Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 06 February 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber

Members Present: Councillor B. Wyse (Cathaoirleach), Councillors T. Durkan, A. Feeney and P. McEvoy.

Members Online: Councillors W. Durkan, P. Mulroe and P. Ward.

Apologies: Councillors D. Fitzpatrick, D. Phelan and P. Melrose

Officials Present: Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. M. McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. D. Hodgins (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr. C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Ms. H. Mulhall (Senior Economic Development Officer), Ms. R. Jackson (Administrative Officer), Ms. E. McGrath (Administrative Officer), Ms. D. Egan (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor B. Wyse (Cathaoirleach) welcomed members to the Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting of 06 February 2026 and noted apologies from Councillors D. Fitzpatrick, D. Phelan and P. Melrose.

CM01/0226

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.

CM02/0226

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 09 January 2026, including the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. 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, 09 January 2026 to be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0226

Municipal District Road Works Programme

General Works

The roadside gullies and water cuts are currently being cleaned across the district. The crews are also carrying out patch repairs on the roads in the district.

LPT Funding

The Municipal District Office is progressing the agreed LPT programme for 2025. Funding for 2026 to be agreed by the members. Once agreed it can be scheduled into the works programme.

Roads Programme 2026

The announcement of funding from the Department of Transport for 2026 is expected in early February 2026.

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	Construction Stage

CM04/0226

Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2026

Councillor Wyse thanked Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager, Mr. C. Buggie, Municipal District Engineer and Ms. E. Behan, Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Co-ordinator and all staff and members, for their work and collaboration during preparations of the LPT Schedule of Works for 2026.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all present that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2026 be approved.

CM05/0226

Traffic Management, Leinster Park, Maynooth

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

That the council reviews the traffic management issues at the yellow box outside the entrance to Leinster Park, Old Dublin Road, 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 the Municipal District Engineer will review the yellow box outside the entrance to Leinster Park. The Municipal District Engineer has met with the residents of Leinster Park in relation to the interaction between the R148 and their access road.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Municipal District Engineer and noted that she will update the Residents Association. She requested that she be made aware of any further updates.

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

CM06/0226

Footpath linking Brookfield Park and College Green/Beaufield Estate, Maynooth

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

That the council includes the provision of a new pedestrian footpath linking Brookfield Park with the rear of College Green/Beaufield Estate, Maynooth in the 2026 Programme of Works in order to provide a safe, accessible and direct walking route for residents, particularly children, older people and those with mobility difficulties.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward on behalf of Councillor Phelan who was not in attendance and had requested this prior to the meeting, seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that the existing allocation for footpaths in 2026 will not allow this request to be advanced, however the members may decide to allocate LPT funding.

Councillor Ward noted that the report was accepted.

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

CM07/0226

Refurbishment and Improvement of Meath Bridge, Kilcock.

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

That the council collaborates with Meath County Council to create a plan for the refurbishment and improvement of Meath Bridge, Kilcock, including a feasibility study of a pedestrian/cycle boardwalk in line with planning objective SKO 18 of the current Kilcock Local Area Plan.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Mulroe on behalf of Councillor Melrose who was not in attendance and had requested this prior to the meeting, seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council maintains a register of bridges across the county and their condition rating and prioritises bridges for the annual bridge remediation programme based on these ratings.

The council can include this bridge on its annual inspection programme in 2026 and consider it for the 2027 bridge maintenance programme if the bridge inspection flags issues that need attention. There are no resources or funding available in the 2026 work programme to progress a feasibility study on this bridge. However, a meeting with the Councillor can be arranged onsite to review and consider for future funding applications.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the report and noted that Councillor Melrose will be in touch with the council in relation to the on-site visit.

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

The members agreed to take items 08,14 and 15 together.

CM08/0226

Expand Winter Salting Routes in North-West Kildare

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

That the council conducts a detailed assessment to outline what additional resources may be needed to expand winter salting routes in North-West Kildare to include the L-1002, L1006 and L-5008/9, covering Broadford and Clogherinkoe Villages, noting the sparse salting in this area in comparison to the wider county.

