



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday 04 October 2024 at 10.00 a.m.  
in the Council Chamber**

**Members Present:** Councillors N. Ó Cearúil (Cathaoirleach), D. Fitzpatrick (Leas Cathaoirleach), T. Durkan, W. Durkan, A. Farrelly, A. Feeney, P. Melrose, P. McEvoy, P. Ward and B. Wyse

**Officials Present:** Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. M. McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) Mr. C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. A. Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. L. McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. P. O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. S. Barry (Administrative Officer), Ms. S. Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**CM01/1024**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

There was a declaration of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations made.

**CM02/1024**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 06 September 2024 and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 06 September 2024 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan and seconded by Councillor A. Feeney.



**CM03/1024**

**Municipal District Road Works Programme**

To receive an update on the municipal district road works programme.

**General Works:**

The roadside gullies and water cuts are currently being cleaned across the district. A contractor is also engaged to cut back hedges around junctions and signs. The crews are also carrying out patch repairs on the roads in the district.

**LPT Funding**

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2023 and 2024.

**General Footpath Works completed:**

L2004 Millicent Rd, Clane - Footpath & Drainage works.

R402 Johnstownbridge - Drainage works

L6001 Curryhills, Prosperous - Footpath works

Newtown (Cappagh GAA) - Footpath works

Rockfield, Maynooth – Footpath works

Moyglare Village, Maynooth - Footpath Works

**Roads Programme 2024**

Below is a list of funded jobs through Road Improvement Grants and Road Maintenance Grants for 2024.

**Restoration Improvement Schemes 2024**

| Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and Townland Name | Length Road (m) | Status    |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| R          | 403      | Capdoo                      | 400             | Completed |
|            |          | Nursery Road                |                 | Completed |
| L          | 70042    | Allenwood South             | 2400            |           |
| L          | 50222    | Kilkeaskin                  | 750             | Completed |
| L          | 1021     | Corkeragh                   | 1,500           | Completed |



|   |       |                        |       |           |
|---|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------|
| R | 401   | Ballindoolin           | 1000  | Completed |
|   |       | Dunfeirth Road         |       | Completed |
| L | 1004  | JohnstownBridge        | 1000  |           |
| L | 1006  | Kishawanny             | 400   | Completed |
| L | 5008  | Ballycowan Clogherinko | 800   | Completed |
| L | 5075  | Mainham Road           | 700   | Completed |
| L | 5077  | Butterstream Clane     | 900   | Completed |
| L | 5076  | Loughanure             | 800   | Completed |
| L | 7075  | Lowtown                | 1200  | Completed |
| R | 403   | Brockagh               | 1,200 | Completed |
| R | 403   | Allenwood              | 480   | Completed |
| L | 10222 | Curryhills Cul de Sac  | 400   | Completed |
| R | 403   | Curryhills             | 650   | Onsite    |
| R | 403   | Prosperous Main Street | 720   | Completed |
| L | 5078  | Clane Ring Road        | 880   | Completed |
| L | 5071  | Staplestown Village    | 1,100 | Completed |
|   |       | Straffan Road          |       | Completed |
| R | 406   | Maynooth               | 500   |           |

### Climate Adaptation Works 2024

| Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and Townland Name | Length Road (m) | Status    |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| L          | 1005     | Knockcurr                   | 1000            | Completed |
| L          | 5025     | Drehid Derrymahon           | 1200            | Completed |



### Restoration Maintenance Schemes 2024

| Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and Townland Name | Length Road (m) | Status    |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| L          | 5023     | Derrinturn – Parsonstown    | 1250            | Completed |
| L          | 5020     | Ballyhagen – Nurseries      | 1380            | Completed |
| L          | 5023     | Coonagh – Gormans Cross     | 600             | Completed |
| L          | 1006     | Williamstown                | 1000            | Completed |
| L          | 50262    | Kilina Canal Cul de Sac     | 715             | Completed |
| L          | 50212    | The Cush Road Ticknevin     | 1200            | Completed |
| R          | 148      | Laraghbryan                 | 1000            | Completed |
| R          | 405      | Celbridge Road              | 900             | Completed |
| L          | 1017     | Derryvarogue – Timahoe      | 5950            | Completed |
| L          | 5025     | Timahoe West                | 1100            | Completed |
| L          | 5032     | Belgard Road                | 1470            | Completed |
| L          | 5031     | Ballycannon                 | 1700            | Completed |
| L          | 6007     | Millicent South             | 1200            | Completed |
| L          | 6008     | Ballysize                   | 1500            | Completed |
| L          | 6001     | Back Road Prosperous        | 1000            | Completed |
| R          | 403      | Skew Bridge Allenwood       | 1250            | Completed |
| R          | 415      | Grangeclare                 | 1250            | Completed |



