# Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 04 September 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, P. Melrose, P. Mulroe, P. Ward. and Councillor B. Wyse.

**Officials Present:** Mr. F. Ibrahim Bargouthi, (A/District Manager), Mr. C. Buggie (Senior Engineer), Mr. R. Toft (District Engineer), Mr. S. Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms. C. Whelan (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms. S. Walsh (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr. R. McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Ms. O. Howe (Senior Staff Officer), Ms. S. O'Gara, (Town Regeneration Officer), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Foran and Ms. A. Warren (Meetings Secretaries) and other officials.

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Councillor Fitzpatrick (Cathaoirleach) welcomed everyone to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting of Friday, 04 September 2026.

## CM01/0926

## 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.

## CM02/0926

## Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the draft minutes of the annual and monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meetings held on Friday, 03 July 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, 03 July 2026 be taken as read.

The progress report was noted.

**CM03/0926**

**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. All Restoration Maintenance Schemes (Surface Dressing) are complete.

**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 (Revised to L7076) | Roberstown | Onsite |
| LT | L70841 | Ballintine | Complete |
| LS | L5040 | Clonfert South | Complete |
| LS | L 5008 | Clogherinkoe | Complete |
| R | R403 | Derrinturn | Onsite |
| 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 |

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| LS | L5004 | Kilrainy | Complete |

**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 | Onsite |

**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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| Greenfield Drive, Maynooth | Complete |
| Carton Court, Maynooth | Complete |
| Oak Lawns, Kilmeague | Complete |
| St Brigids Terrace, Clane | Complete |

The District Engineer informed the members that 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. All Restoration Maintenance Schemes (Surface Dressing) are complete.

Councillor McEvoy enquired about the footpath works on the Dublin Road, Clane.

Mr. C. Buggie (Senior Engineer), informed the members that there has been positive engagement with the landowner in this location. Funding has become available for these works and gone to tender and should progress in the next few weeks.

Councillor McEvoy asked that it be noted in the minutes, appreciation to the landowner in relation to the footpath works at this location on the Dublin Road in Clane.

The report was noted.

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The Cathaoirleach noted the forthcoming the resignation of Councillor Brendan Wyse (end of September) and advised that this would be his final Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting.

The members paid tribute to Councillor Wyse’s dedicated and effective service since his election in 2019. They highlighted his commitment to Allenwood, Carbury and the wider municipal district; his approachable, collegial and cross-party manner; the guidance and support he provided to newer members; and his contribution to local projects, community groups and improvements throughout the area. The members wished Councillor Wyse and his family well for the future.

Mr. C. Buggie, Senior Engineer on behalf of the Executive and the Municipal District Office, thanked Councillor Wyse for his constructive engagement with officials and his informed representation of local issues. He wished Councillor Wyse and his family well for the future.

Councillor Wyse thanked the members, officials and journalists for their support and kind remarks. He reflected on the collegial, cross-party culture of the municipal district, his commitment to community representation and the increasing demands of the role. He acknowledged the work of council officials, particularly the Transport Department, referred to ongoing priorities including the Derrinturn–Carbury pathway and local road issues, and said that he looked forward to spending more time with his family while remaining active in the community.

Councillor Fitzpatrick also conveyed the good wishes of Ms. Marian Higgins, Director of Services and District Manager, who had spoken highly of Councillor Wyse and his contribution.

**CM04/0926**

**Deputation from Carbury Derrinturn Community Group**

The members received a deputation from the Carbury Derrinturn Community Group.

Ms. Denise Thompson from Carbury Derrinturn Community Group introduced her colleague Ms. Aideen Djneadi and noted other members of the group and supporters in the public gallery. Ms. Thompson then gave the deputation to the meeting. She thanked the members for the invitation to speak and informed members that the group had been established in May 2026 as part of the 'Turning the Sod' initiative in conjunction with Kildare Leader Partnership, with the aim of promoting the wellbeing of the community. The group conducted a survey in the community and feedback from respondents identified four areas of priority for the group to progress:

- Renovation of Community Hall
- Establish a Playground and recreational amenities for the community as a whole
- Identify and preserve Heritage sites in the community
- Identify and progress Safe Pedestrian Routes in the community

A proposal to extend the Derrinturn-Carbury pathway on the R403 was seen as the key priority by the group to enable safe and inclusive access to the amenities of the area.

Ms. Thompson acknowledged the significant cost for the relatively short but essential link and outlined several benefits the footpath extension would provide including:

- Economic benefits to the community
- Enhanced Access to Local Heritage
- Access to local healthcare facilities
- Aligns with Active Travel Strategy and supports sustainable living
- Aligns with Local Strategy and the future development of social housing

The members thanked the Carbury Derrinturn Community Group for attending and for their excellent presentation which really clarified the issue for members. The following points were raised:

- Currently no safe link between the two communities
- This would be a benefit to the community
- Landowner is agreeable and there is sufficient width on the road
- Examples of trail type walks in other counties could be investigated
- Crushed earth or alternatives to kerbs and concrete could be looked at
- The road also presents challenges for cyclists
- The importance of children to be able to walk to school safely
- Supporting people with disabilities through safe accessible routes
- Highlighted how a small piece of infrastructure can have a big impact
- National funding may be required to progress this project

Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked the Carbury Derrinturn Community Group for their deputation and noted the importance of their meeting with the Community Team to progress issues.

**CM05/0926**

**Traffic Management Maynooth**

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

That the council commences the Section 38 process to introduce appropriate traffic management measures at the junction of Back Lane and Double Lane, Maynooth, including the installation of road markings and signage to clearly identify the priority at the junction and improve road safety.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Phelan.
A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will assess this area with a view to implementing traffic management measures in line with the Traffic Signs Manual and Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 requirements.

Councillor Feeney referred to a recent incident and highlighted ongoing road safety concerns at this location. She thanked the District Engineer for meeting her on site earlier in the year and noted that the lane was regularly used by residents and pedestrians accessing local schools, the church and businesses. She requested appropriate traffic-calming measures and signage to clarify that the lane operated as a two-way route. She also raised concerns regarding motorists entering from the Dunboyne Road and requested that this be monitored. In addition, she sought the repainting of road markings at the entrance from Pound Lane to Mill Street and the reinstatement of the yellow box. She requested the support of the members should funding be required.

