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

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

Members Online: Councillors W. Durkan and P. Melrose.

Officials Present: Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. D. Hodgins (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr. L. McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer) Mr. C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. S. Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms. P. O'Rourke (Climate Action Officer), Ms. E. McGrath (Administrative Officer), Ms. C. Talbot (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 March 2026 and sent congratulations from members and staff to Councillor P. Melrose on the birth of his son, wishing him and his family well.

CM01/0326
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.

CM02/0326
Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 06 February 2026, including the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 06 February 2026 to be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM03/0326

Municipal District Road Works Programme

General Works

The road side 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 2026.

Roads Programme 2026

The funding from the Department of Transport for 2026 has been announced.

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 Park Kilcock	Complete
L7081 Kilmeague Road Prosperous	Complete
Brookfield Maynooth	Construction Stage
Meadowbrook Road	Complete
L1013 Dunboyne Road. Maynooth.	Complete
L5035 Painstown Road. Rathcoffey	Construction Stage

CM04/0326

Engagement with ESB to Improve delays in repairing faults in Public Lighting

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

That the council immediately engages with the ESB to improve the long delays in repairing faults in public lighting in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that Kildare County Council does not have a formal Contract or Service Level Agreement (SLA) with ESB Networks (ESBN) in relation to street lighting repairs requiring their intervention or assistance. The current process commences with Kildare County Council submitting an ESB Networks Service Request or Fault Report when an issue arises. For direct-fed estates, Kildare County Council is responsible for the public lighting infrastructure; however, ESBN attendance is required for certain works, particularly where there is no feeder pillar between ESBN and Local Authority infrastructure. We are dependent on ESBN availability, lights may remain unrepaired for extended periods due to this lack of control. At present, Kildare County Council does not have any leverage to compel ESB to respond more quickly. We acknowledge that some streetlights in the municipal district are experiencing long repair times, and we are actively engaging with the ESB to address these issues.

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the members that there have been numerous power outages in the Municipal District and he had personally reported two outages. He noted that lights

have been out in some areas for the whole winter season and with the days becoming longer there will be no need for the lighting by the time ESB networks address the problem. Councillor Fitzpatrick also noted that Robertstown lights have not been working all winter and five or six lights in a number of areas are not working.

Mr. D. Hodgins, Senior Engineer informed the members that this is a national issue and other Municipal Districts have put motions down in relation to lighting. He also noted that the council are working hard with ESB to achieve results. He added that it is very difficult to prioritise outages but the council is looking at addressing clusters of lighting issues and engaging with the ESB.

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

CM05/0326

Request a permanent speed camera on the Kilcock Road, Maynooth

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

That the council writes to An Garda Síochána to request a permanent speed camera be installed on the Kilcock Road, Maynooth. The council has exhausted all measures in their power to address speeding on this road.

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

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

The Transport Department agreed to write to An Garda Síochána to request a permanent speed camera be installed on the Kilcock Road, Maynooth.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all members that a letter be written An Garda Síochána from the Transport Department and the report be noted.

CM06/0326

Cleaning of all storm drains in Clane Town

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor W Durkan.
That the council undertakes a cleaning of all storm drains in Clane Town.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that the Municipal District office currently has a jet vactor in the district cleaning all gullies. The road gullies in Clane will be cleaned during these works.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and the schedule of works update. He enquired in relation to the current schedule and requested that drain cleaning be done in advance of storms.

Councillor McEvoy noted French drains have little to no drainage capacity and cleaning of them will have little effect.

Mr. C. Buggie, Municipal District (MD) Engineer informed the members that there have been issues with hedge cuttings blocking drains. He noted that the drains are cleared yearly from September to early/mid-December and then from February for two months. Sweeping of the roads is carried out to help ensure less blockages occur. In relation to French drains in rural locations they always empty into a soak hole, this is the case at Digby Bridge and in urban areas they are connected to piping. The MD Engineer asked the members to inform the Department of any gullies or drains that need to be cleared and they will inspect them.

