The report was noted.

CM25/0726

Status of Carton Avenue Master Plan

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the Carton Avenue Master Plan, including any progress made to date, the next stages of the project, and an indicative timeline for delivery?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the process of preparing tender documents to engage a consultant to prepare a conservation and masterplan for Carton Avenue, Maynooth, has commenced. It is proposed to advertise this in August/September and work to commence before the end of the year.

Councillor Phelan noted people in the area are living in a dedicated key town with and they have no community amenities. She noted that all members are keen to progress this issue.

The report was noted.

CM26/0726

Clane Library Project and Grand Canal Greenway

The members received an update from Mr. D. Carey, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team on the Clane Library Project and Grand Canal Greenway.

Clane Library

Updates since April 2026:

- Contract Award
- The construction contract has been awarded to ML Quinn Construction, Newry, Co. Down.

Works commenced on site in late May.

Works completed since the commencement include:

- Soft strip of the internal structure.

- Removal of part of the internal mezzanine floor.
- Removal from site of all associated waste.
- It is anticipated that the works will be completed over an 18 - month period.
- Works to be completed over the next quarter include;
  - Continue demolition and strip out works
  - Floor slab removal and underpinning and the completion of the new sub floor.

Councillor McEvoy enquired in relation to recent heatwaves and whether heat pumps could double-up also as a method to cool the building.

Mr. D. Carey, A/Senior Executive Engineer, informed the members that this was something they had noted with other projects. There are not many sections that are south facing and noted he will look into it and revert to Councillor McEvoy.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the department for the Library update and was good to see it progressing.

Grand Canal Greenway

Sallins Link

- The tender process is now complete with the contract award also completed.
- Mobilisation is currently taking place.
- 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. 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 be appointed to complete a section of tow path from Healy (Bonynge Bridge to Lock 18) with an anticipated commencement of September this year.

- A package is now completed and will be issued for tender early July for the 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. Expected to commence construction on late 2026.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired in relation to the delivery of the Bridge in Robertstown.

Councillor Melrose enquired regarding any further information about the development of the Greenway, towards Dublin and past Leixlip.

Mr. D. Carey informed the members that the Bridge in Robertstown, would be delivered towards the end of the project in 2027 and the Greenway is with the Transport Section.

Councillor Wyse sought clarification on whether pedestrian lighting would be included in the works, which sections would progress this year, and whether a gravel path could be provided at Ticknevin.

Councillor Mulroe enquired when the works from Lowtown to Healy's Bridge will be completed.

Mr. D. Carey advised that works at Healy's Bridge would progress northwards, with the Lowtown to Robertstown section to follow later in the scheme. He confirmed that the gravel path at Ticknevin would be delivered by the contractor, with tendering expected in summer and works potentially commencing by year-end or early 2027.

Councillor Wyse sought clarification on the completion timeline for related Greenway works, noting that a separate contractor may be involved.

Councillor Mulroe suggested that a community briefing in Robertstown would help highlight the project's benefits, including for tourism and the wider local area.

The updates were welcomed and noted.

CM27/0726

Canal Bridge at Maynooth Train Station

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

That the council contacts Irish Rail regarding the canal bridge at Maynooth Train Station, calling for repairs to be carried out and for bicycle rails to be installed as part of the upgrade.

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

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

Councillor Fitzpatrick clarified that the letter can only be written with agreement from members in relation to the motion before the meeting.

Councillor Feeney thanked the members for their contributions requesting that an in-committee meeting be requested with Irish Rail.

It was agreed by the members that an amendment be made to the motion to include a request for an in-committee meeting with Irish Rail. It was agreed that the amended motion will read as follows:

“That the council contacts Irish Rail regarding the canal bridge at Maynooth Train Station, calling for repairs to be carried out and for bicycle rails to be installed as part of the upgrade, and that representatives of Irish Rail are invited to engage with the committee in an in-committee meeting.”

It was agreed that in line with Standing Orders, the amended wording to this motion will be provided to the Meetings Administrator.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Mulroe and agreed by all members that the motion be amended in line with the wording agreed by the members. That the amended motion be provided to the Meetings Administrator, to include the request to Irish Rail for an in-committee meeting with the members.
The report was noted.

The members agreed to take Items 9, 10 and 28 together.

CM28/0726

Deputation from Carbury Derrinturn Community Group

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

That this municipal district receives a deputation from the Carbury Derrinturn Community Group, which formed recently following the “Turning the Sod” meetings held in the area, led by the County Kildare LEADER partnership.