Councillor Phelan welcomed the report and the proposed assessment of the area. She supported the introduction of measures to address the existing confusion and improve safety She also requested an indicative timeline for this review.

The members supported the motion and emphasised the need to protect schoolchildren, residents and pedestrians. Concerns were raised regarding the volume of traffic, vehicles travelling in the wrong direction, the operation of the four-way junction and the proximity of residential entrances to the carriageway. Suggested measures included designation as a Quiet Road, improved No Entry markings using thermoplastic road-marking material, and additional signage and traffic-calming measures.

The Senior Engineer advised that traffic congestion and the operation of Maynooth’s lanes were long-standing issues. He noted that the lanes were generally two-way, with No Entry restrictions applying at certain locations, and that the removal of parking spaces might be required to improve sightlines. Possible measures included the provision of a stop line, buildouts on the Dunboyne Road and other traffic-calming interventions. He advised that driver behaviour was an enforcement matter and confirmed that the yellow box at Mill Street

would be reinstated. He further advised that the relevant statutory process would be examined and would take approximately three months. The issue was not considered to be financial and remained under active examination.

Councillor Feeney suggested the designation as a Quiet Road could be examined as a longer-term measure but emphasised the immediate need to improve signage and address the current safety concerns.

Councillor Phelan asked whether interim measures could be introduced to improve safety for residents and pedestrians.

The Senior Engineer advised that more extensive measures would have additional cost implications. He noted that traffic-management measures such as build-outs and bollards could provide clearer visual reinforcement of the No Entry restriction.

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

**CM06/0926**

**Footpath, Boreen Road, Straffan**

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

That the council installs a footpath on the Boreen Road in Straffan.

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

A report was received from Transport Department informing the members that the delivery of a footpath at this location would be challenging in view of the significant environmental and physical constraints on this section of road. It would not be helpful to carry out an estimate of the costs when there is no realistic chance of delivering a footpath in the short-term. The Transport Department is willing to discuss alternative options with the Councillor.

Councillor Feeney noted that this is a section of road with no footpath. The landowner has been in contact and is disposed to assisting with a footpath.

Councillor Melrose noted that he supported the motion and it was an issue he had raised previously. He said he would talk with Councillor Feeney after the meeting.

The Senior Engineer thanked the members for their assistance in ensuring positive traction with this issue and the Municipal District Office will work with members to get this resolved.

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

**CM07/0926**

**Footpath Assessment, Woodlands Estate, Maynooth**

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

That the council carries out an assessment of the footpaths throughout Woodlands Estate, Maynooth, to identify any areas requiring remedial works and that any necessary works identified be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Works Programme.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will carry out a technical assessment of the footpaths in Woodlands Estate to identify any remedial works required associated with existing defects and trip hazards. Any works deemed required will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Roads Maintenance Works Programme.

Councillor Phelan thanked the department for the report and enquired if the council maintains a database of estates Taken In Charge and can members have access to this.

The District Engineer informed the members that the municipal district evaluates the taking-in-charge of estates and the works in estates, on a case by case basis.

The Senior Engineer informed the members that there is a list that they work from and the budget that is available reflects the works that can be carried out, resulting in only essential works being carried out. Rolling repairs cannot be carried out and repairs are not based off the age of estates, but on works that are deemed essential.

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

**CM08/0926**

**Zebra Crossing, Maynooth**

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

That the council redesignates the ramp at Newtown Inn, Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth as a Zebra Crossing and updates it with appropriate road markings and signage as per Chapter Five of the Traffic Signs Manual, and tactile paving detail as per Tactile Paving Detail and Recommended Gradients - Controlled Pedestrian Crossing.

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

A report was received from the Transport Projects Team informing the members that the crossing has been added to a list for assessment by Kildare County Council technical staff to determine what type of pedestrian crossing is appropriate for this location. It should be noted that Zebra Crossings using the RUS 066 signage must fulfil certain criteria and that they do not have facilities to assist the visually impaired/vulnerable road users (such as push-button units etc.)

Councillor Melrose thanked the department for the report and noted this is a legacy issue and welcomed the fact that this will be looked at in terms of what is best for the Community.

The Senior Engineer informed the members this falls under the remit of the Active Travel Team. He informed the members that a Zebra Crossing or Push-Button Crossing are two options for priority and advised that the team are looking at these at the moment.

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

**CM09/0926**

**Pedestrian Link, Hatter's Cross, Prosperous to the Canal**

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

That the council provides a costing for the construction of a footpath or safe pedestrian link from Hatters Cross in Prosperous to the canal that could link the village and the greenway in the future.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the delivery of a footpath at this location would be challenging in view of the significant environmental and physical constraints on this section of road. There would also 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 1.8 km in length, linking the two locations. Based on typical construction rates, the estimated cost for constructing a footpath of this length is approximately €1.2 million excluding any land acquisition or accommodation costs.

Councillor Mulroe noted that she appreciated the complexity of the motion and this is a longstanding issue, to try find a link between these two areas. The Greenway is an asset, and this link is vital to get people out of cars and walking. She referenced the budget and complexity here and added that notwithstanding possible external 'Just Transition' funding, this would be a major asset for the locality. Councillor Mulroe thanked all departments for the work carried out in Prosperous, especially 'Safe Routes to School' over the summer and the positive impact for the Community.

Councillor Wyse echoed the work in Prosperous, especially Safe Routes to School' over the summer, noting that he did not realise the works would be so extensive. He noted that Deputy A. Farrelly raised this before and the potential of the link up for children being able to cycle from Allenwood to St. Farnan's School, instead of waiting one hour on the bus. He also noted that this needed to be looked at, to drive it on and the value for local community

use. He said with the size and population of Prosperous that it should be linked up to the Greenway.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said that he had a similar motion approximately two years ago, enquiring if anything could be done to put a safe route from the Village to the Canal.