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

CM07/0326

Increase current capacity of sandbags to private residents in cases of potential flooding throughout the Municipal District

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

That the council increase their current capacity to provide sandbags to private residents in cases of potential flooding throughout the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members the Clane Maynooth Municipal District has in excess of 2,500 sandbags stored at 4 depots across the municipal district. Where a request for sandbags was received, the relevant General Services Supervisor for that area attended to assess if sandbags were required. We distributed approximately 500 sandbags on pallets as a precautionary measure to a number of locations. Based on the recent event and the response there is sufficient capacity.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and commended the Department for their work during the recent storms and flooding. He enquired in relation to information on how private residents can request sandbags.

Councillor McEvoy informed the members that this is an important and probable recurring issue and the local authority has a limited capacity in this area.

The District Engineer informed the members that the team was monitoring developments at all times. When a request is made, the General Services Supervisor attends to assess if sandbags are required. Approximately 500 sandbags on pallets as a precautionary measure were distributed. The MD engineer noted that the Severe Weather Assessment advice is available ahead of storms and if sandbags were delivered after a request, there may not then be enough available should an event occur. The Department need these resources so as to be ready to distribute when needed.

Ms. M. Higgins, District Manager, thanked the District Engineer and the team for their work over late nights and early mornings during recent storms and weather events, further noting that these are complex situations.

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

CM08/0326

Provision of Disability Parking, Mill Street, Maynooth

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

That the council installs a disability parking bay on Mill Street, 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 this can be considered under the review of the Maynooth Parking bye-laws as parking bye-laws cannot be amended in part, it must take place under a full review as required by law.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Department and noted that a Disability Parking Bay is needed on Mill Street. She noted that here were many people who were trying to access the church and shops on Mill Street and it was a long stretch of road that was without a Disability Parking Bay.

Councillor Phelan informed the members that the taxi rank on Mill Street is frequently used for parking by members of the public and by delivery drivers. She would welcome a review to determine whether it could be utilised as a Disability Parking Bay.

Councillor Wyse noted that if the Taxi Rank is not being utilised then this could be a solution.

The District Engineer informed the members that a parking by-law would be required to change the road markings, as there could be implications in relation to pay parking.

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

The members agreed to take items 9 and 22 together**.**

CM09/0326

Park and Ride Facility, West Maynooth

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

That the council gives consideration to the installation of a park and ride facility to the West of Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Projects Team informing the members that Kildare County Council is not responsible for the provision of park and ride facilities. Should the elected members agree, a letter can be sent to the National Transport Authority requesting that this is explored as part of the DART+ project.

Councillor Feeney informed the members that DART+ was set to be transformative for the area and a Park and Ride Facility to the West of Maynooth. This was an opportunity to maximise on the project and would mean less cars on the M4. Councillor Feeney said she would welcome members support to write to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to consider a Park and Ride Facility.

Councillor McEvoy noted that as the population spreads across the commuter belt, the number of cars also increases. The Minister has secured planning permission for DART+ but has not funded the project as of yet and he noted that this would take a large

number of cars off the M4. Councillor McEvoy added that the M4 bus lane is still not in operation.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that according to the last census the population of Maynooth is 17,000. With16,000 students in the town, 5,000 of which travel there by car and added that Maynooth is one of the gateways to Dublin. He also noted that Maynooth Train Station Car Park is now at capacity again despite being extended twice.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Phelan and agreed by all members that a letter be written to the National Transport Authority by the Transport Department and the item be placed on the Progress report.

CM10/0326

Provision of a bus stop at Shee Bridge on the R403

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

That the council adds the provision of a bus stop at Shee Bridge on the R403 along the 120 bus stop route to its priority provisions for bus infrastructure 2026 and outlines the results of any investigations into this matter to date.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that the addition of a new bus stop location along a Public Service Operated route is a matter for the operator and licensing authority National Transport Authority to agree upon in the first instance. Should there be agreement that a stop should be investigated then the council will examine the location to determine the suitability for allowing public transport vehicles to stop and allow passengers on and off the bus, in a safe manner. This location was examined as part of the Local Link service route but was deemed impractical unless substantial engineering works were to be undertaken and these works would be located on third party lands. Kildare County Council's works programme for bus stop improvements for future years could consider this location.