The District Engineer informed the members of the following:

- Kilshanroe: According to an Garda Síochána in relation to speeding in Kilshanroe, a high proportion of those caught speeding were local people.
- Speeds of 55/56 Kph in the 50 Kph zone were average in Kilshanroe, lower than anticipated. Additional Road markings to narrow the road and bollards should have an impact on speeding.
- Emergency Road closure R414 Doyle Road/River Road, Allenwood South on Monday, contractor to fix issues on the road.
- Speed Survey to be carried out on Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Cllr. McEvoy asked that the minutes note concerns raised about vehicles speeding at Kilshanroe. The currently assigned speed limit is 50 km/h, but when the urban area speed limits are due for review, the location will be examined for a reduced speed limit.

#### **CM04/1024**

### **Appointment of Two Representatives to the Local Community Safety Partnership**

The members considered the appointment of two representatives from the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District (one from each LEA) to the Local Community Safety Partnership.

It was agreed that one representative be appointed from Clane Municipal District and one representative from Maynooth Municipal District to the Local Community Safety Partnership, with Councillors from the relevant Municipal District voting on the nomination.

**Clane Municipal District:** Councillor B. Wyse nominated Councillor D. Fitzpatrick and was seconded by Councillor P McEvoy. All Councillors in Clane Municipal District agreed.

**Maynooth Municipal District:** Councillor P. Ward nominated Councillor A. Feeney and was seconded by Councillor P. Melrose. All Councillors in Maynooth Municipal District agreed.



**Resolved:** Councillor A. Feeney nominated from Maynooth District and Councillor D. Fitzpatrick nominated from Clane District to the represent Clane Maynooth Municipal District on the Local Community Safety Partnership

### **CM05/1024**

#### **Park-and-Ride Facilities in Kilcock**

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillors Naoise Ó Cearúil, Paul Ward, Angela Feeney, Peter Melrose and Tim Durkan.

That the council works on creating a solution to the parking issues in Kilcock by re-opening lease negotiations with the landowner of the previous Park-and-Ride facility or finds an alternative solution.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Ward.

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the lease on the carpark in Kilcock was terminated by the owner in November 2023. The Transport Department have examined a number of other potential sites which have not proven viable but are willing to explore other options in this regard. It is noted that the volume of transactions on this carpark was quite low and the Council was running the carpark at a significant deficit.

The members raised the following:

- How could the issue of a lack of all-day parking in Kilcock be addressed.
- Could the developer be contacted in relation to renewing the lease.
- Currently only two-hour parking was available to staff and customers in the town, could this be extended past two hours as it wasn't sufficient. This issue needed to be resolved urgently.
- Businesses in Kilcock raised issues with inadequate customer parking.



- Could a review of proposed parking behind AIB bank, possibly with a one-way system to access the parking be looked at. Requested a meeting out on site to review the location.
- Could the Maynooth parking model be implemented in Kilcock.
- Could other sites for parking be looked at.
- Were parking byelaws up for review, and if so what was the timescale for the review to be carried out.
- Two hour parking was not enough and perhaps people could pay for example, at 10.00 am and the ticket would become active from 12.00 noon.
- Parking available outside the town was a twenty-minute walk from the GAA and this had health and safety implications as there was inadequate lighting on the route.

Municipal District Engineer informed the members that in the past the average daily use of the car park was five cars at €3 per car. The car park had ninety spaces. It was accepted the town was now busier than before and we will look at bye laws in Kilcock. It was noted that other areas were on the list to be looked at before Kilcock, in relation to parking.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

#### **CM06/1024**

#### **Proposed Changes to Attenuation Pond in Radharc na hEaglais Estate in Derrinturn**

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillor Wyse and Councillor Fitzpatrick.

