



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 05 April 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber**

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

Members Via Teams: Councillors D Fitzpatrick and P Hamilton

Officials Present: Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Ms. S Bookle (LCDC Co-Ordinator), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Ms. A Keaveney (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. E Donnelly (A/County Arts Officer), Ms. AM Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms. A Granville (Senior Planner), Mr. K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. R Jackson (Administrative Officer), Mr. C O'Toole (A/Administrative Officer) Mr. P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Officials Via Teams: Mr. M Corrigan (Senior Executive Librarian)

Cathaoirleach Durkan welcomed everyone to the April Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting. He then gave notice to the public and press that recording of the meeting was strictly prohibited.

Cathaoirleach Durkan also advised that a new market had started in the Market Square in Maynooth, this is a designated location as per the bye laws. Five casual trading licences



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have been issued. Any queries should be directed to Ms. S Martin, Casual Trading Licence Co-ordinator, Corporate Services.

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Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

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

Councillors Ó Cearúil, Durkan and Feeney indicated that later during the items relating to grants they would be excusing themselves due to a conflict of interest arising from their association with the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Maynooth.

Councillors Durkan and Feeney also declared a conflict of interest regarding their association with Maynooth Community Council and Action Group.

Councillor McEvoy advised he would also be excusing himself due to his conflict of interest arising from his association with the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Clane.

Councillor Farrelly advised he would be excusing himself due to his conflict of interest arising from his association with the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Robertstown.

Councillor D Fitzpatrick advised he had a conflict of interest due to his association with the Robertstown Community Amenities Association (RCCA).

CM02/0424

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 01 March 2024 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 01 March 2024 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.



CM03/0424

Draft Kildare Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2024-2029

The members received a briefing on the Draft Kildare Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2024-2029.

Ms. S Bookle Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Co-ordinator presented a briefing, based on the draft LECP sent to the members on March 1 (recirculated March 20). She had worked with Ms. J McNabb (Head of Enterprise) to prepare the plan. The purpose of the briefing was to:

- Inform members of the process to develop the LECP.
- For their consideration of the draft objectives (section 7) to ensure consistency with:
 - a) Kildare County Development Plan
 - b) Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
 - c) Consistency between the economic and community elements.

Process to develop the LECP

- Members were reminded that this was a statutory plan which commenced in February 2023. Detailed guidelines underpin the development of the plan.
- The economic element is overseen by the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning, Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and community element by the Local Community Development Committee. An advisory steering group was in place. All structures have met between six and eight times since commencement.
- The preparation stage concluded in July 2023, with a draft vision and four high level goals.
- Broad ranging consultation took place between July and November 2023, with over 1,300 people engaging. The final draft vision and high level goals were agreed in December 2023.
- The draft objectives were prepared and agreed by the LCDC and SPC in February.
- Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screenings were completed and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) are currently considering the draft for consistency with the County



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Development Plan, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and consistency between community and economic elements.

- If the Municipal District members approve the draft plan for consistency, it will be presented for approval at the full council meeting in April.

The members unanimously agreed that the draft LECP was consistent with the County Development Plan, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and that the community and economic elements were also aligned.

It was unanimously agreed to present the plan for approval at the full council meeting in April.

The members raised the following:

- Thanked Ms. S Bookle for the strong and positive presentation, complimenting the amount of work and balancing involved with the different issues.
- Pleased to see an Implementation Plan as part of the plan as this was rarely seen.
- Enquired as to how often the plan would be reviewed, referring to a 2 year implementation, but requesting a yearly over-arching review to also be carried out.
- Enquired in relation to how the council allocate at local level.
- Pleased to see Climate Action mentioned first as it was important it was not taken on as tokenism.
- Referred to Climate Action and Just Transition and how the council have to brave and bring businesses and communities along.
- Goals in relation to Climate Action had been well discussed and thought through, ensuring they were well in line with other plans including the County Development Plan.
- Request made to ensure the Local Community Development Committee met with the Strategic Policy Committees.
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) would bring forward the Local Economic and Community Plan of other counties and pointed out Kildare had gone ahead of others.



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- It was positive the Local Economic and Community Plan had originated from original submissions and not just from Strategic Policy Committees.
- With the elections shortly and the potential changes, would there be a reminder given in relation to the Local Economic and Community Plan.
- Reference made to statistics from All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) in relation to Kildare having the youngest population of all the counties, and also an aging and rural population which did not make it straight forward, along with the additional complexity of Kildare's landscape.

Ms. S Bookle advised the members of the following:

- Ms. P O'Brien had advised the Steering Group and it was good to have that type of synergy across the plan.
- When the new council was in place there would be an initial induction and briefing on the Local Economic and Community Plan and she would welcome the opportunity to engage with the members at that time.
- Kildare was complex, it was important to be nimble and not get locked into one area.
- Had a very insightful conversation with Justin Gleeson, Director of AIRO in relation to census 2022 and how Kildare needed to build on opportunities.

The District Manager made reference to a meeting which Councillor Farrelly had also attended at which each word had been analysed and talked through so as to ensure the best possible implementation of a critical area of the Local Economic and Community Plan relating to Climate. She added it was important from Kildare's perspective that areas of economy, social and community worked together and Kildare continued our ambitions in relation resilience and sustainability for our county.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members that the report be forwarded to full council in April for consideration.



CM04/0424

Municipal District Road Works Programme

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

Local Property Tax (LPT) funding

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

General Works:

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

A contractor has been on site carrying out footpath works at the following locations:

- L7081 Downings North Prosperous
- L5076 Clonwood Heights Clane
- Highfield Kilcock

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	On site
L	70042	Nursery Road Allenwood South	2400	Design
L	50222	Kilkeaskin	750	Design
L	1021	Corkeragh	1,500	Design
R	401	Ballindoolin	1000	Design
L	1004	Dunfeirth Road JohnstownBridge	1000	Design
L	1006	Kishawanny	400	Design
L	5008	Ballycowan Clogherinko	800	Design
L	5075	Mainham Road	700	Design
L	5077	Butterstream Clane	900	Design
L	5076	Loughanure	800	Design
L	7075	Lowtown	1200	Design
R	403	Brockagh	1,200	Design
R	403	Allenwood	480	Design
L	10222	Curryhills Cul de Sac	400	Design
R	403	Curryhills	650	Design



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R	403	Prosperous Main Street	720	Design
L	5078	Clane Ring Road	880	Design
L	5071	Staplestown Village	1,100	Design
R	406	Straffan Road Maynooth	500	Design

Restoration Maintenance Schemes 2024

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

The District Engineer informed the members of the following:

- General maintenance had been continuing since the last meeting.
- Hedge cutting had taken place ahead of the nesting season.
- Restoration Maintenance such as surface dressing was due to commence on the first week of June for 8 days and also a week in July.
- Capdoo road resurfacing works in Clane were completed the previous night with the section at Brooklands left for the developer of Coach Road to complete as part of their planning permission.
- Works in Maynooth in front of the entrance to the college and the castle were to be completed on Friday night.
- Works on Laurence’s Avenue will be carried out during the week on Wednesday and Thursday.