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

A report was received from the Transport Operations section of the Transport Department informing members that the objective of the Kildare County Council Winter Maintenance Plan is to keep all principal roads in the county open to traffic, free from ice/frost and safe to travel on. The council treat our National Secondary, Regional and Local Roads with de-icing rock salt. National Primary and Motorway routes are treated by MMaRC contractors (Globavia Jons Ltd, Eurolink Motorway Operations Ltd and Egis Lagan Services Ltd), on behalf of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

The council's Winter Maintenance Plan and route maps are prepared annually and updated on our website. The council currently operate 10 routes within its Winter Maintenance Programme, treating approximately 720kmof the Local, Regional and National Secondary Road network in the county. This equates to the treatment of circa 26.5 % of Kildare's Road infrastructure. Including all Motorway and National Primary roads, 30.3 % of all Public Roads within County Kildare are treated. This is higher than our neighbouring counties, who treat between 24-26 % of their road network.

Please note that at times of severe weather conditions, the council staff, during the working day, may give priority to other roads and junctions outside of our standard routes that need

treatment. This may include snow clearing and salting on additional roads at critical locations.

Each salting season (operating from mid-October one year till the end of April the following year) requires a significant input of resources; including 24 drivers, vehicles, equipment, technical and administrative staff and operates at a considerable cost.

At present, on all ten routes, the council's salting trucks are running at capacity. Therefore, due to resource limitations, i.e. truck drivers, salting vehicles/equipment, etc., it is not possible to facilitate the request to extend salting coverage throughout the county.

However, a review will take place ahead of the 2026/2027 Winter Maintenance season to investigate the feasibility of providing additional salt spreading.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the Department for the detailed report and informed the members that because Northwest Kildare roads are sparsely salted, he has concerns for older people and residents given the fact that these roads are some of the most rural areas in the Municipal District. Councillor W. Durkan noted that he appreciates the salting crews hard work on the routes and that the routes are at capacity. He enquired if more salting trucks or machinery were required or what would be needed to expand the routes in this area.

Councillor Feeney noted that three principals from local schools in Maynooth had been in contact with her in relation to salting of the pedestrian crossing at the junction of the Moyglare Road and Moyglare Hall at the entrance to the Maynooth Education Campus. She added that this is an area that is used by a huge number of students and pedestrians.

Councillor Wyse noted that if extra funding is needed, that this will require coming together and looking at the budget to decide what is required.

Mr. J. Malone, Senior Executive Engineer, Transport, informed the members that there are currently 10 Salting Routes in the county. In 2016 there were 8 and this was increased to 9,

in 2019 there were 9 and this has now increased to 10. He informed the members that after their relocation from Newbridge a comprehensive and complex revision of routes was undertaken, and an additional 15 kilometres of routes were added. There are 20 drivers in 2 Teams of 10 and expansion of the current routes would be difficult, but it can be reviewed to see if anything can be done.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that it can be looked at again. However there is not much scope for additional routes in the North of the county but they can look at new link roads in the context of the review. He also noted that in relation to the junction of the Moyglare Road and Moyglare Hall, at the entrance to the Maynooth Education Campus the crossing is salted at that point, but the link road is not salted.

Councillor T. Durkan enquired if farmers or contractors could be utilised to help spread the salt or grit if capacity is an issue, perhaps from a central base in the locality.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that this would be difficult to achieve in relation to managing staff and for the council to have control of the situation. He informed the members that the review of salting routes would take place next season.

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

CM09/0226

Proposed addition of Downings Cross to the Junction Improvement Programme for Capital Programme funding

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

That the council includes Downings Cross, Prosperous at the intersection of the R409/R403, in the Junction Improvement Programme for Capital Programme funding, on safety grounds.
The motion was proposed by Councillor Mulroe and seconded by Councillor T. Durkan.

A report was received from the Projects Team in the Transport Department informing the members that ten locations have been identified as part of the Junction Improvement Programme and this junction is not one of those. The Regional and Local Road Network Safety Analysis Reports completed by the Department of Transport Support Office (DoTSO) is the key tool used to prioritise what junctions are included in future phases of this project. This location was included in the Round 2 analysis and can be considered for future funding applications and phases of the programme. This junction can also be considered for inclusion on a list of low-cost safety schemes in the interim.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the report and informed the members that she was happy that this location was included in the Round 2 analysis and that this junction can also be considered for inclusion on a list of low-cost safety schemes in the interim. Councillor Mulroe noted that a lack of public transport means an increase of cars on the road, creating busier junctions and enquired if remedial measures could be undertaken in the meantime. Councillor Mulroe also enquired if junction at Downings Cross, Prosperous was now a location of interest.

