Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 05 June 2026 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber

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

Officials Present: Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. Ronan Toft (Executive Engineer), Mr. C. Galvin (Senior Engineer), Ms. P. O'Rourke (Climate Action Officer), Ms. E. McGrath (Housing Representative), Ms. C. Talbot (Administrative Officer), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor B. Wyse (Cathaoirleach) welcomed everyone to the Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting of 05 June 2026.

CM01/0626
Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests

There were no declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

CM02/0626
Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 01 May 2026, including the progress report.

Councillor Durkan requested that follow up correspondence in relation to Item CM26/0425 be sent to both the Garda Commissioner and Minister for Justice seeking a written response regarding the increasing of garda presence in Derrinturn.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 01 May 2026 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0626

Municipal District Road Works Programme

General Works:

The crews are carrying out patch repairs and general maintenance on the roads in the district. The crews have also been cutting high grass at junctions to ensure sightlines are maintained. Surface Dressing commenced on the 25 May in the district. As this work is totally weather dependent dates may vary for schemes, but the council website will be updated.

LPT Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2026.

Roads Programme 2026

Road Improvement Schemes 2026

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Status
LP	L2007	Straffan Bridge	Complete
R	R403	Richardstown	Complete
LS,LT	L7074	Roberstown	Awarded
LT	L70841	Ballintine	Awarded
LS	L5040	Confert South	Onsite
LS	L 5008	Clogherinkoe	Tendered
R	R403	Derrinturn	Tendered
R	R401	Bracknagh	Tendered
LP	L1004	Dunfierth	Tendered
R	R414	Allenwood South	Tendered
R	R403	Allenwood	Design
LP	L1019	Cooleragh	Design
LS	L7081	Mylerstown	Design
LP	L1008	Hortlands	Tendered
R	L5042	Crinstown	Awarded
LS	L5073	Garvoge	Tendered
LS	L5022	Rathmore	Tendered
LS	L5009	Painstown	Tendered
LS	L5004	Kilrainy	Tendered

Road Maintenance Schemes 2026

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

Climate Adaptation Schemes 2026

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

Former National Roads 2026

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

Safety Improvement Works 2026

- R403 Dag Welds Cross
- R403 Brockagh Prosperous to Allenwood
- R402 West of Carbury at Clonkeen
- R408 Southwest of Maynooth at Crinstown

Drainage

A tender has been awarded for drainage works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

R415 Allen	Complete
L1023 Betaghstown	Complete
R403 Prosperous	Complete
L50242 Drehid	Complete
L1002 Clonuff	Complete
L2004 Fleshtown	Complete

Footpaths

A tender has been awarded for footpath works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

Braydon Pk Kilcock	Complete
L7081 Kilmeague Rd Prosperous	Complete
Brookfield Maynooth	Construction Stage
Meadowbrook Rd	Complete
L1013 Dunboyne Rd. Maynooth.	Complete
L5035 Painstown Rd. Rathcoffey	Complete

A tender has been awarded for footpath works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

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

The report was noted.

CM04/0626

Residual 2025/2026 LPT Allocations

To agree the residual 2025/2026 LPT allocations for the municipal district.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that €40,000 per annum over three years, totalling €120,000 for Robertstown Eco Park was previously agreed by the members.

A discussion then took place in relation to this LPT funding for Robertstown Eco Park.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager noted that further clarification was needed on this issue.

It was agreed by the members that this item would deferred to the June monthly meeting.

CM05/0626

Capital Programme 2026-2028

The District Manager informed the members that the Capital Programme was circulated with the agenda, and at this time of the year the members get to review and make inputs for the following year.

The members noted the following in relation to the Capital Programme 2026-2028:

- Derrinturn Playground in Carbury.
- Maynooth Swimming Pool.
- Pleased to see future projects featured.
- Expansion of Laraghbryan Cemetery.
- Active Travel offers a strong return on investment and the importance of a strong Active Travel component in the Capital Programme.
- Traffic burdens and additional ring and link roads will bring more traffic into Clane.
- Flood Works for Clane.
- Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR) and the Dunboyne Road.
- Harbour Field, Maynooth URDF 1 and URDF 2.
- Enquired regarding North Kildare Depot.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager informed the members that in relation to Derrinturn Playground, there is no site for the playground and the council will keep looking to progress this. Discussions are still ongoing in relation to Maynooth Swimming Pool and members will be kept updated. She referenced the expansion of Laraghbryan Cemetery and noted that the funding for cemetery development is outlined in the Cemetery Plan. Regarding Flood Works in Clane, the Office Public Works set out these works in Tranches. Currently Tranche 1 has been progressed and will be followed by Tranche 2 adding that the Clane Flood Relief Works are in Tranche 2. Ms. Higgins also advised that the Projects Team, provides quarterly updates on projects and the next update to the members is scheduled for July. Similarly, updates on Harbour Field Maynooth, URDF 1 and URDF 2 will be provided by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team. Ms. Higgins noted that there is a lot happening in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District, including notable large scale projects such as Maynooth Community Centre and the new Library in Clane.