The Senior Engineer informed the members this falls under the Active Travel Team. He added that different landowners, boundaries and walls are items which are not costed and are an unknown amount, so the cost is impossible to determine. It is important that the Blueway is linked to the Village, as it is an amenity that should have access. Getting it onto a priority list along with what is there already will be challenging, as funding streams will have to be identified.

Councillor Mulroe noted that this will be costly, and it is her understanding that this would comply with ‘Just Transition' funding. She noted that it would be wonderful if the ‘Turning the Sod’ which starts in Prosperous soon had funding. She added that this needs to be looked at urgently.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Mulroe seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick agreed by all members that the report be noted.

**CM10/0926**

**Road marker renewal at Broadford School**

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

That the council undertakes renewal of road markings at Broadford National School, following recent works 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 the Municipal District Office has engaged Kildare County Council’s line marking contractor to renew road markings at this location where required. This will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Councillor W. Durkan informed the members that he is happy with the report and thanked the various departments for the recent works carried out in Broadford Village. New bus stops and Pedestrian Crossings are now in place, and it is great to see this progress for the Community.

Councillor Wyse commended Councillor W. Durkan on his work in the area noting that in 2019 the Parish of Balyna did not have any representative, and members were trying to do their best with projects in that area.

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

**CM11/0926**

**Footpath Repairs Broadford Village**

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

That the council inspects and carries out repairs to footpaths in Broadford Village.

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 the Municipal District Office will carry out a technical assessment of the footpaths in Broadford to identify any remedial works required associated with existing defects and trip hazards. Any works deemed required will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Roads Maintenance Works Programme.

Councillor T. Durkan thanked the department for the report, noting he is glad to see that any works deemed required, will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Roads Maintenance Works Programme.

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

**CM12/0926**

**Improving the junction of New Road and the R403 at Allenwood North**

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

That the council investigates the potential of widening or otherwise improving the junction of New Road and the R403 at Allenwood North.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council does not currently have the staffing or financial resources required to undertake an investigation into potential widening or other improvements to the junction of New Road and the R403 at Allenwood North. The matter may be considered as part of future programme reviews and prioritisation processes, should resources become available.

Councillor Wyse informed the members that he accepted the report and knows that the team are busy with works in Allenwood. He said that bollards were put in place noting that if the space was a little wider it would be more accessible.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired as to when works will start at that junction.
The Senior Engineer informed the members that it is out to tender at the moment, when that process is complete the tenders will be evaluated and works will commence when the tender is awarded.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that this is welcome news for the people of Allenwood.

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

**CM13/0926**

**Improvement Works, Baltracey Cross on R407**

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

That the council assesses the junction of Baltracey Cross on R407 for the potential for further improvements, including the provision of a roundabout or other means to allow traffic from the local roads join the regional road more safely.

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

A report was received from Transport Department informing the members that the assessment and upgrade of junctions is considered through the council's Junction Improvement Programme. Baltracey Cross does not currently form part of this programme and there are no plans at present to undertake an assessment of the junction. The location will be kept under review as part of future programme prioritisation.
Councillor Wyse noted that Baltracey Cross is still an issue for people locally and enquired if more could be done and he is aware that Brendan Weld, former Councillor, is still getting calls about this matter.

The District Engineer advised that the location will be kept under review as part of future programme prioritisation and enquired in relation to whether the issue was maintenance or hedge growth as there had been works carried out there previously.

Councillor W. Durkan asked what can be provided, noting that this will be kept on the agenda for coming months.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that this junction is located on a bad stretch of road, in a 60kph zone and the level of adherence by motorists is weak. People have driven straight through this road, which is now essentially a link between the M7 and the M4 heading West to Galway. He noted that anything that could be done would be supported.

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

**CM14/0926**

**Resurfacing of the Road at Milicent, Clane**

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

That the council resurfaces the road at Millicent, Clane as a matter of urgency in the interest of safety for local residents living along the road.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members the Municipal District Office has carried out temporary repair works along this road in recent weeks. With regards to road resurfacing works, this location is not included in the 2026 annual Road Maintenance Works Programme and will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Works Programme.

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the members that he has received a lot of correspondence from people about the number and frequency of lorries on this road. Remedial works have been carried out and have helped but this is still an issue.

The District Engineer informed the members that temporary repair works were carried out, noting that this location is not included in the 2026 annual Road Maintenance Works Programme and this will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Works Programme.

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

**CM15/0926**

**Installation of Solar Powered Warning Signs at Junctions**

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

That the council investigates the possibility of installing solar powered warning signs at dangerous junctions in the municipal district in the interest of safety.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office installs solar powered traffic warning signs were deemed appropriate in line with the council's Traffic Calming Guidelines and the Traffic Signs Manual. These are assessed for suitability at junctions on a site-specific basis.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that in County Wexford a number of junctions have solar powered warning signs and since the two lights were put at Healy's Bridge there is greater awareness at that location. If solar powered warning signs could be put up at Dag Welds, Firmount or other dangerous junctions as part of a process, until such time as more permanent works are carried out, this would be helpful.

The District Engineer informed the members that this can be looked, noting that they are expensive and batteries are a backup and are reliant on sunshine. He added that lights at Healy's Bridge are working well and the cost to provide solar powered traffic warning signs would be slightly more than to provide solar powered lights.

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

**CM16/0926**

**Update on Meadowbrook Active Travel Scheme, Maynooth**

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

That the council provides an update on the Meadowbrook Active Travel Scheme.

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

A report was received from Transport Operations informing the members that the Meadowbrook Active Travel Scheme was not granted funding in 2026. Funding in 2027 will be for the construction other Active Travel Schemes in Maynooth, namely the Celbridge Road Active Travel Scheme and the Safe Routes to School Scheme on the same route.

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

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he noted that Celbridge road takes priority, but this does not mean Meadowbrook is left on the shelf and informed the members that this will be a priority for him and he will be raising this motion continuously.

The District Engineer informed the members that this is on the programme of schemes and is dependent on funding from the National Transport Authority. He noted that Dublin Road, Naas was delayed which meant funding became available for other projects. In 2027 Celbridge Road and Meadowbrook will be looked at.