Councillor Wyse informed the members that driver behaviour was an issue at junctions and crossroads, noting that people drive through crossroads. Junctions such as at Dag Welds, Drehid Cross, Brockagh Cross, Downings Cross and others are affected by driver behaviour. Healy's Bridge is another example as it is repeatedly hit by vehicles. Driver behaviour and people who are distracted as a result of using mobile phones while driving, mean that accidents are more likely to happen. Councillor Wyse noted that we have to be cautious about wasting taxpayers' money.

Mr. M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informed the members that in the interim the Capital Team can look at inclusion on a list of low-cost safety schemes. He also noted that it was his understanding that this is not a location of interest.

Councillor Mulroe noted that while she agreed with Councillor Wyse, there is also an increased volume of traffic at Downings Cross.

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

CM10/0226

Footpath repair beside the R407 across from College Road, Clane

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

That the council considers carrying out repairs/restoration to the footpath beside the R407 across from College Road, Clane (details provided).

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will assess these footpaths and if repairs/restoration is deemed required it will be included in the road works programme for 2026.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the Department for the report.

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

CM11/0226

Introduction of a quiet road in the Municipal District

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

That the council develops a trial-based approach to introducing a quiet road in the municipal district, and engage directly with residents along the L5078 at Capdoo, Clane, to explore options to restore the Slí na Sláinte, that engages with a focus on prioritising safe walking and cycling and local access, while managing vehicular through-traffic between the R403 and R407, with any measures reviewed in light of their impacts on residents, access, and mobility.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management section of the Transport Department informing the members that a trial for this location can be considered in 2026, subject to staff resources being available. The trial would be undertaken in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act and Kildare County Council's countrywide Speed Limit Review for built up areas which will be progressed in 2026.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the Department for the report and noted that there are two views in relation to this, those who want it and those who do not. Exploring how to survey opinions and a trial would be good, as the situation cannot be allowed to worsen. Councillor McEvoy noted that it would be good to explore options to restore the Slí na Sláinte, which prioritises safe walking and cycling and local access, while also managing traffic between the R403 and R407. Any measures should be reviewed in relation to areas such as impacts on residents, access and mobility.

Councillor Wyse supported the motion and suggested that if resources were needed that members consider the use of LPT funds.

Mr. D. Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informed the members that in this case, there is an option to use Section 38 as a trial consultation, The trial could be undertaken on a temporary basis and this would be an opportunity to seek clarity and feedback from the public.

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

CM12/0226

Write to National Transport Authority for full review of Active Travel Design Specifications

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

That the council writes to the National Transport Authority requesting a full review of the active travel design specifications for adjoining footpath and cycle lanes given two recent accidents on Mill Street, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management section of the Transport Department informing members that this is a matter for the elected members to agree to.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that this motion stems from a previous motion where two cyclists were injured. He advised that he would re-submit the motion to full council as this was an issue that could affect other parts of the county and mentioned Leixlip, Naas, Kilcullen and Newbridge. He added that cycle infrastructure needs to be safe.

Councillor McEvoy noted that care needs to be taken to ensure that progress on active travel schemes is not slowed down.

Councillor Wyse noted that it would be good to see this resolved. He noted that he had been in Newbridge on many occasions and never saw anybody using the cycle lanes. There is not a sufficient amount of protected infrastructure for cycling and this intimidates young people. He added that it would be great to have more young people cycling in Kildare.

Mr. D. Hodgins, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that this may be better raised at the Transport Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). He added that he would be happy to meet with Councillor T. Durkan in relation to this item.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he would submit this as a motion to Full Council.

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

CM13/0226

Temporary Traffic Lights at Griffin Rath, Maynooth

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

That the council provides temporary traffic lights at Griffin Rath, Maynooth on the recently opened ring road to ensure a safe crossing for pedestrians until the permanent lights are installed as part of the Eastern Orbital Route.

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

A report was received from the Projects Team in the Transport Department informing the members that there are two uncontrolled crossings along this stretch of road, and it is not proposed to provide temporary traffic lights in the short term due to the relatively low volume of traffic on the road and pedestrian usage at present. This can be reviewed over the coming weeks and re-assessed if needs be. The Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) contractor will be carrying out works in this area in due course and all required traffic management will be in place to allow the safe completion of these works.