The Municipal District Engineer advised the members that he would revert to the members regarding the Maynooth Outer Ring Road and the North Kildare Depot.

The discussion concluded.

CM06/0626

Annual meeting 2026

The members agreed that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District, Annual Meeting will take place in the Council Chamber on Friday, 03 July at 9.30 a.m. followed by the monthly meeting, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

CM07/0626

Presentation from Coillte

The members received a presentation from Ms. M. Clifford, Estate Manager, Coillte and Mr. D. De Forge, Head of Coillte Recreation in relation to Donadea Forest Park.

The members noted the following:

- Welcomed the Strategic Design Plan (SDP) for Donadea outlining plans to develop and enhance Donadea Forest Park, as a high-quality, sustainable amenity for the benefit of the local community and visitors alike.
- Delighted to see that the preliminary report is at final stages and currently with the relevant partners for review.
- Enquired as to when a preliminary report on the project will be available to the public.
- Effects of climate change is leading to closures and also affecting the forest.
- Great to see Zipit opening soon in the park.
- Welcomed increase in footfall and tourism.
- Great to see the conservation of the Castle and Demesne and enquired in relation to a timeline for works and long term plans.
- Enquired in relation to the cost of parking fees to access the site.
- Enquired if the car park spaces are sufficient to cater for anticipated demand.
- Noted that toilet facilities in the park have been an issue.
- Enquired about the long-term plans for the castle and tower.
- Will construction of a playground be included in the plans.

Coillte representatives answered members questions and informed that Zipit adventure offer a mix of challenging obstacles, from hanging ropes and climbing walls, to zip lines and balancing beams. It will be a 4 hectare site and of the overall Donadea Park which is 242 hectares. They advised that Zipit is in the final stages of construction and will be opening towards the end of July. The officials noted that in relation to the preliminary report it is in the final stages and it would likely be released in Q3 of this year.

In relation to car parking and access to the park, there is a €50 ticket available which gives access to Donadea and all other Coillte Parks around the country. The car park has

expanded and the barriers had been moved in order to allow for the safe queuing of vehicles and advised there is significant capacity for cars and buses on the site. Coillte are aware that toilet facilities on site are not sufficient and they are working on this issue. They noted that Donadea Castle had significant potential. In relation to a playground, the results of the public consultation were divided, half for and half against. They noted that it may be better to encourage wild play on a walking trail, so that way children can play and move around while also learning about Donadea Forest.

Councillor Wyse thanked Ms. Clifford and Mr. De Forge for their presentation, he noted that Coillte are always helpful and he thanked them both for providing such a comprehensive update. He welcomed in particular the inclusion of both biodiversity and built heritage in the project.

The presentation concluded.

CM08/0626

Section 38 - Proposed Safe Routes to School Scheme

To note Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994: Proposed Safe Routes to School Scheme at Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Prosperous.

The report was noted

The members agreed to take items 9, 10 and 14 together.

CM09/0626

Pedestrian Crossing Upgrades, Maynooth

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

That the council carries out urgent maintenance and safety upgrades to the two pedestrian crossings serving the Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth including the repainting of the zebra crossings and the activation and repair of the flashing beacon lights at both crossings, in the interest of pedestrian and student safety

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Zebra Crossings referred to were conditioned to be installed as part of the Department of Education's development works at the Maynooth Educational Campus. The developer did not fully commission the signals and Kildare County Council has not yet taken the infrastructure in charge. Traffic Management Section staff will engage with the Developer with a view to resolving any outstanding issues and getting the Zebra Crossings commissioned.

Councillor Phelan noted that it is driver behaviour with buses in particular causing issues in this area. She added that KWETB also needs to play a role here. She enquired if temporary measures can be put in place until engagement with the developer is complete.

Councillor Melrose noted that this has come up several times before and is an issue that needs to be resolved. The cycle lane is unusable, pointing out that a shared space means six bicycles abreast and that the space should have been segregated.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer, Transport Operations informed the members that the crossing and junction will be looked at. Activation and intervention from the developer is required and this will be progressed. In relation to a shared space he pointed out that this is an improvement on what was there before. He advised that width is restricted and there are standards to be met in relation to cycling and pedestrian use. He advised that engagement with schools will be undertaken to inform in relation to common use and shared space. There is a limit from a space point of view and all relevant sections in the department will look at this again.

Councillor Phelan noted that teenagers and bicycles are using this space and noted that a separate colour coding system could be put in place. There are approximately 2,500 students using the footpath and also local residents.

Councillor Melrose noted that he could forward correspondence to Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer which may help further inform on the matter.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that once again this comes down to design and enquired if there is any update on the National Transport Authority (NTA) standards.

Councillor Wyse enquired if any correspondence from the NTA was received and if so can it be forwarded to members. He noted that Fairgreen, Naas has issues and are awaiting an update from the NTA. He said that it was not fair that council officials have to defend these standards.