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

**CM17/0926**

**Provision of Roundabout at Ovidstown Cross, Straffan**

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

That the council carries out a feasibility study on the provision of a roundabout at Ovidstown Cross, Straffan given the high volume of traffic at this location.

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

A report was received from Transport Projects Team informing the members that Kildare County Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding traffic volumes at Taghadoe Cross and Ovidstown Cross. However, there are currently no resources available within the council's approved work programme to undertake a feasibility study at these locations. The matter will be noted for consideration as part of future programme and budget reviews.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that he raised this before and that a roundabout could cost €5m. He said he is aware of a roundabout in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District that was delivered at the considerably lesser cost of €1.5m. He noted that there had been a crash recently at Ovidstown Junction where two cars were written off. It is a difficult junction to get out of and noted that the report is disappointing, given that the level of traffic is significantly

higher now and these roads are connection routes from the M7 to the N4 going East. Some traction on this matter would be appreciated, and traffic accident data on this route would also be helpful.

Councillor Phelan supported the motion and noted she had a motion on this previously. She added that the road is extremely busy and anything that could be done should be done.

Ms. S. Walsh, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the members that she will take the members comments and the request for the traffic accident data, back to the Senior Executive Engineer who will revert to Councillor T. Durkan.

Councillor T. Durkan requested that this item be placed on the Progress report.

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

**CM18/0926**

**Public Lighting, Clane**

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

That the council prepares a plan and costing to complete the public lighting, as appropriate, along the L1023 Ballinagappa Road footpath between Ard Cluainn, Clane and the junction with the L5076.

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

A report was received from Transport Projects Team informing the members that the Public Lighting Section will meet with the Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor on site next week to assess this location and obtain a quotation for the provision of public lighting. This request is currently ranked No. 4 on the Kildare Lighting Improvement Scheme (KLIPS) Priority List. While the assessment and costing will be progressed, there is currently no funding available for these works. Any proposed scheme will therefore be subject to the identification and allocation of future funding.

Councillor McEvoy noted that the council installed the footpath from Clonwood Heights to Ard na Gappa and Ballinagappa Woods, he noted that the lighting was not completed, including the ducting, and enquired if there was funding available to complete these works.

The Senior Engineer informed the members that he will seek costing in relation to this issue and look at what funding may be available.

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

**CM19/0926**

**Improved Footpath Drainage, Clane**

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

That the council develops and implements a solution to improve footpath drainage at identified problem locations in Clane, specifically on Main Street between Café D'Amour and Londis, and on the R407 at College Grove.

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

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

Councillor McEvoy informed the members that at the entrance to Londis on Main Street, Clane, pooling can last for days, advising if works are scheduled that this can be kept in mind, as pedestrians use this pathway every day. College Grove has the same issue, there may be a soak hole that needs refreshing, water can be seen to pool here for hours.

The District Engineer informed the members that he will meet with Councillor McEvoy on site to determine what appropriate course of action is required at these locations

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

**CM20/0926**

**Installation of Signage at the entrance to School Street, Kilcock**

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

That the council assesses and installs appropriate signage at the entrance to School Street, Kilcock to deter large trucks/ Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) from entering the street, due to repeated collisions and property damage arising from large vehicles being unable to safely negotiate the turn.

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

A report was received from Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will review potential for signage at this location. The Municipal District Engineer will meet with Councillor Ward on site to determine appropriate action required.

Councillor Ward thanked the department for the report but noted that HGVs going down the street are not able to turn at the end onto the square, cars and buildings have been side swiped and damaged. He noted that appropriate signage could assist at this location.

The District Engineer advised that this is an area where the HGVs do not physically fit, driver awareness is required to know that their vehicle will not be able to get around the corner. If a driver goes down this route and then realises they will not fit, there is not much they can do, so awareness needs to be a priority and drivers identifying an alternative route.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that Google Maps provide specific Apps for large vehicles such as HGVs and buses and suggested that this also be looked at.

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

**CM21/0926**

**Additional Litter Bin, Kilcock**

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

That the council installs a public litter bin adjacent to the picnic tables along the canal in Kilcock to help address the persistent ongoing littering and support the efforts of local residents and Tidy Towns volunteers in maintaining this public space.
The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Phelan.

A report was received from Transport Department informing the members that there is currently insufficient funding and staffing resources available to provide and maintain additional bins in Kilcock.

Councillor Ward noted that this is a persistent problem in this area, A bin is located across the road at the old Courthouse and suggested if that could be moved across the road to this location, it may solve the issue. He said it would be appreciated if this could be examined.

Councillor Phelan supported the motion and suggested a Bin Survey be conducted and any bins not used should be reallocated to an appropriate area.

The District Engineer informed the members his department will look at this and relocate the bin if needed. He also advised that bins could only be relocated to council owned land.

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

**CM22/0926**

**Update on works at Mill Street, Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an update on the current status of the snagging works on Mill Street, Maynooth and advise when it is anticipated that it will be fully snagged and formally taken back in charge by Kildare County Council?

A report was received from the Transport Operations Department informing the members that the defects period with the contractor ends in February 2027 and contractually he must have all snags completed by this date. The works area is back in Kildare County Council control, and it is expected that the bus shelter will be in operation in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

**CM23/0926**

**Report on Public Fast Charging Infrastructure, in Kilcock**

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the installation of public fast charging infrastructure for electric vehicles in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Transport Operations Department informing the members that Kildare County Council is currently working with Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI) on a regional strategy for EV charging. ZEVI is part of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and is leading on this nationally.

Councillor Melrose enquired in relation to a timeline.

The District Engineer informed the members that he would request the Senior Engineer, to contact Councillor Melrose directly in relation to timelines.

The report was noted.