Councillor T. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and informed the members that temporary traffic lights at Griffin Rath, Maynooth should be installed to ensure safe crossing for pedestrians until the permanent lights are installed as part of the Eastern Orbital Route and enquired if the Municipal District Engineer was available to meet on site.

Mr M. McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informed the members that the contractor for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road will be carrying out works in this area in due course , nothing that all required traffic management will be in

place to allow the completion of works and that this will be kept under review. It was agreed that Councillor T. Durkan would be meet with the Municipal District Engineer on site.

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

The members agreed to take items 14,15 and 08 together.

CM14/0226

Proposed addition Moyglare Link Road and Lyreen Avenue, Maynooth to Salting Routes Schedule

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

That the council adds the Moyglare Link Road and Lyreen Avenue, Maynooth to the salting routes schedule, in the interest of health and safety.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Mulroe on behalf of Councillor Melrose who was not in attendance and had requested this prior to the meeting, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that a report was received from the Transport Operations section of the Transport Department informing members that the objective of the Kildare County Council Winter Maintenance Plan is to keep all principal roads in the county open to traffic, free from ice/frost and safe to travel on. The council treat our National Secondary, Regional and Local Roads with de-icing rock salt. National Primary and Motorway routes are treated by MMaRC contractors (Globavia Jons Ltd, Eurolink Motorway Operations Ltd and Egis Lagan Services Ltd), on behalf of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

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However, a review will take place ahead of the 2026/2027 Winter Maintenance season to investigate the feasibility of providing additional salt spreading.

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

The members agreed to take items 15,14 and 08 together.

CM15/0226

Confirmation of Pedestrian Crossing at the junction of the Moyglare Road and Moyglare Hall will be included in the salting routes schedule

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

Can the council confirm that the pedestrian crossing at the junction of the Moyglare Road and Moyglare Hall, at the entrance to the Maynooth Education Campus will be included in the salting routes schedule?

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However, a review will take place ahead of the 2026/2027 Winter Maintenance season to investigate the feasibility of providing additional salt spreading.

The report was noted.

CM16/0226

Moyglare Road, Maynooth - Winter Maintenance Programme

Question – Councillor Phelan

Can the council investigate the possibility of including Moyglare Road, Maynooth in the Winter Maintenance Programme, having regard to the fact that approximately 2,500 students use this route twice daily to access schools and educational facilities, and that icy conditions on this road present a safety risk for pedestrians and cyclists?

This item fell as Councillor Phelan was not in attendance.

CM17/0226

Speed Survey update at Downings North and Curryhills, Prosperous

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

Can the council provide an update on the speed survey that was to be carried out along Downings North and Curryhills in Prosperous as requested in a motion in February 2025 (Ref: 15/0225)?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that the speed surveys that were carried out at Downings north showed 87% compliance with the posted speed limit. The Municipal District Office is going to carry out a further speed check further west along the R403 close to the start of the 50km/h speed limit. The speed survey on the eastern approach showed a lower compliance in the 60km/h zone. We are planning to carry out new speed surveys on both approaches in the coming weeks, and the Municipal District Engineer will be able to give the members more updated figures ahead of the March meeting.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the report and noted that she looked forward to the more updated figures in March.

The report was noted.

CM18/0226

Resurface footpaths, Main Street, Maynooth

Question – Councillor Melrose

Can the council provide an update on funding allocated to the resurfacing of footpaths on Main Street, Maynooth?

This item fell as Councillor Melrose was not in attendance.

CM19/0226

Clane Safe Routes to School Programme

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

Can the council outline the key steps, resourcing requirements, and indicative timeline needed to further progress the Clane Safe Routes to School Programme towards completion, in light of the ongoing funding commitment by the National Transport Authority?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that it is expected that the outside of school environment along the Prosperous Road will be enhanced in Quarter 2 2026. Targeted improvements for vulnerable road users along the Clane Relief Road will be considered to supplement improvements for pupils and their guardians as they walk and cycle to and from schools in Clane. These works are subject to staff and financial resources being available throughout 2026.