However, there are over 500 locations across the county that require some level of improvements.

Councillor Mulroe informed the members that a bus stop had been agreed for the location in 2024 and said that she is not sure what has created this delay. The local community had re-submitted a request to the National Transport Authority (NTA) recently and the landowner is in agreement to engage. Councillor Mulroe noted that students congregate here and their safety must be a priority.

Councillor McEvoy supported the motion and agreed there is a need for a bus stop at this location. He added that children were vulnerable to traffic passing.

Councillor Wyse informed the members that a family member gets the bus from this location, that this was a very exposed stretch of road. He added that and the council are trying to encourage young people to stay out of cars and move to public transport. He noted that Local Link and Go Ahead bus services are extending their schedules to meet demand. This needs to be supported to make it safer for people at these stops.

Mr. D. Hodgins, Senior Engineer informed the members that there are lots of requests in relation to bus stops. Should there be agreement that a bus stop be investigated then the council will examine the location to determine the suitability. He added that the council fully support this type of infrastructure.

Councillor Mulroe noted that the landowner is agreeable and requested for this to be made a priority.

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

CM11/0326

Raised Ramps and Pedestrian Crossings on Clane Inner Relief Road

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

That the council installs raised ramps and pedestrian crossings at the roundabout near Alexandra Park and the Westgrove Hotel on the Clane Inner Relief Road.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that at the February municipal district meeting, the council agreed to examine these locations on foot of a motion relating to the Clane Safe Routes to School Project. Preparation works are underway on a design and a source of funding is being considered.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the positive report and enquired if there was a timeline on the funding.

Councillor McEvoy informed the members that when the extension to the Capdoo Link Road is opened, that a change to the flow of traffic is anticipated along the Alexandra Estate. He noted that there is a large population of young people walking to and from schools. The roundabouts do not have sufficient requirements for the growing population, trying to access the town via walking or cycling.

Mr. D. Hodgins, Senior Engineer informed the members that the council is looking at both roundabouts and that there was potential in 2026 to have funding assigned to the project. The design work has started and will be ready by the summer and noted that the council will be ready to proceed should the funding be available.

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

CM12/0326

Repair and Resurfacing works, Bawnogues, Kilcock

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

That the Council undertake necessary repair and resurfacing works to the approach road and car park area at the Bawnogues, Kilcock, (near Kilcock Celtic FC pitch), given the current poor condition of the surface and the associated safety concerns.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing members that arrangements will be made to have the road repaired as soon as weather conditions allow.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report and noted that the potholes are difficult to drive through and that resurfacing works are required.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informed the members that the road will be repaired, that the Bawnogues site had developed on an ad hoc basis in the past and the site needs to be managed in a coherent manner. Mr. S. Wallace agreed to meet with Councillor Ward on site.

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

CM13/0326

Traffic calming measures on the link road between Royal Meadows Estate and Chambers Park Estate

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

That the council urgently assess and install appropriate traffic calming measures on the link road between Royal Meadows Estate and Chambers Park Estate, in order to address ongoing speeding concerns and improve safety for residents.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will arrange for a traffic speed survey to be carried out in the next fortnight. The results of this will assist with decision making in relation to appropriate traffic calming measures in line with Kildare County Council Traffic Calming Guidelines.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report and enquired if he could meet the District Engineer on site.

The District Engineer agreed to meet Councillor Ward on site.

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

CM14/0326

Provision of a Roundabout at Taghadoe Cross, Maynooth

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

That the council provides an update on the given the high volume of traffic.

The motion was proposed by Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Phelan.

A report was received from the Projects Team informing the members that there are no current plans for the provision of a roundabout at Taghadoe Cross, nor is any such project included in the current Capital Programme.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he was disappointed with the report, he mentioned that he had raised this issue before and the report he received today was very different to the report he had received previously. He noted the substantial traffic on the road, it is taking residents ten minutes to access the main road and there are significant volumes of traffic going from Maynooth to Straffan. He said he was not advocating for traffic

lights and a roundabout could be the best option for this area. He noted that construction traffic will increase with upcoming ESB works in the area.