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- Knockcur and Drehid road recycling schemes were out to tender.
- A lot of works were planned for the summer months which would involve road closures and diversions and members and the community would be kept informed.

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NTA Active Travel Grants Allocation

The members received an update on 2024 NTA Active Travel Grants Allocation.

Mr. D Hodgins informed the members of the following:

- Drawdown in 2023 was approximately €10.5 million and the Council had received a similar amount in 2024. Other local authorities received a reduced allocation. Last year, there were 36 projects in the county and this had been streamlined to 20 projects in 2024.
- Phase 1 of the Royal Canal Scheme was completed in 2023.
- The main challenge in 2024 would be related to staffing levels and the changes in personnel.
- New construction was due to begin on Mill Street subject to legal agreement with Manor Mills Shopping Centre.
- Part 8 proposal to be brought forward for moving wall of church back at the Kilcock and Mill Street junction.
- Royal Canal Greenway, (from Lousia Bridge to Maynooth) would start construction within 4 weeks.
- Construction documents for the Meadowbrook Link Road Active Travel Scheme are ready, subject to funding.
- Clane Safe Routes to School proposals to be developed in 2024.
- €0.5m allocation for bus stop infrastructure – hard standing areas and bus shelters to be installed from a rolling programme across the County. Awaiting confirmation from the National Transport Authority in relation to the administration of this allocation.
- Funding allocated in Kildare County Council Capital Programme for non NTA Active Travel Schemes, for example, Newtown School Project.

Councillor Durkan enquired as to how quickly the church wall works would be carried out on Mill Street. Mr. D Hodgins advised the construction tender for the scheme had been



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finalised at Manor Mills and a design and Part 8 proposal for the works at the church would be brought forward this year.

Councillor Hamilton complimented the strong team in Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management and how these items had been brought from zero. He added it was great to get the allocation up from €8 million or €9 million euro up to €10 million euro. In relation to the works at Mill Street, Royal Canal and critical works at Celbridge Road, realistically twice as much money could have been spent.

Councillor McEvoy referred to the Safe Routes to School Projects in Clane and Straffan and what Stage 1 and Stage 2 referred to. Mr Hodgins clarified that these related to the sequence of funding for the schemes with Stage 1 schemes preceding Stage 2 and so on.

Councillor Farrelly said there were a couple of bus stop areas to prioritise and enquired about how to get certain projects onto that list. Mr Hodgins suggested locations could be shared with the team and considered.

It was agreed by the members to take as per the Agenda Reports Item 29 and Item 44.

CM06/0424

Playground in the Bawnogues, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the progress in the delivery of the new playground in the Bawnogues, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members the tender documents for the playground are currently being completed. The tender will be advertised in mid to late April. The installation of outdoor gym equipment is also in progress. The gym equipment will be installed along the perimeter walkway. This will be installed over the Summer.

The report was noted.



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present at each Municipal District meeting and also to allow time for the applicants to receive their individual responses.

Councillor Durkan reiterated the embargo as outlined by Ms. E Donnelly for the attention of the members of the Press and the public gallery.

Arts Act Grant 2024 - Clane / Maynooth MD				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project	Award €
Ann Maria	Healy	Clane / Maynooth	To produce the second chapter of a CGI animated film work called GabhÁin Gaoithe, which follows the flight of the common swift as it traverses the dreamlike landscape of a mind whilst in a meditative state.	600
Christina	Fitzharris	Clane / Maynooth	Midlands LGBT+ will provide a 6 week Beginners Pottery Course in Sallins/ Naas for the LGBT+ Community. This will provide a space for LGBT+ adults in the area to meet each other and learn a new skill and art form.	1200
Collette	Kelly	Clane / Maynooth	In 2024 our main objectives are to: hold summer and Christmas concerts and to compete in the Derry International choral festival in October 2024.	800
gavin	casey	Clane / Maynooth	I have been invited to exhibit in the Drogheda Arts Festival (DAF24) in the anchor venue. My application is to fund transport costs of an 18ftx8ft studio wall installation from Co. Kildare to Co Louth making it possible to include an interactive installation aspect in the exhibition. Production costs are covered.	850
Grainne	Hunt	Clane / Maynooth	This proposal is to fund a writing residency in the Centre Culturel Irlandais in Paris where I would stay for two weeks, to write new songs and music taking inspiration from the surrounding city, documenting and vlogging the experience as I go, for social media content, acknowledging Kildare Arts.	1000
Martina	Murphy	Clane / Maynooth	I would like to buy some time out of my novel writing and work on a screenplay that I've been trying to get beyond a first draft for a while now. Following this, I wish to engage a mentor to help me interrogate it and bring it to second draft.	1000
Niamh	Hynan	Clane / Maynooth	Á - Complete my current new body of work 'Grounding' which consists of mixed media paintings, sculptures and an interactive installation with ASMR recordings from nature Á - Funding for art materials to reconnect painting on a large scale (150 x 150cm canvasses, oil paint & OMS) Á - Exhibiting this new work in Damer House Gallery	950
Pamela	de Bri	Clane / Maynooth	To conclude previously funded Island project by finishing the final section of paintings and by preparing work for exhibition in Kilcock Gallery April 2025. Get the remaining paintings framed. Photograph work. Finish research for accompanying bilingual book. Design and arrange printing of high quality art book compiling paintings and texts.	1800
Pauline	Keena	Clane / Maynooth	I am making three bodies of new work in my studio to create a solo show at the Backwater Artists Cork, in 2025. The work consists of film, tapestry and art writing. The work deals with the theme of motherhood and loss in recent Irish history. My studio is in Clane.	2000
Sarah	Baxter	Clane / Maynooth	My project is to research and develop a new theatre work. This grant would allow me time research the stories and history of St. Brigid, interpret how this research could be shaped into material for theatre performance for audiences today and to further my own artistic practice.	2000
Sheena	Malone	Clane / Maynooth	I am applying for financial assistance for a solo exhibition which will take place in Athy Arts Centre in May and afterwards time to research and develop a new body of work.	1200
The	KNUCs	Clane / Maynooth	To bring our group to the Ukulele Ceili Festival in Longford, we have been invited to play on the 21st July. A great honor to have been invited to play, we only had our 1st public appearance last year at the National Playday held at Kildare Co. Council H.O.!	800