That the council assesses the attenuation pond in Radharc na hEaglais estate in Derrinturn using the recently prepared SUDS guidelines and provides a costing for removing or preventing access to the hollow on the green here for health and safety reasons, so that this project can be considered for LPT funding.

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



A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that this attenuation pond was constructed by the developer in line with the planning permission for the development. This attenuation pond is in line with SUDS and is the approved method of drainage management.

The members raised the following:

- This response was disappointing as members were trying to improve the area and work with residents to ensure this area is made safe.
- Hollow should be filled as soon as possible.
- Area had recently won local awards.
- Children were using this hollow for biking, and it was a health and safety issue.
- Could hedging around the hollow be used to limit access to this area.

Municipal District Engineer informed the members that revisiting this in relation to SUDS would not have an impact as the hollow was in line with SUDS. Trees/hedges could be looked at to limit access to the area. District Manager M. Higgins indicated that the Senior Engineer in Environment would look at hedging in line with guidelines and noted that anything that could be done to help the community in relation to this would be looked at. Also noted that SUDS is important in relation to climate.

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

#### **CM07/1024**

#### **Proposed review of cul-de-sac road at Clonagh**

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

That the council reviews the cul-de-sac road at Clonagh, to assess what measures can be taken to improve road safety.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil.





A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that this is a rural cul-de-sac serving a number of residences.

The Municipal District Engineer has previously assessed this road and there were no proposed changes to the current arrangements.

The members raised the following:

- Volume of traffic had increased. A business was also located here.
- Could the edging of the road be examined and could a site visit be carried out before Christmas.

Municipal District Engineer agreed to a follow up visit.

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

#### **CM08/1024**

#### **Additional Roads be added to the Roads Programme for 2025**

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

That the council adds the road leading to the entrance of Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park and the road off the R414 leading to the Bog of Allen Nature Centre in Lullymore and the residences beyond it, to the roads programme for 2025.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that these roads will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the 2025 road works programme if required.



The members raised the following:

- These were two of the biggest tourist attractions in the area with buses regularly using these roads.
- The roads in question are local roads.
- Great progress had been made in the area on roads and it would be good if these roads could be considered too.

Municipal District Engineer indicated these roads would be submitted to the Department for consideration in programme of works for 2025.

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

#### **CM09/1024**

##### **Prosperous Road Clane Signage Revision to Clarify Timetable**

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

That the council revises the school bus parking signage near the schools on Prosperous Road, Clane to reflect school drop-off and collection times on Monday to Friday.

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

The members raised the following:

- Collection and drop off times on signs would help with people parking in bus parking zones.
- Cars parking in bus parking zones meant buses had to wait for cars to pull out of the parking zone causing delays.
- NTA promoted smart travel and safe routes to school.

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Office would organise for new signs to be installed and would do so in communication with the three schools in the area.



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

### **CM10/0924**

#### **Develop Parking Byelaw Policies to enhance Safe Routes to Schools**

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

That the council considers the opportunities to develop parking bylaw policies to enhance safe routes to schools where high levels of vehicle movement impact the efficient use of sustainable travel in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that The Transport Department will work with the members on any future parking bye-law review to ensure that the policies are consistent with other transport objectives and promote a more sustainable model of travel to schools.

The members raised the following:

- Motion addressed this Municipal District but could be sent to SPC. Proposed that this item be sent to the Transport SPC.
- Seeing a shift in Policies and Bye Laws and need for balanced and dynamic peripheral parking.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members that this be sent to Transport SPC.



It was agreed by the members to take the following items from the agenda together Item 11 and Item 17.

### **CM11/1024**

#### **Item 11:**

##### **Install Footpath either side of the bend of the R405 Celbridge**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.

That the council installs a footpath on either side of the bend of the R405, Celbridge Road at the junction with Obelisk Lane to make access to the bus stops safer for residents.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Feeney.

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management stating that there is no budget or resources available to carry out these works. There seems to be insufficient space to install a footpath along parts of this road.

#### **Item 17:**

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

Can the council provide an update on the installation of public lights at the top of Barrogstown Road on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, in the vicinity of the bus stop?

A report was received informing members that Kildare County Council public lighting has requested a quotation from the Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor. The work will be carried depending on where the request is ranked on the KLIPS register and availability of funds.