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

CM10/0626

Road Safety Review, Maynooth

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

That the council undertakes an urgent traffic and road safety review of the Moyglare Road Corridor, Maynooth particularly at peak school and university times, in light of the increasing traffic congestion and safety concerns arising from the three schools campus, Maynooth University and surrounding residential developments, and that the council examines and brings forward immediate and long-term measures to improve road safety, traffic flow and active travel infrastructure along this route.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council will review the active travel infrastructure and facilities along his route and we will also engage with the schools from an education perspective through the Road Safety Officer.

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

CM11/0626

Install Bicycle Racks, Maynooth

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

That the council installs bicycle racks at the council car park on the Straffan Road in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council's Transport Department will work with the Municipal District office to find a suitable location for bicycle stands within the carpark on the Straffan Road.

Councillor Feeney thanked the department for the report and enquired in relation to a timeline. She noted that it was good to encourage people to cycle and that there is a demand for bicycles stands in the area.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer informed the members that he would revert regarding a timeline and pointed out that preparation works were required before installation can be progressed.

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

CM12/0626

139 Bus Route Extension

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

That the council writes to both the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Health Service Executive (HSE) requesting that the 139 bus route be extended to James Connolly Hospital.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that if this motion is passed by the members, Kildare County Council will write to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the HSE.

Councillor Feeney noted the additional benefits that this route would have to both patients and employees of the hospital. She asked that members come together to support this motion and noted that this route is hugely popular and serves a huge number of towns in the Municipal District. She noted that the distance is a mile extra to reach the hospital from the current stop.

The members agreed that a letter should be written and the Transport Department agreed to write the letter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all members that the report be noted and a letter be sent by the Transport Department to the National Transport Authority.

CM13/0626

Road Surface Improvements, Moyvalley

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

That the council inspects the road surface adjacent to the R148 outside of BBC United soccer grounds, Moyvalley, with a view to making significant improvements

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will carry out a road inspection of the area adjacent to the R148 at BBC United soccer grounds. This area is off the public road, so funding will need to be

identified for any proposed works. The Municipal District office will arrange for maintenance repairs where required.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that funding would need to be identified for works. He enquired as to what the costing would be to complete works and that there could be funding in the budget. He advised that there is heavy traffic in the area and coupled with the current road surface that a permanent solution is required.

Councillor Wyse thanked the Municipal District Engineer for works completed to date, but noted also that a more permanent solution was needed.

Mr. C. Buggie, Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he could meet Councillor W. Durkan on site and discuss what is required.

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

CM14/0626

Pedestrian and Cyclist safety, Maynooth

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

That the council reviews the junction of Moyglare Hall/Moyglare Road, Maynooth and considers appropriate traffic measures in the interest of pedestrian and cyclist safety.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that we will review the junction of Moyglare Hall and Moyglare Road with respect to active travel infrastructure and facilities.

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

CM15/0626

Turning Circle, Downings, Prosperous

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

That the council examines opportunities to work with relevant stakeholders to provide a turning circle for buses at Downings (Caragh GAA) Prosperous.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that bus routes are agreed between the Bus Operator and the National Transport Authority (NTA). We can review this issue with the NTA.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the department for the report and noted that this has come up locally, safety issues, keeping buses on schedule.

Mr C. Galvin, Senior Engineer informed the members that routes and stops are agreed between the NTA and the bus operators, but the transport department are happy to bring this to the NTA and give them the local context.

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

CM16/0626

Left-Turn Only Directive, Clane

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

That the council implements a left-turn only directive at the exit from the Westgrove Hotel in Clane onto the Clane Relief Road.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the team will review the option of a left turn only at this location. The development currently has planning permission for movement in both directions. Some intervention would need to happen within the site which is not in the charge or control of the council.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the department for the report noting the junction is busy with the volume of traffic and any intervention to make this space safer would be appreciated.

Councillor Wyse noted that this was a much safer option and supported this very good proposal.

Mr. C. Galvin informed the members that he would meet with Councillor Mulroe to gain the local perspective of this area.

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

CM17/0626

Disabled Parking Bay, Ladychapel Church, Maynooth

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

That the council repaints the disabled parking bays at Lady Chapel Church, Maynooth which are in poor repair.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will arrange for these bays to be repainted by our road markings maintenance contractor.

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

CM18/0626

Road Surface Treatment, Kilcock

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

That the council assesses and installs a high-friction/non-slip road surface treatment at the junction of the entrance of Royal Meadows Estate and the Courtown Road, Kilcock, in the interest of road safety.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer has inspected this area and will arrange for this High Friction Surfacing (HFS) to be installed during the summer months.

Councillor Ward noted that he was happy with the report and wished the Municipal District Engineer all the best in his new role.

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

CM19/0626

Traffic Calming Measures, Kilcock

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

That the council assesses and implements appropriate traffic calming measures on the link road connecting Royal Meadows Estate and Chambers Park Estate, Kilcock, in the interest of road safety and the potential danger posed to residents, pedestrians, cyclists and children using the area.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will carry out an assessment of this location and see what traffic calming measures may be appropriate at this location.