**CM24/0926**

**Parking Issues, Allenwood**

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

Can the council liaise with residents of School House Lane and Whitethorn Park in Allenwood to provide measures to alleviate the ongoing parking issues that are occurring in the area?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Transport Department is not aware of the specific nature of the parking disputes referred to in this question. As the estate has not been taken in charge by Kildare County Council, the council has no role in intervening in disputes between residents regarding parking arrangements within the development. It is possible that the concerns raised relate to parking associated with the nearby school. However, no specific details have been provided to the council in relation to the locations, times, or nature of the issues being experienced. Parking on public roads is subject to the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts and any relevant traffic regulations in place. Should residents consider that additional parking provision or changes to the existing parking layout within the development are required, these matters should be raised with the developer, management company, or other party responsible for the development's management and maintenance, as appropriate. If specific concerns relating to road safety, traffic management, or parking on public roads are brought to the council's attention, they can be examined and assessed by the Municipal District Office. Any potential measures would be subject to the council's statutory powers, technical assessment, and the availability of funding and resources.

The report was noted.

**CM25/0926**

**Signage Review and Replacement, Prosperous**

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

Can the council provide an update on when the signage review and replacement of town signs in Prosperous will take place (CM12/0526 refers)?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that a review of existing signage in Prosperous has taken place and the required signs have been ordered. It is envisaged these signs will be installed in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take items 26 and 27 together.

**CM26/0926**

**Footpath Delivery, Millicent, Clane**

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

Can the council confirm when the footpath at Millicent School, Clane will be delivered as agreed by members under 2026 LPT spend?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this project is due to be tendered in the coming weeks and is aimed to be delivered in Quarter 4, 2026, subject to an agreed works programme with an appointed contractor. All works are subject to sufficient funding and staffing resources being available.

The report was noted.

**CM27/0926**

**Footpath Delivery, L2004 Millicent, Clane**

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

Can the council update the committee on the progress of the planned footpath on the L2004 Millicent Road to connect Hewetson National School, Clane?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this project is due to be tendered in the coming weeks and is aimed to be delivered in Quarter 4, 2026, subject to an agreed works programme with an appointed contractor. All works are subject to sufficient funding and staffing resources being available.

Councillor McEvoy informed the members that there is a plan to connect the paths on the edge of Clane, to Hewetson National School, this will create a loop, enabling children to walk to school. He requested that members be kept informed of progress as the aim is that this will be delivered in Quarter 4, 2026.

The District Engineer noted that funding is in place, landowner agreement is still needed, however he noted that this project must be delivered in 2026, or funding will not be

possible. Initial positive discussions have taken place with the landowner, and a meeting is scheduled to take place next week to progress this.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that it was positive that discussions with the landowner were progressing well.

Councillor McEvoy commended the landowner on discussions so far and noted that sometimes short windows are available, within which to progress work, and if this opportunity was to pass, it would be a long time before an opportunity such as this would come up again.

The report was noted.

**CM28/0926**

**Road Realignment works at Laraghbryan West, Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an update on the road realignment works at Laraghbryan West, Maynooth given the previous incidents at this location?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this project is due to be tendered in the coming weeks and is aimed to be delivered in Quarter 4, 2026, subject to an agreed works programme with an appointed contractor. All works are subject to sufficient funding and staffing resources being available.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he appreciated the engagement but is conscious that a Rail Order is coming and also the possibility of a connecting Link. He urged the Transport Department to push a little harder on this issue, noting that substantial work has been put in so far and a lot of progress has been made. He added that a small amount of intensive further work is required.

The report was noted.

**CM29/0926**

**Basketball Court, Prosperous**

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

That the council supports local community groups in their efforts to add a basketball court in the town park in Prosperous, including the addition of the project on the council's future work plan and the community's efforts to secure match funding.
The motion was proposed by Councillor Mulroe and seconded by Councillor W. Durkan.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there is no objection in principle to providing a basketball court in Prosperous Town Park. However, the park will not be able to accommodate a full-size court as the grass areas within the park are not big enough to cater for the dimensions. Additionally, the park is relatively small, and a full-size court removes the passive use of a substantial amount of existing green space. Therefore, it would be more appropriate to consider the addition of a 3x3 court which is approximately a half court. It will be considered for future works plans but will have to be considered in the context of existing commitments across the county and the staff and financial resources to deliver projects.

Councillor Mulroe informed the members that the community would like a half court and suggested that this was something that could be looked at as part of the ‘Turning the Sod’ initiative and possibly future LPT funding identified, if required.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informed the members that a 3x3 court could be facilitated here. He advised that there are a lot of commitments across the county and funding would have to be identified to progress this.

Councillor Melrose noted that if anyone wanted to see the benefit of a 3x3 court that Maynooth University have two of these courts and they are always in use.

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

**CM30/0926**

**Public Drinking Water Fountain Scheme**

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

Can the council provide a progress report on increasing the number of public water dispensing stations in this municipal district, including any applications made to the Public Drinking Water Fountain Scheme?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that following an announcement in 2024 in relation to a public drinking water fountain scheme, a Phase 2 which was due to be launched in 2025 for parks and public spaces. This hasn't happened to date. The addition of water filling stations will require suitable locations to be identified and a budget to deliver them. Any proposal to install filling stations will have to be considered in the context of commitments to existing projects across the county and the required staff and financial resources to deliver these.

Councillor Melrose noted that the through the Circular Economy Fund, 57 applications were received over numerous counties, and that Kildare was not one of them. He enquired if there was an active initiative around this issue.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informed the members that this has been a resource issue in the past and also involves liaising with Uisce Éireann. He said one example was a Public Drinking Water Fountain which was installed in Kildare Town and advised that it took 2 years to get that fountain connected. He noted that it is a high-cost item and any reference from the members in relation to potential locations would be helpful. He informed the members that budgets would have to be identified and there is also a maintenance element that would need to be considered. In relation to applications and enquiry would have to be made to the Climate Action Department as that would be within their remit.

The report was noted.

**CM31/0926**

**Update on Housing Retrofitting Programme**

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

Can the council provide an update on its housing retrofitting programme for the municipal district?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are currently retrofitting 20 units in Churchview/Castlebawn estates in Kilmeague, as part of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District area. This project is ongoing and is currently almost 50% complete. The council receives a fixed annual Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and this is fully assigned for the current year. It is anticipated that future allocations will increase, enabling more units to be addressed. Subject to the availability of resources, departmental approval, and funding for associated ancillary works, Kildare County Council intends to prioritise the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District in 2027, in line with Maynooth's designation as a Decarbonising Zone.