Members raised the following:

- Ideally there would be a footpath into the town from this location.
- Funds for lighting needed to be found as it is not safe for pedestrians walking to the University or to work in the town.
- The bus stop was installed too close to the bend, and it should be moved further back. There should be enough space to do this.
- Requested to meet out on site to get costings, so it could be put forward for LPT funding consideration.

The Municipal District Engineer agreed to meet members on site. He advised that footpaths needed to be looked at in conjunction with vehicles and travel on the road. Footpaths need to be a certain standard and there may not be enough space for a footpath in this area.

**Items 11 and 17 Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

#### **CM12/1024**

##### **Installation of "Islands" and other Traffic Calming Measures**

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

That the council installs a streetlight at the school bus stop at the junction on the Derrycrib Road and Knockbeag Lane for health and safety reasons.

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

A report was received informing members that as a result of frequent requests for the installation of public lighting, Kildare County Council established the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS) as a policy to determine the appropriate assessment of each of these requests in an open and transparent manner. This allowed the council to take a balanced approach to all new lighting requests. Lighting plans are ranked in KLIPS based on a number of criteria, including number of residents affected, cost, traffic volume, available network connection etc.



Policy PL4 of Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 requires Public Lighting Section to “ensure future street lighting installation are not adversary impacting in sensitive, physical, environmental, natural and heritage resources within the county”. Having regard to National and Local policy on reduction of energy, it is recommended that policy be adopted for rural lighting installations having regard to the specific rural location of the request. Rural Lighting within the County of Kildare can be specified according to sensitive locations as follows:

(A) Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Areas, Sites of special Scientific Interest, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Special Areas of Conservation, rural locations which are currently unlit –No new lighting schemes be considered under any circumstances

(B) Areas of low district brightness (rural locations outside of A) –infill lighting will only be considered where infrastructure is readily available. Additional lighting schemes will only be considered if engineering solutions for vulnerable road users are being installed.

(C) Areas of medium brightness (urban locations). Areas of high district brightness (urban centres with high night –time usage). - Lighting installations should be progressed subject to funding being available and KLIPS ranking.

**Issued by:** Mr D Reel, A/Senior Engineer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces.

The members raised the following:

- Designated Bus stop for over 15 years and it needed to be safe.
- This was an area that needed decent pedestrian lighting - people wanted this here.
- Was this area going to be added to KLIPS.
- Trying to encourage public transport – if a policy was stopping this it needs to be changed.
- An item for SPC was public lighting in Rural Areas.

Mr M McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces noted that there was a challenge in changing a rural area to an urban area in relation to lighting.



This area would score low on the KLIPS and this ranking could mean it would be doubtful if it could be completed. There was a cost also to how lights are serviced once installed.

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

### **CM13/1024**

#### **Provision of Pedestrian Lights in Broadford Village**

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

That the council provides a costing for the provision of pedestrian lights in Broadford Village to improve the safety of school and church users in the area.

A report was received from Mr D Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing members that this request has been added to list of similar type requests in the County and the location shall be assessed to determine what/if any measures are required when resources become available.

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

Members raised the following:

- Council were doing great work in Broadford Village.
- Costings for lights should be undertaken so it can be looked at when considering LPT funding allocations.
- Pedestrian safety was important.
- When would Councillors know outcome and would it be prioritised.

Mr M McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer noted that there was a priority list and would see where it can fit on this list and come back to members.



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

### **CM14/1024**

#### **Road Resurfacing L-70781**

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

That the council provides a costing for the resurfacing of the L-70781 near Cock Bridge (off R409) and clarify the extent of the lane that is in the charge of Kildare County Council.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the cost to resurface this road would be estimated to be in the region of €70,000. This is an estimate and could not be confirmed until tenders would be received. The pavement management system shows 526 metres of the road as listed in charge; however, the Municipal District Engineer understands that the lane is in charge to the last bend.

The members raised the following:

- A number of roads needed resurfacing.
- Hoped more works would be considered and more works were carried out.
- This issue needed to be revisited to see what minor road works were needed.

The Municipal District Engineer advised minor routine repairs are carried out to keep the road usable. He noted that these works would be considered as part of the Roads programme and the rural lane would be considered, however there are competing demands.

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





### **CM15/1024**

#### **Estimated cost to deliver School Zone Road Markings, Signage and Pencil bollards**

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

That the council provides an estimate of cost to deliver school zone road markings, signage and pencil bollards for all remaining schools within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will send the members a costing ahead of the next Municipal District meeting.