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

CM20/0626

Repair to Water Underpass, Ballyteague

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

That the council repairs the water underpass across from Murphy's Lock in Ballyteague.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will meet with Councillor Fitzpatrick onsite to assess this request and advise what is possible in 2026.

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

CM21/0626

Traffic Survey, Clane

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

That the council, in response to concerns raised by local residents, undertakes a traffic survey on the L10231 through Moat Commons, Clane to measure the volume, speed, and classification of vehicular traffic, with particular attention to heavy goods vehicles.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will liaise with Councillor McEvoy to arrange for a traffic count to be carried at the appropriate location in Moat Commons.

Councillor McEvoy noted that there have been buses and lorries in this area. Design for quiet roads is in discussion now and should be looked at and asked that the Municipal District Engineer meet him on site.

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

CM22/0626

Data Collection from Solar-Powered Speed Signage Units

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

Can the council confirm if speed and traffic data is collected from the solar-powered speed signage units located throughout the municipal district and if so, can a copy of the statistics and reports relating to these signs be circulated to the elected members?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that these signs are installed primarily as a road safety to measure to deter road users from speeding. No speed/traffic data is collated from these signs.

Councillor Phelan enquired as to how the success of the programme is measured if no data is being collected. The signs are visual deterrents, however the question on whether they actually work still remains.

Mr. C. Galvin informed the members that these signs are installed in areas where traffic checks and speed counts have previously been placed and that it can be seen over time that the signs have an effect.

The report was noted.

CM23/0626

Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) Project

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to undertake a full review of the Dunboyne Road Corridor in Maynooth to assess the provision of dedicated cycle infrastructure, improved pedestrian footpaths, and upgraded road safety measures, including enhanced speed signage, in order to align with and complement the delivery of the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) Project, given the scale of investment currently underway through the MERR Project and the anticipated increase in pedestrian, cyclist and traffic movements in this area over the coming years?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Roads Capital Projects team are currently focused on the delivery of the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road at present and there are no resources available to undertake a review as requested at the present time.

The report was noted.

CM24/0626

Footpath Repairs, Greenfield Drive, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if the remainder of the footpath outside (details provided) in Greenfield Drive, Maynooth will be repaired?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office has assessed the footpaths in Greenfield Drive and repairs were carried out where warranted. Additional areas can be assessed, and any repairs will be subject to funding being available.

Councillor Feeney noted that it would not be a huge cost and that one of the people in the houses had a fall and that as some of the oldest residents in the estate they should be able

to use the footpaths safely. She enquired if the Municipal District Engineer could meet her on site to look at these works.

Councillor Feeney also thanked the Municipal District Engineer for his assistance over the years and noted that he was always there on the phone for guidance. She wished him well in his future role.

The Municipal District engineer agreed to meet Councillor Feeney on site.

The report was noted.

CM25/0626

Disability Bay, Mill Street Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm when a disability bay, shared with taxi rank, will be installed on Mill Street, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there are no plans to install a disability bay in the taxi rank in Mill Street.

Councillor Feeney noted that there is potential to resolve this issue. The taxi rank is rarely in use and this space could be shared. She noted that older people have no place to park on Mill street.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Feeney on site.

The report was noted.

CM26/0626

Water Drainage on R160, Ballynadrumny

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

Can the council confirm if it has undertaken a recent evaluation of the R160 Ballynadrumny to clear drainage cuts and improve overall water drainage on this stretch of road?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the roads maintenance crews are currently preparing roads for the summer works programme. The local crew has been advised of this work and will schedule it in once there is availability.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that there is a huge issue with drainage on the road in this area and is affecting local residents. The heavy downpours which are becoming more common do dissipate quickly but it is an issue in the hours after such an event.

The Municipal District Engineer noted that the crew are aware of this issue and will look at solutions to help improve the issue.

The report was noted.

CM27/0626

Additional Bin, Johnstownbridge

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to provide an additional bin in Johnstown Bridge, adjacent to the existing north-bound bus stop?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there are no current plans to install any additional bins at this location.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that this is a request from the local community and he will follow up through the CRM.

The report was noted.

CM28/0626

Maynooth to the Celbridge/Leixlip interchange

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

Can the council provide an update on the bus priority lane and resurfacing of the M4 from Maynooth to the Celbridge/Leixlip interchange to include why the project has stalled?

A report was received from the National Roads Office informing the members that the construction phase of the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot Scheme is being completed by the MMaRC contractor appointed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The first section to be delivered is between Junction 6 and 5 (Celbridge to Leixlip).This project is not stalled. The required legislation changes for the operation of the Bus Priority Measures have now been signed by the Department of Transport. Now that the legislation is in place, TII will apply for the speed limit order and will also complete the remaining items such as noise barriers and necessary line marking for buses. Once these items are completed, it is intended to open the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot between Celbridge and Leixlip (Junction 6 to Junction 5 Eastbound).