Councillor McEvoy informed that members that resourcing is not within the members remit. He added that recent weather affecting Ireland is a direct result of climate change and noted there is not sufficient transition to a reduction of cars on the road. Councillor McEvoy requested management to examine the importance of leading active travel and climate change measures, noting that maybe this can be turned around.

The report was noted.

CM20/0226

Timeline for Maynooth Eastern Orbital Route Project

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

Can the council outline a timeline for the Maynooth Eastern Orbital Route project, now that construction has started and confirm when construction on the bridge will commence?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that the contractual completion date for the project is the 23rd of April 2027. The construction of the bridge is currently due to commence at the end of March with the mobilisation of a crew to complete piling works for the bridge on both sides of the canal.

Councillor T. Durkan asked if this can be looked into further as he understood that two openings were made at this location and were used by heavy construction traffic. It was also his understanding that heavy construction traffic had no egress through Parklands in Maynooth.

Mr. D. Hodgins, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management agreed to speak with Councillor T. Durkan in relation to this item.

The report was noted.

CM21/0226

Armco barrier replacement, Rathcoffey

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

Can the council confirm when the Armco barrier will be repaired on the bend at the Church in Rathcoffey?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that The Municipal District office is currently grouping together several different locations in the Municipal District where barrier repairs are required to get value for money on a tender. It is

anticipated that a tender will be run in Quarter 1 2026 with a view to repairs in Quarter 2 2026. works linked the existing footpaths in Staplestown to the newly constructed footpath in front of the new housing development which ends just at the start of the GAA owned ground.

Councillor T. Durkan thanked the department and accepted the report.

The report was noted.

CM22/0226

Driver Visibility at Roundabouts in Maynooth

Question - Councillor Phelan

Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out a comprehensive assessment of all roundabouts in Maynooth, where hedgerows or planting may be impacting driver visibility, including an evaluation of hedge heights and sightlines and whether any necessary cutting back or maintenance will be carried out in advance of the nesting season in the interests of road safety?

This item fell as Councillor Phelan was not in attendance.

CM23/0226

Inclusion of social housing units in Old Greenfield, Maynooth, be included in the council's Housing Retrofit Programme

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

That the social housing units in Old Greenfield, Maynooth, be included in the council's Housing Retrofit Programme.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Kildare County Council receives a fixed annual retrofit allocation from the Department which is fully

assigned for the current year. It is anticipated that future allocations will increase, enabling more units to be addressed. Subject to resources, Departmental approval and additional funding for ancillary works, the Council intends to return to Old Greenfield as a priority in 2027, aligned with Maynooth's decarbonising zone status.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Department for the report and asked that the council engage with the people who live in the area, noting that the houses are old and those who have the least means need the most help. Councillor Feeney informed the members that it was good news that the council intends to return to Old Greenfield as a priority in 2027 and was available to partner and assist in any way possible. Councillor Feeney noted also that it is important for both the council and councillors to work together to see what can be done.

Councillor McEvoy asked that all state bodies come together to achieve these targets and noted his concerns with the proposed construction of more data centres in Ireland and the recent decision by the Department of Public Expenditure to disband its climate division.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager noted there is a common theme regarding the impact of climate change on transportation. She added that the weather does not seem like it is going to improve and the current bad weather is a taste of what is to come in the future. She noted that we all need to work together to achieve on climate targets and actions.

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

CM24/0226

Write to Uisce Éireann in relation to works on Celbridge Road, Maynooth

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

That the council writes to Uisce Éireann requesting adequate communication with residents in advance of the planned substantial water and wastewater upgrade works on the Celbridge Road, so that residents receive timely, clear and accurate notification of all planned works and service disruptions.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward on behalf of Councillor Phelan who was not in attendance and had requested this prior to the meeting, seconded by Councillor McEvoy.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that Subject to the agreement of the members, Councillor Phelan's motion will be referred to Uisce Éireann via their dedicated email address as follows: localrepsupport@water.ie . A formal written response from Uisce Éireann will be sent to Councillor Phelan, as the councillor who raised the motion.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report.

It was agreed by all that the council writes to Uisce Éireann requesting adequate communication with residents in advance of the planned substantial water and wastewater upgrade works on the Celbridge Road, so that residents receive timely, clear and accurate notification of all planned works and service disruptions.