The members raised the following:

- Acknowledged Positive Response.
- Not acceptable to have some schools completed and other schools not completed.
- Were solar powered school ahead signs part of this package.
- Ticknevin and Killina schools need this too.
- Could Rathcoffey school be added also.
- Was there an approximate cost per school.
- All schools completed at the same time would be preferred.
- Wanted children to walk and cycle to school safely.
- This is a visible use of LPT funding.

The Municipal District Engineer noted the positive feedback from members in relation to these works. Pencil bollards were in place at Broadford school. Drivers would see pencil bollards and slow down. Cost per school was roughly €20,000 but not all schools would need all items and each school is assessed individually. Will look at additional works early 2025.



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

**CM16/0924**

**Proposal to Resurface R125 Kilcock.**

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

That the council resurface the R125 from Courtown Roundabout to the Clane Roundabout in Kilcock.

A report was received informing members that this road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the 2025 road works programme if required.

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

Councillor Ward stated that the road was in a bad state of disrepair.

The Municipal District Engineer said the road would be considered next year.

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

**CM17/1024**

**Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR)**

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

Can the council provide a detailed annual breakdown of expenditure incurred on the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR) since the publication of the previous Maynooth Local Area plan 2013-2019?



A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that There has been no expenditure incurred on the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR) since the previous Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) was published. A section of this project is the subject of a Section 85 agreement with Meath County Council. They are managing the delivery of a section of this road from the Maynooth Education Campus to the Dunboyne Road with private developers also involved in the project delivery. There are no plans at present to deliver any of the other sections of the MOOR. The report was noted.

It was agreed by the members to take the following items from the agenda together:  
Item 18 and Item 21.

#### **CM18/1024**

#### **Area-Based Transport Assessment for Clane**

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

Can the council update the committee on scheduling the Area-Based Transport Assessment for Clane?

A report was received informing the members Kildare County Council Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department work closely with the Forward Planning Team to develop Local Transport Plans in line with the Local Area Plan work programme. A Local Transport Plan for Maynooth was published earlier this year and we are currently working on one for Newbridge. The next Local Transport Plan to be developed will be for the towns of Celbridge and Leixlip. There is currently no timeline for a Local Transport Plan for Clane.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the impact of the town and the growth of the district meant there were huge volumes of traffic in Clane. The Tesco roundabout and the junction would be the most heavily trafficked. The Transport Strategy was outdated and there was no timeline to review this.

The report was noted.



### **CM19/1024**

#### **Transport Strategy in Clane**

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

Can the council update members on the development of a Transport Strategy in Clane?

A report was received from Mr D Conlon, A/Senior Engineer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing members that Kildare County Council Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department work closely with the Forward Planning Team to develop Local Transport Plans in line with the Local Area Plan work programme. A Local Transport Plan for Maynooth was published earlier this year and we are currently working on one for Newbridge. The next Local Transport Plan to be developed will be for the towns of Celbridge and Leixlip. There is currently no timeline for a Local Transport Plan for Clane.

Councillor Farrelly stated that something needs to be done about traffic in Clane and the time was now. Evidence based approach to identify solutions was needed. Local residents and local businesses needed to be engaged, and solutions and options need to be discussed.

The report was noted.

### **CM20/1024**

#### **Bord na Mona Drehid Waste Management Facility**

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

Can the council outline the process for engaging with stakeholders on the proposed road junction improvements along the HGV haul routes to the Bord na Mona Drehid Waste Management Facility following An Bord Pleanála's decision to grant permission for receiving significant volumes of additional waste?

<https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/317292>



A report was received from Mr D Conlon, A/Senior Engineer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that Kildare County Council are currently progressing a Junction Improvement Project with ten junctions identified. These ten junctions include Dags Weld, Allenwood Crossroads, Prosperous, Firmount Cross, Cloncurry Cross and Allen Cross that are on HGV haul routes for the Bord na Mona Drehid Waste Management Facility. Consultation with the public will take place during the consenting phase as each project is progressed. Further junction locations will be considered for improvement in due course, based on locations identified by the Roads Planning Team and the Department of Transport Support Office Road Safety Analysis.