A representative from the National Roads Office will contact Councillor T. Durkan directly in relation to this matter.

The report was noted.

CM29/0626

Revised Road Layout, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if it is satisfied with the revised road layout for Laraghbryan and Jackson’s Bridge, Maynooth sent by Irish Rail in relation to the DART+ Project?

A report was received from the Projects Team informing the members that the Roads Capital Projects Team continues to engage with the DART+ Project Team in advance of the

submission of a Railway Order. This engagement has been positive to date and has seen the integration of the future Maynooth Outer Orbital Road, the realignment of the regional road and the provision of links to the greenway provided as part of the scheme. This engagement will continue as the DART+ Project Team finalise their submission.

The report was noted.

CM30/0626

Carbury GAA, Flooding

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

Can the council confirm what plans it has to address the flooding issue outside Carbury GAA as a matter of urgency?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will meet with Councillor Fitzpatrick onsite to assess and seek to resolve any outstanding issues at this location.

The report was noted.

CM31/0626

Uisce Éireann works Kilmeague and the Hill of Allen

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

Can the council confirm when the works by Uisce Éireann will be completed between Kilmeague and the Hill of Allen and if the resurfacing will be done when the works are complete?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this is an Uisce Éireann project any questions around project works and completion should be directed to them. Uisce Éireann have a road opening licence for the works which requires that the road be resurfaced upon completion of the works.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that he accepted the report but asked that Standing Orders be suspended so members can discuss this issue.

Councillor Wyse requested that with the members agreement Standing Orders will be suspended at Item 34 to allow for discussions.

The report was noted.

CM32/0626

Absence of Housing Acquisitions in 2026

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

Can the council clarify the absence of housing acquisitions in the Clane-Maynooth area for the year to date, compared with 2025?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that there is an expected delivery of approximately 40 units in the Municipal District for 2026 across the various delivery streams. The Housing Department continues to engage with developers and approved housing bodies to achieve delivery of Part V (social and affordable housing) and turnkey units. The delivery of units under the second-hand acquisition programme is limited to three priority funding areas:

• Tenancy Sustainment (via tenant-in-situ), with various conditions applied to the programme

• Older Persons, Persons with Disability and Care Leavers requiring urgent housing responses - Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS).

• Exiting households from Homeless Services.

The Housing Department will continue to explore opportunities under the second hand acquisition programme in line with the terms of the scheme.

Councillor McEvoy noted that he is concerned that new restrictions in the tenant in situ scheme is impeding the capacity of the council to prevent homelessness.

Ms. E. McGrath informed the members that €14m was provided of which €5.6m is for tenant in situ and they are working though these but are restricted in what we can be proceeded with.

Councillor McEvoy noted that he is using this forum to highlight the issue and that it needed to be acknowledged that there were implications to these choices.

The report was noted.

CM33/0626

Renewable systems for the Clane Library Project

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

Can the council outline the planned renewable systems for the Clane Library Project?

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm informing the members that part of the proposed alteration and extension of the existing commercial units to accommodate the new Clane Library, a full replacement of the existing heating system is required. This will involve replacing the current gas boiler with a new air-to-water heat pump. This upgrade will significantly improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions, in line with the objectives of the Kildare County Council Climate Action Plan. The electrical energy demand associated with the heat pump will be partially offset through the installation of a rooftop photovoltaic (PV) solar system. In addition, fabric upgrades will be undertaken, including improvements to external walls, windows, doors, and floors. It is anticipated that the combined effect of these measures will substantially improve the building's energy performance, with an estimated Building Energy Rating (BER) of A, based on preliminary assessment. These enhancements will reduce long-term operating costs and provide a high-quality, comfortable environment for staff and library users.

Councillor McEvoy noted that renewable systems replace fossil fuel systems and asked if the Libraries would be able to demonstrate aspects of the heating systems to the public.

The District Manager noted that it is hoped that a demo would be incorporated in Maynooth Community Centre, adding that Libraries are very attuned to education and community education and would be open to this.

The report was noted.

CM34/0626

Uisce Éireann water supply, issues at Allen Reservoir

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

That the council urgently contacts Uisce Éireann regarding the ongoing water supply issues at Allen Reservoir, due to significant public impact.

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

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

Councillor W. Durkan noted that along with Councillor Fitzpatrick's suggestion of a suspension of Standing Orders he asks for the suspension for a period of 15 minutes to allow members to have time and space to discuss this issue.

Councillor Wyse informed the members that the suspension of Standing Orders required a two thirds majority of members. He noted that this was a huge issue for Allenwood, Carbury and surrounding areas with 15,000 people living in these areas. As public representatives we need to have a robust discussion to address this matter.

It was agreed by all members to suspend Standing Orders for a period of 15 minutes to discuss Uisce Éireann and the ongoing water supply issues at Allen Reservoir, due to the significant impact on the public.