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

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

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by all members that this municipal district receives a deputation from the Carbury Derrinturn Community Group. The report was noted.

CM29/0726

Returns Box at Maynooth Community Library

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to install a return box at Maynooth Community Library for out-of-hours return of library loan items?

A report was received from the Library Service informing the members that as the council no longer charge overdue fines and offer multiple renewal options online, via our online app, or by phone library patrons can easily extend loans if they are unable to return items during opening hours, without any financial penalty. Maynooth Library is open to the public 6 days per week, through lunchtime and until 8.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additionally, installing a returns box outside Maynooth Community Library is not suitable

given its Main Street location. Recent changes have already seen a bin and post box relocated to accommodate a cycle lane and improve accessibility. In addition, from our experience in other locations we have had to remove drop boxes as they are often misused by the public as general waste bins, leading to contamination and damage of library stock.

Councillor Feeney thanked Ms. G. Allen, County Librarian, for the report and asked whether a returns box could be considered in future if the library relocated, noting demand for a convenient returns option and the high usage of Maynooth Library.

Ms. G. Allen advised that returns boxes could be considered in future but noted that they had been removed in some locations due to misuse and damage to stock. She said the Library Service encourages borrowers to return items in person, noting that there are no overdue fines and that visits to the library are an important performance indicator.

The report was noted.

CM30/0726

Taking in charge of Bridge End, Maynooth

The members considered the taking in charge of Bridge End, Maynooth (ref DC1246).

Councillor Feeney noted that this taking in charge was good news for the area. She commended the team how they are proactive and approachable.

Councillor Phelan requested that the signage be in dual language, Irish and English.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Phelan and agreed by all members that Bridge End, Maynooth (ref DC1246) be taken in charge.

CM31/0726

Large-Scale Outer Ring Road for Clane

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

That the council commits to the inclusion of a large-scale outer ring road for Clane in the forthcoming Clane Settlement Plan.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members all future road infrastructure proposed in the Clane Settlement Plan must be guided by the outputs of an Area-Based Transport Assessment or Local Transport Plan. While current traffic congestion in the town is acknowledged, new road proposals cannot proceed in isolation. Instead, all road measures must be evidence-based and integrated into a comprehensive transport strategy tailored to support Clane's long-term sustainable development.

Councillor W. Durkan supported the inclusion of a large-scale infrastructure solution in the forthcoming Clane Settlement Plan to address traffic congestion.
Councillor McEvoy acknowledged traffic pressures in Clane but emphasised public transport, active travel and sustainable links as more appropriate long-term solutions than additional road capacity.

Councillor W. Durkan supported the inclusion of a large-scale infrastructure solution in the forthcoming Clane Settlement Plan to address traffic congestion.

Councillor McEvoy acknowledged traffic pressures but highlighted public transport, active travel and sustainable links as important alternatives to additional road capacity.

Councillor Wyse supported future planning for link and ring roads to accommodate population growth, while Councillor Mulroe cautioned that new roads could increase car dependency and emphasised the need for sustainable transport and future-proofed communities.

Ms. O. Howe Smith, Planning Department, informed the members that she will take note of the Councillors comments request follow up in this regard.

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

CM32/0726

New Local Area Plan for Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of a new Local Area Plan for Kilcock, and any upcoming preferred timelines for its progression?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that a draft settlement plan for Kilcock is currently under preparation, with publication anticipated in Quarter 4 2026. It should be noted however, that the final publication schedule remains contingent upon the completion of a Local Transport Plan for the town.

Councillor Melrose asked for clarity on the completion of a Local Transport Plan for the town.

Ms. O. Howe Smith, Planning Department, informed the members that she will check this matter and revert to Councillor Melrose.

The report was noted.

CM33/0726

Amenity Space, Bawnogue Park

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

Can the council confirm what discussions have taken place between Kildare County Council and the developer of Bawnogue Park, Kilcock in relation to the provision of amenity space in the estate?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that Development Control has been engaging in recent weeks with the developer to ensure the satisfactory completion of Bawnogue Park including the landscaping and playground. There are footpaths yet to be constructed on the open space at the south-western side of the estate, and the developer intends to open this green area once the construction works have been completed.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that the condition of the green areas prevented children from playing on them and accepted the report.

The report was noted.