Arts in Education				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project	Award €
Tamzen	Lundy	Clane / Maynooth	A series of facilitated felt making workshops- child led- for the whole school community. Covering each of the age groups including the children of the ASD unit and SNA staff. Exploring the sensory craft of wet- felt making, for communication, well being, artistic engagement and experimentation.	2500

Culture Night Commission Award 2024				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project	Award €
Gustavo	De Morais	Clane / Maynooth	To create a brand new concert to be performed in Kildare by the Brazilian guitar duo Gustavo de Morais and Robson Rocha. To transcribe, arrange and perform music written by female composers from Brazil. The concert will also include a brief explanation of the pieces, compositions, and cultural background.	3700
Qandeel	Kafeel	Clane / Maynooth	The aim of the proposed project Truck Art in Irish Apparel is to introduce pakistani culture and traditional motifs, pattern, designs and vibrant colors into Irish fashion industry. and to showcase pakistani heritage to people who have different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.	2599
Sheena	Malone	Clane / Maynooth	The Big Ukulele Bus Busk will travel across Kildare on Culture Night, stopping off to perform in several locations. The bus passengers will comprise ukulele players young and old who will be issued with the Big Ukulele Bus Busk song book in advance of the trip.	2230



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Dennis O'Driscoll Bursary Awards			
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project, including title.
Colm	McDermott	Clane / Maynooth	To buy time away from paid employment to complete a draft of my novel - Lads! Lads! Lads!
			1500
Drama League of Ireland Bursary Award			
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Briefly summarise why you wish to apply for this award and the benefit(s) to your practice
Patrick	Gorry	Clane / Maynooth	I hope to develop my skills in drama and theatre making, both for the benefit of myself and the groups I am involved with - Clane Musical & Dramatic Society, and Salmon Eile.
			575
First Fortnight Award			
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	3. Provide a brief summary of your proposed project
Kasia	Eliasz	Clane / Maynooth	To create a new 40min performance called STEREO which explores the themes of identity and categorisation, with a focus on challenging stereotypes. To work with highly-skilled creative team. We will be hosting open to local community rehearsals thorough the development. To present the work in Riverbank Arts Centre.
			4000
Platform 4 Recording Bursary Award			
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project at Platform 4
Gustavo	De Morais	Clane / Maynooth	To record 4 original compositions written for the project Healing Bridges. To distribute the music recorded to online platforms and reach new audiences in 2024. To create more opportunities for workshops and connections in County Kildare.
			900
Short Grass Bursary Award			
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of your proposed film project
Anna	Czarska	Clane/Maynooth	Script editing for development of screenplay for first feature film, Irish-language family film based on Irish folklore and mythology, made by Kildare-based filmmaker, produced by Kildare-based prod. company, and starring Kildare based actress.
			1500
Shane	Hynan	Clane/Maynooth	We plan to make a fictional short film set in rural Kildare. It will explore place, belonging, transience, isolation and spirituality; through a contemporary and historical connection with bogs. This funding will help us undertake further research to finalise script, pay for a script consultant and make a proof-of-concept trial run production.
			1500

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2024 for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District be approved.

CM09/0424

Timahoe Playground

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

That the council install warning signs on the approach roads to the entrance of Timahoe Playground, to make it safer.

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



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Office will arrange for warning signs to be erected on approach to Timahoe playground.

The members raised the following:

- Community had concerns about entering and exiting the playground.
- Warning signs would make a great difference.

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

CM10/0424

Deputation Derrymullen Residents

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

That the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District receives a deputation at the May meeting from Derrymullen Residents in relation to a road which is public but no longer recorded as such on the council mapping system.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Wyse and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick. A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members this is a matter for the members of the Municipal District. Following a review, a significant portion of this road has now been added to the pavement management system.

Councillor Wyse said there was now no need for the deputation.

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



CM11/0424

Waterways Ireland

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

That the council write to Waterways Ireland requesting remedial maintenance works to be carried out on the paths at Maynooth Harbour and the timeline for shared spaces signage to be put in place.

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 with their agreement, Kildare County Council Transport Department will make contact with Waterways Ireland.

The members raised the following:

- Towpaths are in a terrible state and full of pot holes that fill with water.
- Wheelchair users were unable to use the paths at Maynooth Harbour.
- Parents with buggies had difficulties using the path enroute to the playground.
- Unsatisfactory that members requests to Waterways Ireland received no response.
- Enquired due to the high volume of representations by members from the public could a request be made to Waterways Ireland for a dedicated Members Line.
- Requested an update from Waterways Ireland relating shared walking and cycling spaces signage on the Greenway.

The District Engineer informed the members that footpaths from the Harbour West were already improved and that the footpaths to the East of the Harbour East were where the issues were. However, that section was part of the Royal Canal Greenway from Leixlip to Maynooth and a contractor would be appointed shortly to commence that project. The project was being managed by the Sustainable transport team and funded by the National Transport Authority working with Waterways Ireland.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by the members a letter would issue to Waterways Ireland from the Transport Department.

CM12/0424

Tír na nÓg Montessori School, Donadea

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

That the council put traffic calming measures in place in the vicinity of Tír na nÓg Montessori School, Donadea for the safety of children attending the facility.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District Engineer will engage with Councillor Feeney and arrange for appropriate measures in line with Kildare County Council Traffic Calming Guidance document to be put in place.

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

CM13/0424

Bus shelters at Dag Welds Cross

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

That the council request the NTA to install two bus shelters at Dag Welds Cross.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members the design of an upgrade for this junction will include the examination of the provision of improved bus stop infrastructure. This is being progressed



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by the Road Design Section. It would be very challenging to install any additional facilities at this location in a safe manner with the current layout of the carriageway and junction.

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

CM14/0424

Cycling and pedestrian permeability in Clane

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

That the council review the cycling and pedestrian permeability in Clane to consider an appropriate number of pedestrian crossings.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members the Sustainable Transport Section has met recently with An Taisce as part of the preparation of the delivery plan for the Safe Routes to School proposal at the schools on the Prosperous road, Clane and are reviewing the possibility of an Active Travel Permeability link between the R403 Prosperous road and the L1023 Ballinagappa road, and any associated road crossings will be considered as part of this proposed permeability link between the R403 Prosperous road and the L1023 Ballinagappa road. Any further permeability links can be considered in the context of the implementation of the Clane Town Centre First Plan.

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

CM15/0424

Pedestrian and Cycle Route between L1023 Ballinagappa Road and R407

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



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That the council engage with the Safe Routes to School programme coordinators to identify opportunities to complete the Outline Delivery Plan for Scoil Bhríde Primary School and Scoil Phádraig Primary School, Clane, as a step towards developing a pedestrian and cycle route between the L1023 Ballinagappa Road and R407 Prosperous Road, Clane.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Farrelly. A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members the Sustainable Transport Section has met recently with An Taisce at the schools on Prosperous road, Clane to prepare the Delivery Plan for the Safe Routes to School proposal for the location, and as part of this process, are examining the possibility of progressing an Active Travel Permeability link between the R403 Prosperous road and the L1023 Ballinagappa road.