Following the resumption of the meeting it was agreed by all members that a letter be sent to Uisce Éireann highlighting the ongoing water supply issues at Allen Reservoir given the significant public impact.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by all members that a letter be sent to Uisce Éireann highlighting the ongoing water supply issues at Allen Reservoir given the significant public impact and that the report be noted.

CM35/0626

Planning Permission Application Notices

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

That the council carries out a review of the locations of planning permission application notices at development sites to ensure that they are reasonably available for public viewing.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that it is a requirement of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) that site notices are placed ‘in a conspicuous position on or near the main entrance to the land or structure concerned from a public road, or where there is more than one entrance from public roads, on or near all such entrances, or on any other part of the land or structure adjoining a public road, so as to be easily visible and legible by persons using the public road, and shall not be obscured or concealed at any time’. Site notices are inspected by the Municipal District Office and where site notices do not meet these criteria the planning application is deemed to be invalid.

Councillor Melrose informed the members that it is his opinion that planning permission application notices are being put in places that are not easily accessible such as on corners of roads and roundabouts and he enquired as to how anybody is supposed to stop on the roundabout, get out of the car and read the details to be able to then make a submission.

He acknowledged that it was positive that site notices are inspected by the Municipal District Office.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that planning notices requirements are set out in legislation. He added that he was aware of cases where site notices go missing. He said that site notices should be easy to view.

Councillor Wyse noted that he has seen on planning files confirmation that notices are checked.

Ms. C. Talbot asked that Councillor Melrose send on the specific information he has, and they can be checked. She noted that if there are several roads on a perimeter that site notices may be located on or near all of these locations and that guidelines must always be adhered.

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

CM36/0626

Himalayan Balsam along the River Liffey catchment

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

That the council outlines the work currently being undertaken, in conjunction with community groups and other stakeholders in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District area, to address the spread of Himalayan Balsam along the River Liffey catchment, in advance of the peak growing season, and that this outline include:

• the need for its removal, having regard to its impacts on native biodiversity and riverbank stability;

• measures being implemented to control, remove and ultimately eradicate the plant;

• supports being provided by the council, including funding, training and coordination; and

• any planned actions for the forthcoming season to prevent further spread and to restore affected habitats.

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

A report was received from the Forward Planning including Heritage and Nature Department informing the members that Kildare County Council's Biodiversity Office has been supporting a coordinated, multi-annual response to Himalayan Balsam along the River Liffey catchment, working closely with community groups, landowners, scientific advisors, and other stakeholders since 2021. Currently, there are no active invasive species projects underway in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District area.

Need for Removal of Himalayan Balsam:
The work is necessary from a biodiversity protection perspective as Himalayan Balsam is a highly invasive non-native plant which outcompetes native vegetation and leads to a marked reduction in native plant diversity (and thus native wildlife diversity) along riparian corridors. The plant also leaves riverbanks exposed in the winter months when the plants die off and root structures disintegrate, allowing greater soil erosion and siltation in the water throughout this period, negatively impacting the wildlife of the river itself.

Measures implemented to control, remove and ultimately eradicate the plant:

- Funding from National Parks and Wildlife Service, via the Local Biodiversity Action fund has been administered from Kildare County Council for this project annually since 2021. This year (2026) is the sixth year that funding has been committed to this project. In previous years, funding has covered the following:
    - Baseline mapping of the infestation on River Liffey began in 2021 by expert consultants Aquens Ltd, led by Dr. Jan Robert Baars of UCD. Ballymore Eustace, being the upper-most extent of the infestation was identified as optimal place to start tackling the issue.
    - In 2022 scientific assessments of the plant identified peak growing season in the Irish setting, and optimal treatment window.

- In 2023 there was engagement with NPWS to agree on treatment protocols. Appropriate Assessment was conducted. Initial community engagement commenced with Tidy Towns and the BEE (Ballymore Eustace Environment) Group and community meetings were held.
- In 2024 community members were invited to a training session who organised community sessions to eradicate the plan. These sessions ran weekly throughout the summer.
- In 2025 another community training session was delivered in Ballymore Eustace, and again the community led and arranged routine treatment sessions. It was estimated that there was an 80% reduction in the number of plants appearing between 2024 and 2025 alone, following on from the initial treatment.
- In 2025 LAWPRO brought additional funding to support the landowners immediately downstream to implement treatment measures.

Supports being provided by the Council 2026 Funding:
Approximately €3,000 has been committed for the Community work in Ballymore Eustace this year. This is a marked reduction on previous years, purely on account of the reduced plant-burden and reduction in works required in the public area of Ballymore Eustace for 2026.

LAWPRO will be funding works to support landowners immediately downstream of the Ballymore Eustace village area this year, for the second year running.