Councillor McEvoy stated that it looks like the volume of traffic would triple. Motorists would have to share the road with HGV's. In the past there were conditions applied to planning permissions to give resources for upgrades. Mr M. McLoughlin stated the council could engage with Bord na Mona on foot of planning permission.

The report was noted.

#### **CM21/1024**

#### **Bus Terminus on the Straffan Road, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil

Can the council confirm if buses are required to pull into the Bus Terminus on the Straffan Road, Maynooth when passengers are disembarking?

A report was received from Mr D Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing members that Public Service Operated bus services have defined stop locations, and they should only allow passengers to board and alight at these points. Any instances of passengers alighting from public bus services in inappropriate locations should be reported to Transport for Ireland/NTA for investigation.



Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that traffic in Maynooth was heavy and any small change can have a positive impact. Dublin bus stopping on the road, impeding traffic, had a negative impact on traffic also. Councillor Ó Cearúil stated he would get in contact with the bus company.

The report was noted.

#### **CM22/1024**

##### **Faulty Public Lights on Main Street, Maynooth**

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

Can the council confirm how it monitors the quality of residential paths in estates in its charge, in this municipal district?

A report was received informing the members that there is no formal monitoring process of residential paths in estates. There are four General Services Supervisors in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District who would carry out inspections of estates as part of their duties.

The report was noted.

#### **CM23/1024**

##### **Speed Limit Review in Kilshanroe Village**

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

Can the council provide an update on the conduct of a speed limit review in the case of Kilshanroe Village, as discussed at the previous meeting?

A report was received from Mr D Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing members that a 2023 Speed Limit Review was completed by the Department of Transport. Based on a direction (RS01/2024) received from the Department of Transport the following default speed limits are to be implemented:

- 30km/h (Urban Areas)
- 60 km/h (Rural Local Roads)



- 80km/h (National Secondary Roads)

The default speed limits are to take effect on a staggered basis with provisional commencement dates as follows:

- End of November 2024 for Rural Local Roads.
- First part of 2025 for National Secondary Road and Urban Speed Limits

Kilshanroe Village is located on a Regional Road (R402) and is not being examined as part of the current phase of works (rural local roads).

Councillor W. Durkan stated that the response was appreciated and asked was there any opportunity to include Kilshanroe and to consider any adjustments to be made in Kilshanroe.

The report was noted.

#### **CM24/1024**

#### **Winter salting Routes**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor W. Durkan  
Can the council outline any changes to the winter salting routes in the municipal district in comparison to last year?

A report was received informing the members that there are no changes to the winter salting routes in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District in comparison to last year.

Councillor W. Durkan asked was the old N4 road at Broadford within our remit or Meath County Council and asked what actions could be taken to request an extension of the salting route at this location.



The Municipal District Engineer advised that the area referenced fell within the remit of Meath County Council and that the council would contact Meath County Council in relation to this. Councillor Durkan thanked the District Engineer and said it was greatly appreciated.

The report was noted.

### **CM25/1024**

#### **Improvement Works Celbridge road Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an updated and progress report on the improvement works planned for the Celbridge Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from Mr D Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that Atkins Consulting Engineers have been appointed to progress the preliminary and detailed design of the Celbridge Road Active Travel Improvement Scheme. It is anticipated that a preliminary design report will be complete in early 2025 with a Part 8 approval process to follow.

Councillor T. Durkan noted the response was the same as previous response and had raised numerous questions about this and met with directors, principals and parents. The NTA recommendation to CPO 4 houses was strange and other options should be investigated for example closing off the second entrance at Laurence Park. Councillor T. Durkan noted that the council is not responsible but what guarantee do we have that this will be successful. In relation to the scoring mechanism, NTA chose the lower option.

M. McLoughlin noted that nothing is guaranteed and the NTA need to agree to fund this.

The report was noted.





**CM26/1024**

**Safety Improvement Works at Straffan National School**

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

Can the council provide a timeline as to when safety improvement works will commence at Straffan National School given funding in the amount of €100,000 was made available from Local Property Tax?

A report was received from Mr D Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informing the members that Straffan National School is currently being examined as part of the Safe Routes to School Programme in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA). A design proposal has been developed and is currently being finalised with the NTA. It is anticipated that a Section 38 process will commence in 2024 with construction expected to commence in early 2025.

Footpath access to the northwest side of the school is being examined by the Sustainable Transport Section in parallel with the Municipal District Office.