Councillor McEvoy appreciated the update on funding and that was the most topical issue related to Clane Town Centre First.

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

CM16/0424

Maynooth Town Centre's roads and footpaths

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

That the council upgrade Maynooth Town Centre's roads and footpaths.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members the Municipal District office plans to resurface the main street in 2025. Footpath upgrades will be guided by the Public Realm Master Plan. The Mill Street Active Travel Scheme is due to commence on site in Quarter3/Quarter 4 2024.



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The members raised the following:

- Complimented the District Engineer for the volume of requests dealt with by him and his team.
- Funding of €10,000 had been announced in 2018 and it had taken a long time for the spine road from Straffan Road to the Education Campus, Maynooth.
- Great public realm upgrade at Millstreet.
- Millstreet upgrades welcomed but Main Street seemed out of kilter with those works.
- There was a massive gap on Main Street Maynooth, in particular in relation to the footpaths.
- Waiting on Urban Regeneration and Development Funding at every meeting to carry out works on Main Street.
- There were funds from paid parking and those should be used to upgrade primary footpaths in line with Millstreet.
- In Maynooth trip accidents were now becoming a more regular occurrence.
- Slabs were not fit for purpose and caused difficulties for buggies, wheelchairs and even able bodied people.
- Access issues had been raised by Maynooth Access Group
- Suggested to enquire from Active Travel in relation to a resolution.
- The cycle lane currently on the footpath was unrecognisable and people were hitting off one another day in day out.
- Incumbent on members to look for a resolution for roads and in particular footpaths.
- Council were victims of master planning.
- Suggested a plan for the provision of two wide footpaths which could form part of the masterplan.

The District Engineer said he understood the motion and agreed with the members. It was 20/25 years since upgrades had been carried out and slabs were at the end of life. He outlined the following works:

- Red Door out to Main Street – a new sewer by a developer.
- Plan to resurface Main Street 2025.



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- Square to be part of the Master Plan for public realm, funding had been set aside for last 2/3 years at least and was just a matter of management of funding with potential to get match funding from central government.
- If there was a suitable funding stream the footpath resurfacing could be carried out after Millstreet is completed.

Councillor Durkan enquired if a discussion with the members could take place with regard to the types of surfaces to be used in relation to the potential for trips and slips. He also requested that this item remain on the Progress Report as a starting point for June and so as to avoid this issue slipping away.

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

CM17/0424

Carton Estate

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

That the council contact the owners of Carton Estate to request additional access for the public during construction work on the Royal Canal Towpath.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that with the members agreement, Kildare County Council will make contact with the owners of the Carton Estate.

Councillor Ó Cearúil acknowledged the report and said it was great to hear the updates regarding upgrades from Louisa Bridge to Maynooth. He outlined people had been using the greenway as a commuter link with Intel and also coming from Leixlip to the Business Campus in Maynooth. People were enquiring if it would be possible to cycle through Carton Estate while there was no access to the greenway for cyclists.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó Cearúil seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members a letter would issue to Carton Estate requesting additional public access.

CM18/0424

Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth

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

That the council look at revising the traffic light sequencing at the Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Feeney. A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members staff from the Traffic Management Section shall liaise with the member to ascertain the issues with the current sequencing at the junction.

Councillor Durkan requested the frequency of the traffic lights be adjusted to allow for the green filter light to stay on.

Mr. D Hodgins informed the members that the staff member responsible would contact Councillor Durkan.

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

CM19/0424

Bicycle repair stations

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

That the council give an update on the provision of bicycle repair stations on the Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Kilcock.

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



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A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members Kildare County Council has not installed any bicycle repair stations on the Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Kilcock as this asset is on lands owned by Waterways Ireland. Separately, the issue of ancillary infrastructure for cycling and walking has been referred to the Strategic Policy Committee for consideration and a policy is awaited for these. There are currently no plans nor resources to install and maintain these along Greenways. Cyclists are encouraged to either carry a bicycle repair kit or, where bicycles have been rented, utilise the services of bicycle rental companies, as repairs can be required on any section of road used in the county.

The members raised the following:

- Some years ago at a Municipal District meeting Councillor Durkan asked for a bicycle repair station to be installed at the Royal Canal Greenway. This was welcomed by the Transport, Strategic Policy Committee with only one dissenting voice at that time.
- Repair Stations welcomed by cyclists who otherwise had to walk to get assistance.
- Requested addendum to Waterways Ireland letter requesting the provision of a bicycle repair station on the Royal Canal Greenway.

Mr. D Hodgins advised the members this would be included in the letter to Waterways Ireland.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members the request for the provision of a bicycle repair station would be included in the letter to Waterways Ireland.

CM20/0424

Road safety and traffic review in Newtown Village (Kilcock)

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

That the council undertake a comprehensive road safety and traffic review in Newtown Village (Kilcock) with a particular emphasis on sight lines, junctions and traffic flows/one way options.



CM23/0424

Communal car charging solution for Carton Square Maynooth

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

Can the council recommend an approach to explore the best approach to install a communal car charging solution for Carton Square Maynooth, giving value for money charging rates for apartment and townhouse residents?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members Kildare County Council are the lead authority in the preparation of an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy which will go to tender in the very near future. This Strategy will assist in identifying best practice in addressing the challenges raised in responding to the requirements for electric vehicle charging.

The members raised the following:

- Lot of positive work but did not feel Kildare County Council were leading on this.
- No proper authority solutions and difficult to bring groups together.
- Did not want the only option to be main road charging rates.

The report was noted.

CM24/0424

Mill Street, Maynooth active transport upgrade project

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

Can the council provide an update of next steps for the Mill Street, Maynooth active transport upgrade project following granting of the funds by NTA, including an estimated timeline for any tendering required and possible construction start date?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members Kildare County Council Sustainable Transport Team are aiming to tender the construction of the scheme in Quarter 2 2024 with an expected construction start date of Quarter 3 2024. The Sustainable Transport Team are currently awaiting the



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finalisation of a legal agreement with Manor Mills Shopping Centre in relation to a defined area of the works, prior to tendering the scheme.

The report was noted.

CM25/0424

Improve active travel on the L1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane

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

Can the council update the committee on plans to complete a Section 38 assessment of requests to reallocate road space to improve active travel on the L1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members the design of the Section 38 is being progressed by the Sustainable Transport Section, in consultation with the Municipal District Engineer and it is expected that it will be advertised in Quarter 2 2024.

The report was noted.