Training and Coordination 2026:
The aim this season is to build on the progress already made, prevent further spread, strengthen local capacity for action, and support the longer-term restoration of affected riverbank habitats. The KCC Biodiversity Office is continuing to coordinate control efforts in advance of and during the peak growing period, with a focus on priority stretches of the Liffey corridor and on working from upstream to downstream where feasible. This will include liaising with community groups and landowners further downstream and into Kilcullen in 2026. Once these newer stakeholders are identified and engaged, support meetings, training and practical guidance will be offered. The KCC Biodiversity Office is

continuing to work with the local communities, technical experts, and LAWPRO to ensure a coordinated long-term treatment plan and follow-up monitoring for the River Liffey in Kildare

in the coming years. The goal is, and continues to be, to get the infestation under control in the upper stretches of the river, before moving downstream as this is the most effective way to reduce/eradicate spread by seeds being carried downstream.

Other Invasive Species Works 2026:
Kildare County Council's Biodiversity Office is progressing other invasive species projects across the county this season, including ongoing work on Giant Hogweed (River Tully) and American Skunk Cabbage (River Liffey), alongside awareness-raising, training, and partnership development to support wider invasive species management. KCC is also contributing to and collaborating with Creative Communities funding and LAWPRO to deliver Invasive Species Training during National Invasive Species Week in June 2026. This free event which will be held in Kilcullen, will be open to all County Kildare community members. It will cover the threats of Invasive Species in general. The event will involve a range of specialist presentations and hands-on training elements.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the department for the comprehensive report noting an extensive amount of work needs to be done to control this invasive species. He gave credit to those who worked at removing this species in Clane and Newbridge last summer, where extensive areas were reduced and worked through. This is one of those quieter working parts of the Local Authority that will have a positive impact on the ecology of the county.

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

CM37/0626

Taking in charge process for Chambers Park Estate, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the current status and anticipated timeline for the taking in charge process for Chambers Park Estate, Kilcock, including details of any

outstanding works or requirements that remain to be completed before the process can be finalised?

A report was received from the Building Control Department informing the members that Kildare County Council is in receipt of a valid Taking in Charge request in April of this year. It is intended to advertise the Taking in Charge of Chambers Park shortly. A contractor was appointed to carry out works to damaged footpaths and a repair to a leak on a foul rising main. These works are now complete. An application has been made to Uisce Éireann to seek their approval to proceed with the Taking in Charge of the foul and water infrastructure within the estate. A response is currently awaited.

Councillor Ward thanked the taking in charge team for their work and noted that this is something that both himself and other councillors have been working on and it is good to see it happening in the next few months.

The report was noted.

CM38/0626

Shop Front Grant Scheme

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

Can the council provide an update on the current Shop Front Grant Scheme in this municipal district, including the funding available, eligibility criteria and the measures being taken to promote the scheme to local businesses?

A report was received from the Economic Development Office informing the members that Kildare County Council's Retail Support Scheme comprises the Shop Front Grant, the Retail Window Merchandising Grant and the Universal Accessibility and Age-Friendly Grant. A total of €200,000 has been allocated in 2026 to support physical enhancements to small business premises that pay commercial rates to Kildare County Council. To date, 30 applications have been approved (totalling €112,554.60), with a further 12 applications under review (valued at €36,265). Within the CLMN MD, eight applications have been received from Clane (1), Maynooth (4), Kilcock (2), and Straffan (1).

The scheme is actively promoted by the Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development team through:

• MD roadshows (delivered in February 2026 to coincide with the scheme launch)
• Ongoing media campaigns (social media, print, and KFM)
• Targeted promotions around key retail periods (e.g. post-summer and Christmas)

We promote LEO training and mentoring support for retailers and hospitality businesses on an ongoing basis.

Key eligibility criteria for the Retail Support Grants include:

• Proof of commercial rates payment (or an agreed payment plan)
• Valid Tax Clearance Certificate
• Proof of ownership or landlord consent
• Relevant planning permission or exemption (where required)
• Quotations: minimum of two contractor quotes or one materials quote (three quotes required for works above €5,000 in line with National Procurement Guidelines)

In line with eligibility rules for grant aid and business supports available from the Local Enterprise Office, non-qualifying commercial operators for the shopfront grant schemes include:

• Gambling sector;
• Tobacco and tobacco-related products, including vape and e-cigarette shops;
• Adult entertainment businesses;
• Coal and steel industries.

Further information is available at: https://www.localenterprise.ie/kildare/enterprise-development/shop-front-improvement-scheme/ or by contacting 045 980838.

The report was noted.

CM39/0626

Update on Swimming Pool, Maynooth

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

That the council provides an update on the provision of a swimming pool for Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that as communicated previously, negotiations on this matter are a matter between Maynooth University and St Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth. Kildare County Council is not a party to these negotiations and therefore cannot comment on them. However, the Council looks forward to their successful conclusion and is hopeful that this will result in the return of a publicly accessible amenity for this district. In anticipation of a positive outcome, members will be aware that development contributions have been reserved for future works to bring the facility back into wide community use, subject to future conditions that would have to form an agreement between relevant parties. Should negotiation result in agreement to return the facility to appropriate public use within a reasonable timeframe, the Council intends to fully engage with whichever party assumes control of the pool and related facilities, that is willing to jointly pursue this objective. In that context, should matters be reported as significantly positively advanced and a pathway to conclusion be apparent, the council are amenable to jointly funding a current condition survey, to establish the scale of costs, and the headline nature and scale of works needed to return the facility to safe public use and to meaningfully plan for this purpose.