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

CM25/0226

Pilot live streaming of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meetings

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

Can the council outline the requirements to initiate a pilot live streaming for Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meetings?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that a related motion was previously adopted at Full Council (November 2025 – Item 25/1125) which proposed that live streaming be extended to include Municipal District meetings. Members noted the accompanying report from J. Boland, Director of Services, Corporate and Cultural Services, which outlined several considerations that would be required before any such extension could proceed. These included: the need to amend standing orders for

Municipal District meetings, the likely requirement for additional protocols, the fact that streaming could only take place for meetings held in the Council Chamber, potential implications for meeting flow, the need to consult with Municipal District members and relevant staff, resource implications, and an assessment of public demand. Considering the above, and consistent with the decision taken at Full Council, the matter of live streaming Municipal District meetings—whether on a pilot basis or more broadly—is being referred to the Protocol and Procedures Committee for its consideration. The next meeting of the Committee takes place on Monday, 9 February 2026.

Councillor W. Durkan noted that he hoped that if a pilot was put in place that Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meetings were considered as the pilot meeting. He added that live streaming of these meetings would assist in reaching out to the public.

The report was noted.

CM26/0226

Develop additional Nature and Recreation amenity site in Northwest Kildare

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

That the council investigates the potential to purchase a suitable site in North-West Kildare with a view to develop an additional nature and recreation amenity, noting the aim of EU Just Transition Fund to 'deliver improved tourism infrastructure facilities and visitor experiences'.

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

A report was received from the Local Enterprise Office informing the members that Kildare County Council is currently implementing the EUJTF Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme in partnership with Fáilte Ireland. This scheme supports a tourism activator to work directly with tourism community and enterprise SMEs. Several projects were successful in their funding applications as announced on 12th January. However, the SME or activation scheme does not provide funding for local authorities to purchase land. While the Investment Grant Aid scheme for local authorities under the scheme does

not have specific call dates, a lead in time is required and all projects must be completed and funds drawn down by August 2026.

A report was received from the Director of Services, Community, Climate, Environment and Water informing the members that Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), is delivering a programme in West Kildare, Just Transition areas to strengthen community development and empower communities to access funding mechanisms for projects. The smart village project is funded via Leader Grant Aid. Turning the Sod Engage and Transform Now provides further information on this community development project.

Councillor W. Durkan informed the members that the purchase of end of life sites, such as quarries, in order to develop nature and recreation activities, would be a good option as there were examples of this around the country and these sites provided amenities such as trout fishing and boating. He noted it would be good to see this progressed for North-West Kildare.

Members noted the following:

- There should be a more proactive approach by Government if they are interested in climate change.
- There are a number of quarries which may be suitable.
- Any opportunity to plant trees is always welcomed.
- Rahan Wood is a good example of a local amenity.
- The Eden Project in Cornwall is a good example of a successful nature-based project.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager informed the members that a list has been sent requesting funding but there are challenges as land cannot be purchased. Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is delivering a programme in West Kildare, Just Transition areas to strengthen community development and empower communities to access funding mechanisms for projects. Ms. Higgins also noted the Smart Village project is funded via Leader Grant Aid.

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

CM27/0226

St. Farnan's Post Primary School, Prosperous

Motion – Councillor Mulroe

That this council writes to the Department of Education and Youth seeking confirmation that St. Farnan's Post Primary School in Prosperous will be on the upcoming National Development Plan allocation list to progress to Stage 3 of the school build finalisation plans.

This item was withdrawn by Councillor Mulroe.

CM28/0226

Monitoring and Implementation Group, Maynooth Joint Local Area Plan

Question – Councillor Melrose

Can the council provide details and relevant updates of the Monitoring and Implementation Group which was established as part of the Maynooth Joint Local Area Plan?

This item fell as Councillor Melrose was not in attendance.

CM29/0226

Conservation and repair work at the Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Clane

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

Can the council provide an update on the plans, timeline and progress to date in relation to conservation and repair works at the Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Clane including any actions arising from previous reports or recommendations?

A report was received from the Forward Planning Section of the Planning Department informing the members that The Heritage and Nature Unit is engaged in the process of appointing consultants to address the Wogan Browne Mausoleum, Clane.

The brief is for a specialist contractor to undertake the following works:

- Repairs to lead flashing on roof.
- Installation of appropriate rainwater goods to both sides of roof.
- Construction of drainage system under archaeological licence from the National Monuments Service (NMS).