CM26/0424

Public Bicycle Stands in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District

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

Can the council indicate if there is a budget available to replace the damaged public bicycle stands in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the replacement of public realm infrastructure is challenging where maintenance budgets have not yet been established. Kildare County Council Transport Department is reviewing these issues on an ongoing basis.



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Councillor McEvoy said a number of Sheffield Stands had either been damaged or removed. There were competing demands and the need to budget for infrastructure and this needed to be an agenda item in the future.

The District Engineer said he could not commit to everything being done.
The report was noted.

CM27/0424

Signs warning drivers of pedestrians and cyclists

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

Can the council provide an update on the installation of signs warning drivers of pedestrians and cyclists at Derrymullen (Bond) Bridge and Station Road in Allenwood?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District office is awaiting delivery of signs from the manufacturer, and these will be installed once delivered.

Councillor Wyse enquired how long for the delivery of the signs from the manufacturer.

The District Engineer informed the members there had been a difficulty in relation to sourcing a manufacturer but it was expected signs would be available over the next fortnight.

The report was noted.

CM28/0424

Rathcoffey National School

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

Can the council provide an update on the upgrade of traffic calming measures and the pedestrian crossing at Rathcoffey National School?



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members there was currently not sufficient budget to advance a pedestrian crossing at Rathcoffey National School. Due to competing demands and without allocated funding to deliver it, no staff have been assigned to work on a design.

Councillor Durkan advised that members had previously allocated LPT Funds.

The District Engineer referenced the traffic calming allocation and advised additional works were planned at the front of the school. He would bring the matter relating to LPT to the members and enquire as to what those monies were to be used for.

The report was noted.

CM29/0424

Disability access to the Maynooth Community Space

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

Can the council provide an update on improvement works and disability access to the Maynooth community space?

A report was received from the Facilities Team informing the members the Maynooth Community Space is currently on a list of buildings awaiting assessment. It is hoped to have the assessment completed in Quarter 2 of 2024.

The District Manager informed the members she would speak with the Facilities Manager in relation to this item and an assessment was currently underway with the anticipation that works would be carried out this year.

The report was noted.

CM30/0424

Road marking/signs on Connaught Street, Kilcock

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



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Can the council provide an update on the installation of new road marking/signs on Connaught Street, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District office propose to carry out new markings in April/May 2024 once the weather is suitable.

The report was noted.

CM31/0424

Hedge and verge at Allen Cross

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

Can the council confirm when repairs will be carried out to the hedge and verge at Allen Cross?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members the Municipal District office will arrange for the crew to repair the grass margin when the weather conditions are suitable.

The report was noted.

CM32/0424

Grand Canal Greenway

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

That the detailed design of the Grand Canal Greenway takes account of the bending and descending approach of the L2004 road to Digby Bridge from Millicent to consider traffic calming, including road surface levelling and marking, to improve accessibility for greenway pedestrians crossing the road.

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



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A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Section will work with Kildare County Council Roads Section to develop a suitable solution to include traffic calming measures and additional signage and will also investigate the potential of improving sight lines if possible.

The members raised the following:

- Sallins to Robertstown, people conscious of the downhill momentum and sightlines for pedestrians from the Sallins side were not clear.
- Public Realm and the Municipal District Office were due to collaborate.
- Locals could be of assistance by getting their perspective.
- Necessary to take into account public lighting, ecology and maintaining the natural context.

Ms. A Keaveney informed the members a detailed design programme was due to be completed by the end of the year. They were working with the Roads Design Team and looking at sightlines and would confer with residents who were aware of the issues at this location. She also pointed out Waterways Ireland were not amenable along the canal.

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

CM33/0424

Proposed Blueway at Ballyteague (Hendy's Castle)

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

That the council provide a progress report on the proposed Blueway at Ballyteague (Hendy's Castle) where the proposed roadside kerb is causing concerns in relation to the narrowing of the road.

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



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A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members the footpath/kerbing causing concern is being omitted, although the proposal was not to narrow the road, the external kerb of the proposed footpath was positioned at the edge of the existing road. The footpath as provided for in the planning permission was going to be too narrow, only a metre in places and right at the edge of the canal bank. Waterways Ireland were keen that the footpath be provided but we have come to a compromise that will work for residents and Blueway users. We are now proposing a shared surface, with existing passing bays being regularised and the addition of one additional passing bay. We have provided for similar on Grand Canal Greenway, where we have a shared surface.

As we have experienced throughout the scheme and in other locations, despite planning permission being the appropriate time for submissions to be made, it is not until we actually get to site that we get engagement from locals, which is understandable. What is shown on a drawing at planning doesn't always translate until residents see it on the ground. We have as with other locations, engaged with the local community, particularly the farming community, listened to the issues raised and where possible we have adapted the design to address those concerns.

The members raised the following:

- Commended the council on the works so far on both the Greenway and Blueway.
- Locals disagreed with the council's view regarding the narrowing of the road and were annoyed and frustrated.
- The view of the locals was that the road had been narrowed and when busy roads such as this were narrowed it caused dangers for road users.
- Council work with Waterways Ireland.
- Could a walkway be provided on the bank.
- Length of the road was 1 kilometre.
- Cyclists were forced to cycle out on the road at the gates and bollards in that area.
- A 20page submission was made and was then summarised down to 2 sentences in the planning decision.
- Public not being listened to and they may have to bring a protest to the chamber.



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Councillor Fitzpatrick agreed and said at the Travellers Rest to Ballyteague people were pulling into people's driveways and from Ballyteague Castle down the addition of pull in points would be helpful.

Ms. A Keaveney informed the members passing bays could be provided and at areas that would not have a 1 meter footpath it would be safer to install signage along with road markings. A change of plan would have to be looked at but the passing bays would be helpful.

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

CM34/0424

Progress of the new Library in Clane

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

Can the council update members on the progress of the new Library in Clane?

A report was received from the Senior Executive Librarian informing the members a consultant Design Team have updated plans to reflect inputs from Kildare Climate Team and particularly the Energy Officer. The Design Team are now preparing detailed drawings, documentation and a Bill of Quantities for a construction tender. The library service still awaits the outcome of a funding application to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The report was noted.



CM35/0424

Mobile Library Services

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

Can the council confirm the locations and details of the mobile library services in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Senior Executive Librarian informing the members the full Mobile service Timetable is available here:

<https://kildarecoco.ie/library/media/MOBILE%20LIBRARY%20TIMETABLE%2020232024.pdf>

The following routes have stops in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District. The mobile visits every three weeks. This Municipal District also has Clocha Rince Library, Kilcock Library, Clane Library and Maynooth Library.

Route 4

Staplestown

Coill Dubh

Route 6

Robertstown

Prosperous

Route 7

Ticknevin

Derrinturn

Allenwood

Route 8

Killina

Kilshanroe

Johnstownbridge

The report was noted.