Councillor T. Durkan asked what had changed. The District Engineer said that the Straffan Team considered this as one project. Councillor T. Durkan informed that he would like to see it as two projects. The District Engineer noted this.

The Report was noted.



**CM27/1024**

**Update on Progress on the repair/replacement of broken streetlights in  
Clane-Maynooth Municipal District**

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

Can the council provide an update to the municipal district as to the progress on the repair/replacement of broken streetlights in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District since the appointment of the new contractor?

A report was received from Mr D. Reel, A/Senior Engineer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the performance of the contractor is monitored using Deadsure, the fault reporting software. The data from the software is provided at county wide level and not by Municipal District. Therefore, it is not possible to answer the specific request for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. However, we know that the contractor has been making progress since starting on 15<sup>th</sup> of July. There were 464 active faults on July 15<sup>th</sup>, when the new contractor took over. There were: 272 active faults as of September 24<sup>th</sup>. Although they have made progress, they are still working to get the current fault count down to the anticipated level of 260, or 1% of our entire inventory.

Councillor Ward indicated that he was happy with the positive response. There were five or six housing estates in Kilcock missing off the app. They were still showing as fields, so the app was not up to date. Mr M McLoughlin said it may be a lag on the app and would check it.

The report was noted.



**CM28/1024**

**Road Line Painting Works Kilcock Town**

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

Can the council provide an update on the significant road line painting works needed in the town of Kilcock?

A report was received from Mr M McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that the Municipal District office instructs the appointed line marking contractor to carry out line marking works across the district. Due to the constraints of the budget some road markings may not be renewed as frequently as preferred. If the members have any specific locations, they can contact the district office.

The report was noted.

**CM29/0924**

**Tree Planting Ottomy Estate, Clane**

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

That the council works with residents in Ottomy Estate, Clane to plant trees

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

A report was received by Mr S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer informing members that the Parks Section will work with the residents in Ottomy Estate to plant trees. This is subject to identifying suitable locations and available resources to carry out any planting.

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



### **CM30/1024**

#### **Ard Carraig to Woodview Footpath in Clogharinkoe Village**

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

That the council commits to developing a Slí na Sláinte along Boreen Road, Straffan as outlined in the Straffan Village Renewal Masterplan (January 2024) in the interests of public health and wellbeing.

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

A report was received from Mr S. Merrins, Kildare Sports Partnership informing members that subject to funding, and following the necessary suitability and safety assessments, Kildare Sports Partnership will coordinate the development of a Slí na Sláinte route at this location in 2025.

Councillor Melrose was informed that there was nobody present to discuss the response. He stated he would have liked to discuss this motion. Councillor McEvoy noted that protocol says the Director could answer questions. The District Manager Marian Higgins gave apologies and said the official's absence was unavoidable and she would request the official to contact Councillor Melrose directly.

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

### **CM31/1024**

#### **Number of people on the housing list on the monthly vacant house report in Clane Maynooth MD**

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

That the council include a breakdown of the number of people on the housing list in this municipal district on the monthly vacant house report.



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

A report was received from Ms S Farrar, Administrative Officer, Housing Department informing members that the I-House reporting system reports on an applicant's area of choice in this Municipal District area and not where they currently live.

While it is not possible to choose from the I-House system the Municipal District area as all the individual townlands in this area would need to be included, for the purpose of this report the larger towns in this Municipal District are listed below.

Clane – 705 applicants

Derrinturn – 28 applicants

Kilcock – 397 applicants

Maynooth – 1314 applicants

Rathcoffey – 17 applicants

Prosperous – 205 applicants

The members raised the following:

- Housing was an issue for people around the MD.
- Smaller villages and areas had no data on them, no way to get a sense of what was going on.
- Difficult to find housing in the area you came from.
- Clarification sought on whether one application was a parent(s) and children or were the parent(s) and children separate applicants.
- Was the application is based on area of choice.

S. Barry informed members application was listed as one however she would clarify this and will follow up with members in relation to this and other issues raised.

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



### **CM32/1024**

#### **Update on the progress of the Maynooth Town Centre Masterplan, including projected timeline for completion**

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

Can the council provide a detailed update on the progress of the Maynooth Town Centre Masterplan, including projected timeline for completion?