The report was noted.

**CM32/0926**

**Serviced Sites Scheme in Clogherinkoe**

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

Can the council provide an update on progress to date with the serviced sites scheme in Clogherinkoe?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the advertising began on the week ending 31July 2026 and the application portal opened on 12 August, initially for 3 weeks, this was then extended to 31 December. The social media campaign is running until 31 December 2026. We have received very little communication from prospective applicants.

To date there has been a total of 10 applications:
2 applications are complete; however, one application does not fit the requirements.
8 applications are in draft including 6 applications which are 9% complete.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that these applications seem to be moving along and thanked the team for looking at the terms and making it more responsive to people in the locality. He said the extension gives people time to continue with their applications. He noted that elected members and community groups will also be promoting this scheme over the coming weeks so as to ensure its success.

The report was noted.

Members agreed to take item 33 and 34 together.

**CM33/0926**

**Inspection of all Derelict Buildings, Kilcock**

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out an inspection of all derelict buildings in Kilcock with a view to resolving the issues?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Town Regeneration Team completed a vacancy and dereliction survey in Kilcock in June, and initiated contact with the relevant property owners. A follow-up survey will take place in September/October to monitor progress, where no progress has been made and if properties meet the definition of derelict under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, formal proceedings to place them onto the Derelict Sites Register will commence.

The report was noted.

**CM34/0926**

**Derelict and Vacant Properties in Kilcock**

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

Can the council provide an update on its work in dealing with derelict and vacant properties in Kilcock over the last 12 months?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Town Regeneration Team has thirteen active case files for vacant and derelict properties in Kilcock. Four properties in Kilcock are currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register and statutory notices under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 are being prepared for two additional properties. Following a town survey in June this year, the team engaged with several owners who outlined upcoming improvement plans. A follow-up survey of the town will take place in September/October to monitor these sites. Where no progress has been made and properties remain derelict, formal procedures will begin to place them onto the Derelict Sites Register. Two properties in Kilcock have been approved for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant in 2026.

Councillor T. Durkan raised serious concerns regarding the condition and security of a derelict site in Kilcock. He referred to public access to the building, alleged construction defects and previous fires. He requested that the council urgently examine the available enforcement options, including proceedings under Section 160 of the Planning and Development Act, with a view to securing or demolishing the structure as appropriate. He emphasised that responsibility for the condition of the site rested with the developer.

Councillor Ward referred to the severity of the recent fire and expressed concern regarding continued unauthorised access to the site, including several access points from the canal. He requested that the responsible party be contacted without delay to secure the site and sought clarification on the process required to facilitate its demolition. He noted that responsibility for the site rested with the developer.

Councillor T. Durkan enquired about the owner/ developer and a request that a solid eight foot hoarding be erected around the site and that all external insulation be removed as that

is what caught fire previously. He said similar issues have occurred in other jurisdictions, noting also that his site is close to both residential and commercial property.

Councillor Ward noted the council's engagement with property owners, including the provision of information on available grants and funding. He acknowledged the progress made in bringing long-term derelict properties back into productive use and requested that members be kept informed of developments in relation to the thirteen active cases.

Ms. S. O' Gara, Town Regeneration Officer informed the members the process of listing this on the Derelict Sites Register has commenced. In relation to accessing sites or demolishing buildings, this would span many departments, and she will revert to members in relation to this matter.

The report was noted.

**CM35/0926**

**Casual Trading Bye Laws**

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

That the council undertakes a review of the Casual Trading Byelaws in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the council acknowledges the request to review the Casual Trading Byelaws applying in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. The current byelaws are the Kildare County Council Casual Trading Byelaws for the Market Square Maynooth 2013. They designate the Market Square in Maynooth as a casual trading area and provide the regulatory framework for the operation of the market. Under the current framework, public casual trading locations must be designated in the byelaws. The existing byelaws do not provide an open-ended mechanism whereby an applicant may nominate another public location elsewhere in the Municipal District. Any proposal to introduce casual trading in another public area, or to materially alter the existing arrangements in Maynooth, would therefore need to be

considered as part of a formal review. The council is currently administering annual casual trading licences at the Square in Maynooth. Recent operational engagement has considered pitch availability, layout and the concentration of stalls within the main plaza and adjoining avenue, with the objective of supporting a more cohesive and attractive market area.

A review could consider:

- the continued suitability and layout of the designated area in Maynooth;
- the number, size and allocation of pitches;
- trading days, hours and permitted uses;
- access, accessibility, traffic and pedestrian safety;
- facilities, storage, waste and public-realm requirements;
- demand for additional casual trading locations elsewhere in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District;
- arrangements for seasonal, event and specialist trading; and
- licence administration, enforcement and the resources required to operate any revised arrangements.

**Statutory Process**

Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995, as amended, provides for the making of byelaws to regulate casual trading. The making of Casual Trading Byelaws is a reserved function of the elected members. Where proposed changes are substantial, the full statutory process should be followed. This would involve:

1. agreement by the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District members on the scope of the review;
2. assessment of the existing Maynooth arrangements and any proposed additional locations;
3. consultation with current traders, relevant Council sections and affected stakeholders;
4. preparation of maps, schedules and draft revised byelaws;
5. legal and operational review;
6. statutory public consultation;
7. consideration of all submissions received; and
8. a formal decision by the Municipal District members on whether to make the revised byelaws.

The adoption of the motion would commence the review process but would not itself amend the existing byelaws. The statutory process requires publication in at least two newspapers and an inspection period of not less than one month. This is followed by a further two-week period for written submissions. The legislation also provides for an appeal to the District Court. If an appeal is made, the Council cannot complete the byelaw-making process until it has been determined. Additional time would be required for preliminary assessment, engagement with traders, mapping, drafting, legal review, consideration of submissions and implementation.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the motion be noted and that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District members identify the specific issues they wish the review to address, including:

- proposed changes to the Maynooth market;
- whether additional public trading locations elsewhere in the Municipal District should be examined; and
- any proposed changes to trading days, hours, pitch arrangements or permitted uses.