CM36/0424

Taking in Charge of DC3407 Hawthorn Manor, Coill Dubh

The members considered the taking in charge of DC3407 Hawthorn Manor, Coill Dubh.

A report was previously circulated to the members from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members Hawthorn Manor is a development of 60 units granted planning permission under planning reference's 14/505, 17/995, 17/1153, 18/1202, 19/90, 19/1273, 19/1341. It is proposed to take Hawthorn Manor estate in charge as requested by the developer, which was received on 11/10/2022. A map outlining the areas to be taken in charge is appended to this report.

The lands pertaining to Hawthorn Manor will be vested in the local authority should the estate be taken in charge by the Elected Members. The proposal to take Hawthorn Manor, Coill Dubh, Co. Kildare in charge was on public display from Monday 20th February 2023 to Tuesday 21st March 2023, inclusive. The end of the statutory period for observations on the proposal was Monday 3rd April 2023. No submissions were received during the statutory period. Irish Water has been consulted and confirmed approval to proceed with taking in charge.

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,
- (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 Hawthorn Manor, Coill Dubh, Co. Kildare outlined on the appended map.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wyse seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members that DC3407 Hawthorn Manor, Coill Dubh be taken in charge.



CM37/0424

Taking in charge of Castlepark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (DC1228)

The members considered the taking in charge of Castlepark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (DC1228).

A report was previously circulated to the members from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members Castlepark is a development of 143 units granted planning permission under planning reference 06/1925, PL 09.225882, 09/219, 10/942, 11/518, 21/1440. It is proposed to take Castlepark estate in charge as requested by the developer, which was received on 08/09/2022. A map outlining the areas to be taken in charge is appended to this report.

The lands pertaining to Castlepark will be vested in the local authority should the estate be taken in charge by the Elected Members. The proposal to take Castlepark, Maynooth Co. Kildare in charge was on public display from Tuesday, 21st November 2023 to Wednesday, 20th December 2023, inclusive. The end of the statutory period for observations on the proposal was Wednesday, 3rd January 2024. No submissions were received during the statutory period. Uisce Eireann has been consulted and confirmed approval to proceed with taking in charge.

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,
- (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 Castlepark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare outlined on the appended map.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil and agreed by the members that Castlepark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (DC1228) be taken in charge.

CM38/0424

Crèches in New Developments

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

Can the council provide information on the number of crèches that have been provided in new developments in the municipal district in the past 5 years?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members it would appear from a review of planning applications (2019 -2024) that a total of 10 creches have been permitted in the municipal district of Clane/Maynooth in the past five years. It would require a site inspection in some of the cases to determine what stage of the development the creche may be at, whilst some of the applications still have significant periods before the permission expires.

The report was noted.

CM39/0424

Childcare places in this Municipal District

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

Can the council clarify how it intends to ensure that there are adequate childcare places in this Municipal District?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members Childcare spaces are required to be delivered in tandem with new residential developments, at the rate of 20 childcare spaces per 75 new dwellings, as per the Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities. In accordance with Objective SC O79 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029, childcare provision is now required to be delivered during



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phase 1 of any new residential development and must be fully operational prior to the occupation of any residential unit within the subject site.

Councillor Ó Cearúil emphasised people settling in Maynooth could not find childcare. They were in new houses in estates where childcare facilities were to be put in place as part of the plans. Some developers could be seen to be liaising with childcare providers at the beginning of the planning process and some were not.

The report was noted.

CM40/0424

Primary and Secondary School Places

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

Can the council clarify that there are sufficient primary and secondary school places in this Municipal District to satisfy demand over the next ten years?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members the Department of Education has confirmed that under the National Development Plan, almost €250m has been invested in schools in County Kildare over the last five years. This investment has focused on provision of additional capacity to cater for its increasing population and there are further significant projects in the pipeline including for the North Kildare area. In line with the Department's demographic projections of post primary school place requirements, there has been a continued growth in enrolments throughout many School Planning Areas in North Kildare. In response, the Department is progressing a number of building projects in North Kildare under the National Development Plan. This includes projects at primary and post primary schools, and includes provision for mainstream accommodation as well as for children with special educational needs. The Forward Planning team will continue to liaise with the Department of Education in the preparation of Local Area Plans to ensure sufficient land is zoned at appropriate locations for the provision of additional schools as required.



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Councillor Ó Cearúil explained this item on school places was linked to his previous question in relation to childcare. He said this was a bigger issue than just Maynooth and it was widespread in the County. He suggested a Special Meeting of the Municipal District to be held where the impacts of the expected increase in population could be discussed and plans made before this became a massive issue.

The report was noted.

CM41/0424

HSE Primary Care National Review

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Hamilton. Can the council confirm if it is aware of the HSE Primary Care National review which includes the plans for the Maynooth Primary Care Centre and satellite services and whether it is in communication with the HSE about this review and its implication for the planning of services in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members a letter was issued to the HSE on 6 March following a resolution passed by the members to request an update on the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Maynooth. Correspondence was received from the HSE on 21 March 2024 acknowledging receipt of our letter and advising our letter had been forwarded to Mr. Brian Kearney, Head of Primary Care for response. We await response to our correspondence and will forward copy of same to the members once received.

Councillor Hamilton said in the national review of Primary Care, 20,000 people were still in two prefabs and there had been delay after delay.

The District Manager informed the members the Local Economic and Community Plan was an important document for Kildare County Council, with a full agenda report and different departments leading out. The All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) had a chapter on housing containing a strategy and a report which would had vital information and also Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC). She added the population had



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doubled in 30 years bringing about colossal changes and it was important to make the arguments for our communities.

The report was noted.

CM42/0424

Update on Taking in Charge of Boycetown Estate in Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the Taking in Charge of Boycetown Estate in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members no taking in charge application has been received for this estate.

Development Control have contacted the Developer in relation to this.

The report was noted.

CM43/0424

Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards

The members considered the community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2024 (attached).

Resulting from conflicts of interest earlier declared and for the purpose of considering the Clane area community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2024, Councillors Farrelly, Fitzpatrick, McEvoy, Ward, Weld and Wyse temporarily left the chamber.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney and seconded by Councillor Ó Cearúil the community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2024 for the Clane area were agreed and accepted by the members.



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Resulting from conflicts of interest earlier declared and for the purpose of considering the Maynooth area community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2024, Councillors Durkan, Feeney, Hamilton and Ó Cearúil temporarily left the chamber. Councillor Wyse assumed the position of Chair.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick the community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2024 for the Maynooth area were agreed and accepted by the members.