All works to be completed subject to permission from National Monuments Service being obtained.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the Department for the report and noted that conservation and repair works will ensure that the damp and decay issues will be addressed and will leave the structure, which is important in a heritage context, in good stead for the next 100 years.

The report was noted.

CM30/0226

Upgrade discussions, University Swimming Pool, Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on discussions they have had with Maynooth University and other stakeholders on the upgrade of the University Swimming Pool?

A report was received from the Director of Services for Community, Climate, Environment and Water informing the members that negotiations between Kildare County Council and Maynooth University are progressing well as both agencies work towards the delivery of the redevelopment of a swimming pool.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Department for the report and noted that it is good news, and people will appreciate the update.

The report was noted.

CM31/0226

CCTV and Litter Black Spots in the Municipal District

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

Can the council outline the potential benefit of CCTV within the municipal district to address litter blackspots, given recent pilot projects within the county?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing members the use of CCTV for tackling littering and illegal dumping is governed by the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, which provides a legal framework for local authorities to use surveillance technology in a GDPR-compliant manner. CCTV benefits for addressing littering include deterring offenders (especially fly-tipping), providing clear evidence for prosecutions, enabling remote monitoring in vulnerable areas, leading to cleaner public spaces and fostering greater accountability for environmental pollution.

Visible cameras discourage illegal dumping and littering by making offenders fear detection and penalties. CCTV captures crucial footage of the illegal act, vital for successful prosecutions under the Waste Management Act and other regulations.

CCTV is considered as part of a broader, integrated approach to litter management, alongside existing enforcement, awareness and infrastructural measures.

Experience from the recent pilot initiative, (in Athy) indicates that the targeted use of CCTV at identified blackspots can act as a deterrent and support enforcement activity where other measures have proven ineffective.

Any future deployment of CCTV within the municipal district would be subject to the completion of the required statutory processes and would be considered on a site-specific basis, having regard to proportionality, effectiveness and cost.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and noted there may be an opportunity for members to identify a suitable site for this pilot project.

Ms. R. Jackson, Administrative Officer, Environment Department informed that there may be an opportunity for members to identify a suitable site for this pilot project.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2026

Clane- Maynooth Municipal District

	Project Details	KCC Central Funding €	Pay Parking	Total Agreed LPT €
	Clane/Maynooth Allocation €1,271,095	**€3,428,164**		**1,271,095**
	Budget Additional 1% Rates			**184,560**
	Pay Parking			**198,947**
	Total Funding (Retained LPT+ 1% rates)			**1,654,602**
	Total funding - pay parking			
Transport, Mobility & Open Spaces	**Roads/Footpath Projects**			
	Roads Footpath Programme		€198,947	
	Local Road Maintenance (excl pay parking)	€2,112,135		
	Footpaths	€68,335		
	Traffic Calming	€21,625		
	Signage	€21,625		
	Street Cleaning	€672,500		
	Sunday and Saturday Bin Collections			€15,000
	Public Lighting Improvements - KLIPS priorities in MD			€10,000
	Quiet Roads			€20,000
	Roads Sub Total	**€2,896,220**		**€45,000**
	Town Centre First			
	Clane TCF Plan projects			€20,909
	Town Centre First Sub Total	**€0**		**€20,909**
Accessibility	**Accessibility**			
	Kildare Inclusivity Festival			€5,000
	Stoma Friendly Bathrooms			€4,000
	Sensory Santa			€2,000
	Irish Language Panels			€1,000
	Our World Toy Resource			€3,000
	Grab Rails - Mullen Bridge to Greenway			€3,270
	Hire Of Accessaloo for events			€3,000
	Accessibility Sub Total	**€0**		**€21,270**