The Executive can then prepare a scoped assessment setting out the legal, operational, technical and financial implications before draft revised byelaws are brought to the members for consideration.

Councillor Melrose thanked the department for the comprehensive report and noted that the market is running for approximately two and a half years. He informed the members that he is liaising with vendors and is happy to continue to feed into the process. He also acknowledged the great work that has been put in by the council. The market brings people into the Town Centre. He noted an example of its success, where one vendor has now gone on to start their own business and supplying products into local businesses.

Mr. R. McLoughlin informed the members that it would be in the best interest of members and for the market that a review takes place, with a view to modernising the byelaws in relation to the Maynooth Market. He advised that any amendment to Casual Trading byelaws requires assessment from departments such as traffic management, planning and

public realm. Thereafter, a statutory process is required to be carried out, in accordance with the Casual Trading Act 1995. An online applications process will go live next week, but paper-based applications will still be processed, where received. He also noted that that if members are happy to proceed with a questionnaire, to identify the specific issues that could improve the market and any other ideas or suggestions they have, the questionnaire can be circulated to them next week.

Councillor Melrose thanked Mr. R. McLoughlin and noted that it would be great if the questionnaire could be circulated next week.

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

**CM36/0926**

**Taking In Charge of Boycetown Court, Kilcock**

The members considered the Taking in Charge of Boycetown Court, Kilcock (DC3117).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by all members that Boycetown Court, Kilcock (DC3117) be taken in charge.

**CM37/0926**

**Conservation Report Carbury Castle**

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

Can the council provide an update on the assessment of Carbury Castle as part of the work to prepare a conservation report, in conjunction with Carbury Village Residents' Association?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Carbury Village Residents Association has been allocated funding for the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Carbury Castle under the Community Monuments Fund. The assessment referenced in the question is being carried out by consultants

engaged by the Residents Association under the terms and conditions of the funding scheme which is due for completion in Q4 2026.

Councillor Wyse welcomed the report and acknowledged the work so far. He said that after these works there may be more work that needs to be done and he asked members to keep this in mind, as it is a well-known and amazing local landmark for the area and that it is lucky that it is still standing. There is also a mausoleum on the site and some historical figures related to the current King of England are buried there. He added that the historical and built heritage of this site is very important to the Municipal District.

The report was noted.

**CM38/0926**

**Clane Settlement Plan**

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

Can the council give an indicative timeframe for the preparation of the Clane Settlement Plan?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that as previously advised to the members the Clane Settlement Plan is not currently on the Planning Department's 2026 Work Programme. Further updates on upcoming variations to integrate settlements into the County Development Plan will be provided in 2027 once Variations 6 (Sallins), 7 (Monasterevin), 8 (Kilcock) and 9 (Celbridge) have been complete and/or substantially progressed. No indicative timeline is available for Clane at this time.

Councillor W. Durkan note that this is an item that comes up regularly and acknowledged the amount of work involved for departments to progress this plan. He enquired as to whether Clane was Variation No. 10 on the list and if so is that list fixed.

Ms. O. Howe informed the members that she would enquire from the Planning Department as to whether Variation No. 10 refers to Clane and revert to Councillor W. Durkan.

The report was noted.

**CM39/0926**

**Conservation Works, Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Mainham, Clane**

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

Can the council update the committee on the progress of the planned conservation works on the Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Mainham, Clane?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the council has continued to progress the next phase of conservation works to the Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Mainham, Clane, a Protected Structure under the care of Kildare County Council. Local Property Tax (LPT) was allocated by the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to facilitate these works. To advance the project, the Council appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide conservation architectural services and project management for the works. A specialist conservation contractor was appointed in April 2026 appointed following a competitive tender process. The planned conservation programme has been developed in accordance with the previously completed Conservation Report and Framework Plan for the structure. The works are focused on addressing ongoing water ingress issues and stabilising the building fabric to ensure its long-term conservation.

The approved works include:

- Repairs to the slate roof and lead flashing
- Installation of appropriate rainwater goods
- Construction of a drainage system to improve site drainage and protect the structure from moisture-related deterioration.

As the mausoleum is a protected historic structure located within an archaeologically sensitive setting, certain elements of the works require the appropriate consents and licences, including archaeological oversight and agreement from the National Monuments Service. The project team has been progressing these requirements alongside the detailed design and procurement stages. The Heritage and Nature Unit will continue to oversee delivery of the project and will provide further updates to members as the works progress.

The report was noted.

**CM40/0926**

**Prevention of Fish Kills**

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

Can the council confirm what measures are in place to prevent a reoccurrence of fish kills in the rivers and streams in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Kildare County Council's Environment Department carries out work on an ongoing basis in a wide range of areas to protect and improve water quality in rivers and streams throughout the county. As part of this, the Environment Department actively investigates pollution complaints in accordance with the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended.

In a number of cases, pollution investigations require cooperation between departments within Kildare County Council and with outside statutory agencies. An example of this would be a recent pollution incident and fish kill on the Rye River in Maynooth where Kildare County Council worked closely with the Environmental Protection Agency, Inland Fisheries Ireland and the River Basin Management Service in responding to and investigating this incident.

The response to this fish kill followed a newly established protocol for the first time in County Kildare - the National Protocol for Coordinating the Response to Significant Fish Mortality Events in Freshwater, which was published by Inland Fisheries Ireland on 25th June 2026.

The purpose of the protocol is to coordinate the response by each agency to ensure a timely response, a thorough investigation, and accurate documentation of significant fish mortality events to ensure a consistent and effective approach.
This incident is still under investigation, so it is not possible to comment any further in relation to this.

It is important to be aware that fish kills, by their nature, tend to be sudden incidents which are impossible to predict so it is vital that pollution incidents and fish kills are reported to Kildare County Council as soon as possible so that an investigation can be carried out to determine the cause, if evident, and to prevent further pollution or negative impacts on aquatic life. The public can also contact Inland Fisheries Ireland as they also have a statutory function under the Inland Fisheries Acts 1959 - 2010 and Water Pollution Acts 1977 and 1990.