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Community Grants 2024 for approval Clane/Maynooth M.D.				
No.	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	18th Kildare (Prosperous/Robertstown) Scouts	Programme Equipment and activities	€2,100	€750
2	8th Kildare Allenwood Scout Group	Activities camp and a county cub camp.	€2,900	€750
3	Allen Heritage and History Group	Photographic exhibition	€1,300	€975
4	An Cuan Games	Sensory equipment for a community games initiative for secondary schools	€3,000	€1,500
5	An Nuadh Players	Pantomime 'A Christmas Carol'	€3,000	€800
6	Anne Street Residents Association	Equip community house	€2,900	€1,200
7	Ashgrove Demintum Residents Association	Equip new Saturday Kids Kitchen Club.	€2,998	€1,200
8	Balyna Community Group (Cadamstown Hall)	To maintain the internal of the building.	€3,000	€1,500
9	Balyna Rural Enterprise Development Association Ltd.	4 Computer Towers and 2 Laptops	€3,000	€1,200
10	Carbury Village Residents Association	Pollinator friendly planting	€2,500	€1,200
11	Clane Youth & Family Services	Beyond Hate - A 12 week course	€2,650	€600
12	Clocha Rince Parents Association	Outdoor classroom	€3,000	€500
13	Cloth Nappy Library Ireland - Kildare Branch	Upgrade loan kits of cloth nappies	€800	€500
14	Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann, Bord Chill Dara	Fleadh- week -Community events	€3,000	€1,800
15	Community Cancer Caregivers North Kildare	Home cleaning services to families	€3,000	€500
16	Corra Choill Parc Residents Association	Gazebo and small clean up equipment	€1,400	€600
17	Craobh Naomh Choca	Traditional Irish music events	€3,000	€1,000
18	Derrintum Active Seniors Group	Christmas dinner and music for 110-120 local senior citizens	€3,000	€350
19	Hemingway Park, Clane, Co. Kildare Committee	Organisation and roll out of activities	€1,500	€600
20	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Equipment, pollinator-friendly plants and peat-free/chemical-free gardening materials.	€1,300	€980
21	Johnstownbridge Mens Shed	Health and safety items	€3,000	€1,100
22	Kilcock Community First Responders	Additional equipment	€3,000	€1,200
23	Kilcock Indian Community	St. Patrick's Day Parade and Christmas events	€2,500	€800
24	Kilcock Scouts	Improve the health and safety of hall.	€3,000	€750
25	Knockirr (and Carbury) Bog Development Committee	Talks and workshops on local bog	€2,950	€870
26	Little Way Cancer Support Centre	Mindfulness workshop	€720	€505
27	Lock 19 Community First Responders Group	Equipment to upskill volunteers	€2,997	€1,100
28	Lullymore CFR Group	Practice manikins	€2,460	€1,200
29	Maynooth Autism Friendly Town	Supporting materials and equipment	€2,992	€1,200
30	Maynooth Community Council	Picnic in the Park	€3,000	€975
31	Maynooth Cycling Campaign	Promote trishaw facility	€760	€595
32	Maynooth Local Market	Launch and sustain a local market	€2,885	€800
33	Mooretown Drive Residents Association	Extend outdoor exercise equipment space	€2,500	€1,250
34	NEWTOWN COMMUNITY GROUP	Family fun day	€1,100	€500
35	Newtown Ladies Club	Health and Wellness day.	€3,000	€1,000
36	Oakwood Park Residents Association	Computer and printer.	€928	€600
37	Pres Girls Parents Association, Maynooth	Sports equipment	€2,968	€500
38	Rathcoffey Senior Citizens Association	Christmas Party for our local Senior Citizens.	€2,000	€500
39	Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Staplestown PTA	Library and sensory space	€3,000	€500
40	Scouting Ireland - 5th Kildare Clane Group	Increase skills, experience and independence	€2,837	€750
41	St Famans Post Primary PTA	TY end of year musical Disco Inferno	€1,300	€500
42	Straffan Drama Club	Living in Kildare' a drama summer camp for teenagers	€3,000	€1,000
43	Straffan-Ardclough Community Games	Community games	€2,978	€800
44	Ticknevin Community Group	Plant flowers	€700	€500
45	Tiermohan NS Parents Association	Update our computer room and install new tablets.	€2,898	€600
46	Young Life Ireland	A four-day, local day camp for teenagers	€1,668	€500
47	Zero Waste Community Garden Rathcoffey	Tools and materials	€3,000	€1,200
48	Zero Waste Maynooth	Mending station at low waste events.	€2,952	€1,200
			Total for Approval	€41,500
			Budget	€41,500
			Balance	€0



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Festival Grants 2024 for approval Clane/Maynooth M.D.				
No.	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Anne Street Residents Association	Easter, St Patricks Day, Clean up days , Culture days , Summer fun Days , Halloween & Christmas	€2,000	€650
2	Ashgrove Derrinturn Residents Association	Annual family events	€2,000	€750
3	Carbury Village Residents Association	Summer BBQ	€1,100	€750
4	Clane St. Patrick's Day Festival	St. Patrick's Day Festival	€2,000	€1,250
5	Corra Choill Parc Residents Association	Seasonal Events and Social Events	€1,900	€500
6	Craobh Naomh Choca/Kilcock Comhaltas	Festival of Irish Music	€2,000	€500
7	Hemingway Committee	Summer festival	€1,950	€600
8	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Festival of Nature	€1,000	€750
9	Kilcock St. Patricks Day Parade	St. Patricks Day Parade	€2,000	€1,250
10	Kildare Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Festival in conjunction with the Kildare Fleadh	€2,000	€750
11	Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee	St. Patrick's Day Parade	€2,000	€1,250
12	Mooretown Drive Residents Association	Summer Festival 2024	€800	€450
13	Oakwood Park Residents Association	Family Fun Day	€800	€500
14	RCAA	Annual Christmas festival and Santa's Grotto	€1,000	€500
15	Shamrock Car and Machinery Club	Annual Community Vintage Festival	€2,000	€800
16	Ticknevin community group	Summer Bbq	€900	€500
17	Timahoe Community Council	Annual Field Day	€1,000	€250
18	Zero Waste Community Garden Rathcoffey	Biodiversity funday to include workshops & talks,	€2,000	€500
			Total for Approval	€12,500
			Budget	€12,500
			Balance	€0

CM44/0424

Drehid Grant awards 2024

The members considered the proposed Drehid Grant awards 2024.

Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Wyse removed themselves from the meeting for this item due to their membership of the Drehid Liaison Committee.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor McEvoy the Drehid Grants for 2024 were agreed and accepted by the members.