Planning, Enterprise & Economic Development	**Heritage**			
	Ballynafagh SAC - Prepare an ecological & hydrological baseline assessment & mgmt. plan for Ballynafagh			€15,000
	Heritage Sub Total	**€0**		**€15,000**
	Biodiversity			
	Supporting Community Biodiversity Action Plans - to progress the actions listed as part of their town and village Action Plans.			€5,000
	Community Biodiversity Action Plans - Review and update existing Community Biodiversity Action Plans			€5,000
	Biodiversity Sub Total	**€0**		**€10,000**
Parks	**Parks**			
	Anne Street & Emerson Way, Prosperous			€20,000
	Parks & Landscaping	€162,470		
	Public Realm Maintenance	€164,000		
	Playgrounds	€68,000		
	Parks Sub Total	**€394,470**		**€20,000**
Corporate, People & Cultural Services	**Libraries & Arts**			
	Water Bottle Filling Station			€4,000
	Leinster Print Making Studio			€4,976
	Music Generation Kildare			€10,000
	Libraries & Arts Sub Total	**€0**		**€18,976**
	Corporate Services			
	Coiste Gaeilge			€5,000
	Corporate Services Sub Total	**€0**		**€5,000**
Community, Environment	**Community**			
	Festival Grants	€12,500		
	Community Grants (general projects)	€40,000		
	Residents Association Grants	€24,075		
	Kildare Sports Partnership			€25,000
	Brigid Spirit of Kildare Festival			€20,000
	Community Development Work 2026			€50,000
	Community Text Alert			€4,000
	Local Community Safety Partnership			€5,000
	Educational Bursary Fund			€2,000
	Maynooth Pool			€125,000
	Maynooth Community Centre			€200,000
	Robertstown Community Initatives			€40,000
	Community Sub Total	**€76,575**		**€471,000**
	Climate			
&, Cor	Climate Action - Contact Paula O'Rourke regarding projects within MD.			€45,000
	Climate Sub Total	**€0**		**€45,000**

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Clima	**Environment**			
	Tidy Towns Competitions	€47,924		
	Sponsored Litter Bins	€12,975		
	Christmas tree recycling			€4,000
	Cloncurry Cemetery			€10,000
	Anti-litter /Dog fouling awareness initiatives			€3,500
	Bottle Banks			€5,000
	Bring Bank Improvement works			€10,000
	CCTV Deployment			€10,000
	Tidy Towns Support			€2,500
	Leaf composting workshop			€1,500
	Cemetery plots mapping			€7,500
	Environment Sub Total	**€60,899**		**€54,000**
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	Strategic Projects & Public Realm			
	Straffan Village Renewal Masterplans			€40,000
	Public Realm SubTotal	**€0**		**€40,000**
	Clane/Maynooth Projects			
	Carbury Castle Community Project			€17,000
	Christmas Lights Grants			€15,000
	Footpath at Hewetson School			€100,000
	Secondary School Zone Markings			€80,000
	Brigid's Terrace Straffan Driveway Resurfacing			€25,000
	Ideal Shopping Centre Car Park Upgrade			€35,000
	Moyglare Link Road – Cycle lane resurfacing			€50,000
	Basketball Court Kilcock			€50,000
	Footbridge in Dunfierth Park			€15,000
	New Signage Johnstownbridge			€2,500
	Carbury Castle Community Project			€20,000
	Kilmeague Footpath Repair			€4,000
	Coill Dubh Back Lanes - Drainage & Resurfacing			€6,000
	Kilmurray Brook Residents - Grassland, allotment refurb & biodiversity			€3,500
	Roads - Various			€10,000
	JARA			€2,625
	Carbury Carers Age Friendly Initiative			€2,500
	Broadford Cemetery Group			€2,500
	Merrymann Bridge maintenance			€3,875
	JTB Signage			€5,000
Maynooth Projects				
Cl	Traffic calming Downings North Prosperous			€16,000
	Parks			€5,000
	Town Centre First			€6,000
	Quiet Roads			€19,000
	Community (individual allocations to be approved at April MD Meeting)			€30,000
	Road Safety / Footpaths			€30,000
	Roads			€10,000
	Community (breakdown to be approved at April MD Meeting)			€20,000
	Maynooth 850 Commemoration Fund			€10,000
	Alone -Happy to Chat benches			€1,250
	Library Boxes			€1,250
	Trees work Moyglare Link Road - For crown-lifting and crown-reduction - Parks			€5,000
	Road safety measures			€10,000
	Mobile Sensory Unit for large events			€2,500
	Road Safety / Footpaths			€10,000
	Community (breakdown to be approved at April MD Meeting)			€20,000
	Community / Heritage			€23,500
	Cycling Maynooth			€2,000
	Laraghbryan Cemetery			€4,500
	Clane/Maynooth Projects Sub Total	€0		**€689,500**
TOTAL		**€3,428,164**		**€1,455,655**