Councillor T. Durkan welcomed the work that Kildare County Council were carrying out regarding this matter. As the largest town in the Municipal District, Maynooth needs a swimming pool. He noted that young children are missing out on learning a vital skill for life.

Councillor W. Durkan urged Kildare County Council to stress that this needs to happen and also referenced the significant amount of Local Property Tax that has been given to this project and the importance that this moves forward.

Councillor Feeney acknowledged the work done behind the scenes. There is a huge demand for the pool and the people have been waiting decades for this. This is an equality issue, if you don't have the money to go to a private pool, children are then losing out on learning this vital skill.

The District Manager noted that the council have been watching Maynooth very closely. He noted that there are two willing partners and some items that need to be resolved, noting that hopefully there will be some positive news very soon.

Councillor T. Durkan noted that the Community Department are doing all they can to get this resolved but there are other parties involved that need to also move this on.

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

CM40/0626

Parish Hall, Derrinturn

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

That the council meets with the new Parish Priest in Derrinturn with a view to identifying funding streams and uses for the Parish Hall in Derrinturn.

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

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the council would be happy to meet parties of any nature that wish to bring forward proposals

for the development and wide availability of community infrastructure, and to assist and advise on suitable grant funding routes to that end. In anticipation of pursuing funding routes that are currently open, and for such engagement to be productive, it would be beneficial for the Parish to have a clear outline of its proposed plans for the facility, along with an indication of costs for any works and any potential match funding that may be available. Discussion around suitable community councils or other representative community groups for Derrinturn would also be helpful, given that most suitable funding streams require an application from representative community and voluntary groups and not the council. If contact details can be provided, we would be more than happy to engage.

Councillor Fitzpatrick welcomed the new Parish priest in Derrinturn and commended the former Parish priest for his work. He noted that the new priest is keen to meet stakeholders with a view to identifying funding streams and uses for the Parish Hall in Derrinturn.

Councillor Wyse supported the motion and from a built heritage point of view the hall in the past was the Dance Hall for the turf workers. He said the Adam's family gave the hall to the parish for use by the people. Leader Partnership had a Turning of the Sod event and the hall was also mentioned at that event. He said the more community involvement there is the better.

The District Manager noted that she is familiar with the building and has met community leaders in the area. She advised that she is happy to meet with the current Parish Priest as this particular area is on the radar. Turning the sod is a project between County Kildare Leader Partnership and Kildare County Council which enables communities and groups in the west Kildare area. There could also be an opportunity to discuss a site for the playground.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said it was important to note that the community hall in Derrinturn was above politics and once a meeting takes place all options can be explored.

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

CM41/0626

Action S6 of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

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

Can the council provide a progress report on Action S6 of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, regarding the feasibility study for the installation of Solar PV Panels on the rooftops of publicly owned buildings and council car parks in this municipal district; and if a study timeline for the publication of this study and the subsequent implementation of its findings can be provided?

A report was received form the Climate Action Coordinator informing the members that Action S6 of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 states 'Undertake a feasibility study on integrating solar photovoltaic at Kildare County Council owned car parks and on the roof tops of publicly owned buildings throughout the County, ensuring the study has appropriate regard to planning and environmental considerations. If considered feasible, the project should have appropriate regard to relevant planning and environmental protection criteria.' Buildings where appropriate have energy audits undertaken to advance the feasibility of installation of solar photovoltaic systems to increase energy efficiency and reduce the body corporate's emissions. Engagement with the market has commenced to determine and inform the 2027 budget for roll out of PV across the remaining council owned buildings. Presently, an application under the EU Just Transition Fund 'START' is due to be submitted by Tuesday, 02 June for rooftop PV on suitable Council owned buildings in the Clane Maynooth MD area. Should the funding application be successful, the programme rollout is scheduled to commence in October 2026.

Councillor Melrose thanked the department for the report and asked if there was a figure for the number of buildings and car parks being considered.

Ms. P. O Rourke, Climate Action Coordinator informed the members that there are approximately 12-15 buildings, and that car parks are not included as of yet as they are more costly. Once this is up and running other additions to the programme will be looked at.

The report was noted

CM42/0626

Flood resilience and Risk management strategy

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

Can the council provide an update on any information received from the OPW regarding its flood resilience and risk management strategy for the Clane–Maynooth Municipal District?

A report was received from the Flood Risk Management department informing the members that there are proposed schemes in the Office of Public Works' Flood Risk Management Plans for both Maynooth and Clane. However, the OPW has indicated that it will not approve the delivery of further (Tranche 2) Schemes until the Tranche 1 Schemes are substantially complete (i.e. Morell Flood Management Scheme (FMS), Athy Flood Relief Scheme (FRS), Naas (FRS) and Leixlip (FRS). The council does not have resources to progress flood relief schemes independent of OPW support and funding.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.