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Drehid Grants 2024 for approval				
No.	Group Name	Proposed project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Northwest Kildare Womens Group	Replenish arts and crafts supplies.	€650	€325
2	Woodlawn Residents Association	Planting a native hedge of Whitethorn trees.	€900	€693
4	Balyna Area And Community Womens Shed	Summer and Winter hanging baskets	€1,200	€390
5	Balyna Community First Responders	Mannequins & AED's	€1,286	€695
6	Allenwood Daycare Centre	To purchase two Cardiac Defibrillators	€1,300	€565
7	Allenwood GFC	Purchase equipment that is needed by both adult and underage teams.	€1,350	€910
8	8th Kildare Allenwood Scouts	Painting both inside and outside of the Den, general maintenance, planting and overall improvement of outdoor space.	€1,365	€715
9	Aylmer Gaels GFC	Purchase of new balls, cones, bibs and other equipment.	€1,494	€970
10	Ballyteague GFC	Purchase training equipment and store at our premises in Ballyteague	€1,496	€820
11	LBDC Community First Responder Group	Purchase a Defibulator with weatherproof storage case which will be mounted in the community.	€1,689	€805
12	18th Kildare Prosperous/Robertstown Scout Group	Purchasing booklets, appropriate tentage and age appropriate programme and craft materials	€2,160	€1,135
13	Hawthorn Manor Residents Committee	Installation of biodiversity planting beds consisting of native species to encourage and promote the native flora and fauna. Also purchase and install bird and bat boxes and install them at high level throughout the estate.	€2,800	€225
14	Carbury Village Residents Association	To supply and install 3 flagpoles at the roundabout at the entrance to our village.	€3,000	€1,860
15	Prosperous P&P	To put in drainage in certain areas of the course.	€3,000	€2,025
16	Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland	To upgrade some equipment used in the tunnel and also expand the growing space with extra raised beds.	€3,140	€1,570
17	Balyna Boys Gaa	To purchase new goals and nets.	€3,500	€1,925
18	Prosperous Tidy Towns	Changing the hard core areas around the village and planting pollinator friendly plants for the community to enjoy.	€3,776	€1,740
19	Prosperous Community First Responder Group	Training mannequin to perform CPR on with an AED.	€4,000	€2,100
20	Clogherinkoe Broadford GAA	Aeration, sanding and fertilising to improve the ground.	€4,000	€2,200
21	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	To resurface the front courtyard car park at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre with new gravel.	€4,500	€2,700
22	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare Branch	To expand the predator protection area used by the nesting birds, requiring machinery to prepare the soil, and the vegetation providing an increased area suitable for nesting.	€4,992	€3,495
23	Staplestown PTA	To purchase appropriate furniture and sensory equipment for the diverse needs of the children in the school.	€5,000	€2,875
24	Clocha Rince Parents Association	To create an outdoor classroom.	€5,000	€3,125
25	Corrachollí Parc Residents Association	To put four age friendly benches in the estate for mature residents also to get a shed and tools to upkeep the estate	€5,080	€765
26	Allenwood Community Development Association CLG (ACDAL).	Funding for works, which will include energy efficient heating and lighting on the ground floor to include the entrance/reception lobby, back hall and toilets, etc.	€6,000	€4,350
27	BBC United FC	Junior and over 14 goalposts.	€7,000	€3,675
28	Balyna Community Group	To maintain the internal of the building full painting of all internal rooms and area of the building	€7,177	€4,340
29	Ashgrove Derrinturn Residents Association	Phase 2 of the Memorial-Sensory Garden.	€7,498	€5,060
30	Robertstown Parents Association	New playground space.	€8,110	€3,805
31	Tir Mona AC (Non for profit, KEPPN-011730)	Upgrade our 400m grass running track.	€8,262	€3,560
32	Lock 19 Community First Responders Group	Mannequins & AED's	€9,783	€2,760
33	Balyna Rural enterprise Development Association Ltd. BREDA	To repair and insulate the roof of the Resource Centre.	€10,000	€3,985
34	Coill Dubh AFC	To buy an electric mower for the upkeep of the playing areas.	€10,000	€4,455
35	Robertstown Tidy towns	Equipment to carry out work in the village	€10,000	€2,510
36	Allen National School PTA	A Polytunnel to provide a year-round 'classroom' .	€11,220	€3,320
37	Edenderry Golf Club	To fully insulate the clubhouse and also upgrade the insulation in the remaining roof space and to install solar panels to provide clean energy to the clubhouse.	€12,000	€5,630



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38	St Brigid's NS Board of Management	To replace the soft surface area on the school grounds.	€12,617	€5,070
39	Johnstownbridge GAA Club	To increase the area of the existing community gym.	€12,735	€5,290
40	Anne Street Residents Association	New playground area for children.	€13,646	€5,260
41	Robertstown GFC	To upgrade the existing electricity supply to 3-phase to add additional capacity required to run the floodlighting of the existing pitch with the new juvenile pitch.	€14,000	€7,035
42	Carbury GAA	Complete refurbishment & updating of current toilet facilities including men, ladies & accessible bathrooms.	€16,000	€7,505
43	Prosperous Lawn Tennis Club	Replacement of existing mesh fencing.	€16,500	€6,635
44	Edenderry Rugby Club	To install team dugouts.	€18,820	€5,495
45	Prosperous United AFC	Clubhouse refresh, with purchase of paint for communal space.	€20,000	€8,240
46	Caragh GFC	The installation of a two metre wide walking track around the main floodlit pitch at St.Farnan's Park in Prosperous.	€20,000	€9,715
47	Eire Og Corra Choill Hurling & Camogie Club	Construction of 28.5m long x 5m high concrete ball wall including steel reinforcing.	€20,000	€8,175
48	St. Kevins GAA	To upgrade the sports hall.	€20,000	€6,430
49	Killina National School Parents Association	To complete the activity trail for the pupils to play during their breaks.	€20,000	€8,645
50	St. Patrick's N.S, Johnstownbridge, Parents Association 2023	To create an outdoor recreational area on the school grounds.	€20,000	€8,375
51	Coill Dubh Hurling Club	Drainage of the playing pitch.	€20,000	€8,845
52	Robertstown Community Amenities Association (RCAA)	To take the Eco-Park project from full planning permission through to design specification and tender.	€20,000	€10,655
			Total for Approval	€193,448
			Budget	€193,489
			Balance	€41

CM45/042

College Pool for Community use

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

Can the council provide any update on discussions with Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College regarding the potential reopening of the college pool for community use?

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members Kildare County Council are currently in discussions with Maynooth University, St Patricks College, Swim Ireland and other bodies with a view to advancing a swimming facility for North Kildare. Meetings are ongoing with various suppliers and consultants with a view to exploring alternative solutions.

The report was noted.



CM46/042

Staplestown Cemetery

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

Can the council provide an update on the works in Staplestown Cemetery?

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members landscaping improvement works have commenced in Staplestown Cemetery and following another round of weed control and grass cutting we will be advancing to civil improvement works so as to bring the new section live. The estimated works completion date is early summer 2024.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.