It is also important to be aware that fish kills are not always caused by pollution. There are instances where fish kills can be caused by natural environmental factors. This is becoming more of an issue with climate change, and it is expected that climate-influenced events (particularly extended periods of hot weather and drought) that alter water volumes and influence water chemistry (increased water temperature, lower dissolved oxygen) are likely to play a more significant role in fish mortality events into the future.

The report was noted.

**CM41/0926**

**Mid-Year Update on Capital Projects**

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

Can the council confirm what arrangements are in place, or are proposed, to provide members with a mid-year progress update on the capital projects identified in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to include the current status and progress of each project listed as a 2026 item?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that at the June 2026 Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting an update on the Capital Programme was listed for debate (CM05/0626) and discussed in detail. Similar updates were provided at other Municipal District meetings.

**Parks**

The following is an update on projects which are being led by the Parks Section:

- Carton Avenue - a tender is currently being prepared to procure consultants to prepare a conservation and masterplan for the site. It is planned to complete this is September.

- Bawnogues development – work on the sensory garden is due to be completed in the next few weeks. Work has also taken place on improvement works within the Athletics track with replacement kerbing. An upgrade of the entrance road to the soccer club is also planned. Any further works relating to planning and developing the site further will be considered for 2027.

**Issued by:** Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer.

**Transport**

The following is an update on projects which are being led by Transport Capital Section:

- M4 active travel bridge - this is a developer led project and Kildare County Council are continuing to engage with them on a timeline for delivery.
- Lyreen bridge - a designer is in place and has developed a design for the bridge. The team are now working on preparing a Part 8 Planning Application. A further update will be provided prior to publishing the Part 8.
- Clane Orbital Road - no works have taken place on this project.

**Issued by:** Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team.

**Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Office**

The following is an update on projects which are being led by the Clane/ Maynooth Municipal District Office:

- Maynooth/Clane and Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District's Office relocation to Celbridge Interchange site - Documents are currently being finalised to procure a consultant to design, secure planning and deliver this project. Roads Operations are being assisted by Kildare County Council's Architectural team in assembling documents and the use of a current consultant's tender framework. It is expected for the tender to be launched in the next four weeks.

**Issued by:** Mr. R. Toft, Municipal District Engineer.

**Report:** Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team has provided reports to motions and questions relating to Capital Projects across each Municipal District during 2026. The following current updates relate to projects under the remit of the Strategic Projects and Public Realm and Town Regeneration Teams. Members are reminded that monthly updates are provided in the Chief Executive Report for all capital projects.

| Project | Current status | Comments |
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| Maynooth Town Masterplan | Draft Stage | Following consultation, a draft plan was presented to Senior Management Team for comment. Next steps will require the inclusion of the edits and development of a revised draft which will go back out on public display. |
| Clane Library (Strategic Projects and Public Realm) | Currently at construction stage and updates are given to this MD each quarter. | Next update will be provided in October. |
| Harbour Field (Strategic Projects and Public Realm) | Detailed design completed and tender pack is ready. | An application for funding is currently waiting assessment under the Town and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund. |
| Liffey Valley Strategy (Strategic Projects and Public Realm) | The Feasibility Study was completed by the Forward Planning team | The actions from this study will move to the next stage once resources in SPPR become available. SPPR has a full programme of works which includes two significant construction projects – Newbridge Library and Archives and Clane Library. We are waiting on a funding announcement for Harbourfield, a shovel ready project, which if successful will see construction commence. |
| Clane Playground Upgrade – (Town | The refurbishment of the Clane playground | Tender documents are currently being prepared and due to be issued in the |

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| Regeneration Team) | was identified as a key project for delivery in the Clane TCF Plan. The Town Regeneration Team successfully obtained funding under the Town and Village Renewal scheme. | coming weeks. The refurbishment works are expected to progress on site in Q4, 2026. |

**Issued by:** Ms. P. Pender, Senior Executive Officer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm.

| **Capital Team Progress Report on Capital Programme 31/08/2026** | |
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| **Project** | **Progress Report** |
| Old Greenfield Maynooth retention | Retention will be recouped once the final account has been agreed with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). |
| Courthouse Kilcock | A revised single stage funding application has been approved by DHLGH. Tenders for consultants is underway to allow the project to proceed to Part 8. |
| Fire Station Maynooth | The Capital Team in consultation with the SPPR and Community Teams are progressing feasibility and design works at this site |
| Blacklion Social Housing | A feasibility study is currently underway at this site. |
| Blacklion Halting Site | Consultants have been appointed for this project. A revised single stage application is being prepared for submission to the DHLGH in Q3 2026. |

**Issued by**: Ms. E. Price, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

Councillor Phelan thanked the various departments for the reports and noted that reports like these are really helpful when it comes to budget time.

The report was noted.

**CM42/0926**

**Flood Prevention Measures Derrymullen to Slate River**

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

Can the council provide a timeline for the expected completion of the flood prevention measures due to be undertaken on the drains from Derrymullen to the Slate River this year?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that The Drainage Maintenance Team has carried out river maintenance on the River Slate from Rathangan to its confluence with the River Figile this year. The areas upstream of this, including Derrymullen will be inspected and scheduled for maintenance in September if required. Works are prioritised based on risk of flooding to properties and are dependent on approval from landowners, ecological and health and safety assessments.

Councillor Wyse informed the members that flooding is an issue in gardens in this area. His understanding was that flooding works had already been deemed as required in this area.

Mr. F. Ibrahim Bargouthi, Senior Engineer informed the members that flood prevention measures on the drains from Derrymullen to the Slate River will be included on September 2026 works list.

Councillor Wyse noted the great works that were carried out at Coolree and that it is imperative that these works take place.

The report was noted.

**CM43/0926**

**Drehid Landfill Ownership**

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department confirm that Drehid Landfill is still in the ownership of Bord Na Mona. The waste collection element was sold to AES.

Mr. F. Ibrahim Bargouthi, Senior Engineer informed the members that that Drehid Landfill is still in the ownership of Bord Na Móna and the only part sold was the waste collection element to AES.

The report was noted.

**The meeting concluded.**