A report was received from Ms P Pender, Senior Executive Officer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that following the publication of a tender competition, SPPR are now at the Evaluation and Award phase of the procurement cycle, where 'tender responses are evaluated, notification letters will issue and awarding of public contracts will take place'. It is expected that once the contracts are signed, a 12-month delivery programme is expected to follow, this however will be confirmed when the delivery programme is provided by the successful service provider.

Councillor Tim Durkan enquired in relation to altering the decision process of 24 weeks and were Kildare County Council in a position to fund applications to shovel ready.

Councillor Melrose asked if the town centre boundary would be included in the area plan. Ms M. Higgins, District Manager said she would take the question to Ms P. Pender for a response.

The report was noted.

### **CM33/1024**

#### **Process for installing Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in housing estates in this Municipal District**

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

Can the council outline the process for installing Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in housing estates in this municipal district?



A report was received from Mr J Hannigan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services informing members that Kildare County Council has no role to play in the provision of or installation of AEDs in public places. This matter should be referred to the HSE Community First Responders who may be able to assist.

Councillor Feeney said she would like clarification on whether this report applied to Council owned estates and others. Increased numbers of AED's save lives. Councillor Feeney will follow up HSE in relation to this.

The report was noted.

#### **CM34/1024**

#### **Taking in charge of Rath Wood, Blacksticks, Prosperous (Ref. 3315)**

The members considered the taking in charge of Rath Wood, Blacksticks, Prosperous (Ref. 3315).

A report was previously circulated to the members from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that Rath Wood is a development of 9 units granted planning permission under planning reference 19/476 & 21/265.

It is proposed to take the Rath Wood estate in charge as requested by the developer, which was received on 19/05/2023. A map outlining the areas to be taken in charge was appended to this report.

Mr McNeela informed the members that the lands pertaining to the Rath Wood will be vested in the local authority should the estate be taken in charge by the Elected Members.

The proposal to take Rath Wood, Prosperous Co. Kildare in charge was on public display from Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024, inclusive. The end of the statutory period for observations on the proposal was Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024. No submissions were received during the statutory period.



Uisce Eireann Field Engineers inspected the Water & Wastewater Services Infrastructure in the Rath Wood estate, and a Conformance Certificate was issued in accordance with the Uisce Eireann Connection Agreement.

The Development Control Section: (i) is satisfied that the roads in this development are of general public utility, (ii) has considered the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration, and (iii) confirms that the estate is at a Taking in Charge standard.

### **Recommendation**

Having regard to the above, it is recommended to the Members of the Clane/Maynooth Municipal District, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to take in charge those areas Rath Wood, Prosperous, Co. Kildare outlined on the appended map.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members that Rath Wood, Blacksticks, Prosperous (Ref. 3315) be taken in charge.

### **CM35/1024**

#### **Maintenance of Green Areas, Lyreen Lodge**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.

Can the council provide an update regarding the taking in charge of Lyreen Lodge, Maynooth and confirm who is responsible for the maintenance of green areas until the taking in charge has occurred?

A report was received from Mr. N. O’Riordan, A/Chief Fire Officer informing members that the Developer is currently maintaining the green areas in the Lyreen Lodge estate. To date a taking in charge request has not been received for the Lyreen Lodge estate. It is envisaged that the taking in charge process will be commenced once the remaining snag items have been completed and an Uisce Eireann Conformance Cert has been issued.





Councillor Ó Cearúil noted that the developer did not maintain the green areas and that this was not optimal for children in the area. The email address for the developer was no longer working and the developer could not be contacted and asked how to contact the developer. Mr. L. McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer) informed that the area had been worked on in the last week or so and that the developer is responsible for works.

The report was noted.

### **CM36/1024**

#### **Credit Union Building Allenwood**

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

Can the council outline what the status is of the Credit Union Building in Allenwood?

A report was received from Ms P O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department informing members that the Community Department is working with the Facilities Team to complete the works at the former Credit Union building in Allenwood. The electricity has recently been reconnected and it is hoped to have works completed in the coming weeks. An Expression of Interest will be issued shortly seeking a suitable caretaker group to manage the building.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted and accepted the report and asked if the expressions of interests process will be looked at locally. Ms P O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department informed that when this was put on the portal , PPN, they would inform beforehand. The public advert would give local people the opportunity to apply. Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked Ms O'Brien for her responses.

The report is noted.