CM34/0726

Conservation Management Plan, St Farnan's

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

Can the council confirm if it is in a position to advise and support local stakeholders in preparing applications for funding a Conservation Management Plan following the report by the Heritage and Nature Unit on the St. Farnan's enclosure, church and graveyard at Downings North, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Heritage and Nature Unit is available to meet with local stakeholders or groups associated with St. Farnan's, to advise on possible funding streams and to provide guidance on the preparation of a funding application for a Conservation Management Plan. The Heritage and Nature Unit can also advise on the ongoing care and maintenance of the site while protecting its heritage.

Councillor McEvoy noted that, as the site was not council-owned, there were limitations on the council's role. He thanked the team for the background report circulated to members.

The report was noted.

CM35/0726

Bottle Bank Site, Prosperous

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

That the council engages with stakeholders in the local community in Prosperous to identify a site for a bottle bank.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council is willing to examine potential locations in Prosperous and other suitable locations in the municipal district that the members or local community representatives may have in mind. For the members information, considerations for sites typically include:

- Access for service vehicles.
- Absence of overhead cables.
- Setback from any residential properties (50m).
- Safe access for public including adequate sightlines, lighting.
- Landowners' agreement.

Councillor Mulroe welcomed the report and highlighted the need for a bottle bank in Prosperous, particularly for those without access to a car.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted the existing bottle bank in Allenwood and welcomed progress towards provision in Robertstown.

Ms. R. Jackson advised that the department is seeking to reinstate the bottle bank at Dagwelds and continues to assess suitable sites, with follow-up to take place with members on potential locations.

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

CM36/0726

Feasibility study for the future use of the former Maynooth Fire Station

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

That the council, as part of the ongoing feasibility study for the future use of the former Maynooth Fire Station site and the proposed feasibility study for a new North Kildare Council Depot, consider the inclusion of a multi-purpose cultural and community facility on the combined lands, incorporating uses such as an arts centre, theatre/performance space, community library and flexible community spaces. The feasibility study should examine successful examples such as Draíocht in Blanchardstown and the proposed Swords Cultural Quarter and Public Realm Project, with a view to determining how a similar cultural and civic hub could support the growing population of Maynooth and North Kildare.

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

A report was received from the Library Service informing the members that The council acknowledges the intent of the motion in seeking to explore the potential for a multi-purpose cultural and community facility on the combined lands at the former Maynooth Fire Station site and the proposed North Kildare Council Depot. However, the Kildare Library Development Plan, as adopted by the council and aligned with the Capital Budget and National Funding Programmes, sets out the agreed pipeline of capital projects. Within this municipal district, Clane Library is the identified project for delivery during the lifetime of this Library Development Plan. The adopted capital investment programme under the current Kildare Library Development Plan includes the delivery of Clane Library, the development of Newbridge Library, County Archives and Cultural Centre, and the planned development of a new library for Celbridge on the site of the Parochial House and lands recently acquired by Kildare County Council. These projects represent substantial commitments in terms of staffing, funding, and organisational capacity. Advancing additional major capital projects at this time would places significant pressure on existing resources, with the risk of stretching delivery capacity beyond sustainable limits. In addition, there is no current budget provision within the Capital Programme for such a development. While the concept of a

cultural hub is acknowledged, any such proposal would need to be considered as part of a future review of the Capital Programme, subject to funding and resource availability.

Councillor Phelan noted that the question she asked had not been answered and enquired if a Community Hub could be considered as part of the Feasibility Study.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager noted that the focus is on a large multi-functional Community Space in this location. An Arts Centre is very different and would be funded from a separate funding stream. The Library Development Plan identifies the schedule of Capital Projects, and the focus of the delivery will be on a multi-functional Community Space which can accommodate arts such as dance. It will not be a theatre and will in the first instance be a Community Centre. The District Manager assured the members that this building will be a multifunctional state of the art Community Centre.

Councillors Feeney and Phelan welcomed the progress and thanked the County Librarian and District Manager for the report.

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

The meeting concluded.

Post Meeting Note from Cathaoirleach

Cathaoirleach D. Fitzpatrick thanked the members for nominating him to the position of Cathaoirleach for this term. He wished all the staff a happy Summer, and thanked the members, as always, for their participation in the meetings.

He also enquired from the members, as to whether he should continue to read out all of the Motions and Questions at each meeting or what they preferred.

It was agreed by the members that it would not be necessary for the Motions/Questions to be read out at each meeting.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said that on a personal note he wanted to thank all the members and staff for their kindness over the past few weeks, and for their attendance at his Mother's funeral, which was very much appreciated.