Councillor McEvoy asked if there was an indication as to how much a roundabout would cost to implement in this area. He noted the increasing population which meant increased movement of people on roads in the area.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team informed the members that the provision of a roundabout at this location would probably cost in the region of €5 million and was not something which the council can progress.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he was shocked at the cost noting that when he last checked, considering it was 15 years ago, the cost was approximately €1 million. He questioned if that figure was accurate even taking inflation into consideration and the fact that it was not a motorway sized roundabout.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team noted that while this was an indicative figure, the figure was accurate.

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

CM15/0326

Repair Works, Healy's Bridge, Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm when repair works will be carried out at Healy's Bridge, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Projects Team informing members that works are ongoing at present to complete repair works to Healy's Bridge and are due to be complete by the end of February.

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the members that there has been three incidents lately resulting in repair works having to be carried out on the bridge. Residents want a one-way system on the bridge.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team informed the members that the bridge is within the remit of Waterways Ireland and the council stepped in to commence repairs and will be reimbursed by Waterways Ireland. He added that the council could look at pilot surveys on canals in other Municipal Districts.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired as to what type of pilot surveys are being referred to and noted that he had lived in the area for 30 years with no accidents and now three accidents have occurred recently.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team informed the members that it was a Traffic Volume Pilot.

The report was noted.

CM16/0326

Road Works on the R415 from Allen to Kilmeague

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

Can the council confirm when the works on the R415 from Allen to Kilmeague will be finished?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that the works involve the installation of a watermain under the control of Uisce Éireann. They have a valid road opening licence and we are awaiting the permanent reinstatement to be carried out once the weather conditions are favourable. It is anticipated that will be during Quarter 2 of 2026.

Councillor Fitzpatrick informed the members that Uisce Éireann need to do a full resurface on this road, that this was very frustrating for residents in the area and the Allen to Kilmeague Road was in very bad condition and something needs to be done with this road.

The District Engineer informed the members that Uisce Éireann is aware of the issue. He advised that Uisce Éireann has a Road Opening Licence to complete the works and the road will be surface dressed after April.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said that he hoped the resurfacing would be reinstated to the way it was before the works.

The report was noted.

CM17/0326

Development of Boreen Road, Straffan

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

Can the council clarify its plans for development of the Boreen Road in Straffan?

A report was received from the Projects Team informing members that here are no current plans for any development at this location at the present time and there has been no funding allocated in the current Capital Programme for the delivery of any works. There are several technical issues with progressing any works at this location due to space constraints and the requirement to acquire third party lands.

Councillor Phelan noted that there are no current plans for any development at this location and future issues need to be identified to progress this.

The report was noted.

CM18/0326

Assessment of Roundabouts in Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out a comprehensive assessment of all roundabouts in Maynooth, specifically Tesco roundabout, 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?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that an assessment of the roundabouts will be carried out. Any works required will be scheduled following this but it may not be possible to complete any required works before the nesting season.

Councillor Phelan welcomed the fact that an assessment will be carried out and noted that visibility is a concern at this roundabout and while biodiversity has to be kept in mind road safety should be prioritised.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informed the members that visibility on a roundabout needs to be to the right of the car and visibility through the roundabout is not required for travelling through the roundabout.

The District Engineer informed the members that the assessment of the roundabouts will be carried out and an safety issues identified will be addressed.

The report was noted.

CM19/0326

School Zone Markings at Secondary Schools in the Municipal District

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

Can the council provide an estimated timeline of works for the provision of School Zone Markings at secondary schools throughout the municipal district?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the installation of road markings is weather dependent and in general require road surface temperatures to be above 8 degrees and dry, with little or no night time frost to ensure longevity. It is proposed to progress the school zone markings during Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2026.

Councillor W. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and commended the work of the team on the timely and cost-effective works at national schools. He welcomed the progress of the School Zone Markings during Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2026. He also noted that it is vital to flag that this work is as a result of LPT spend and that works like these are welcomed by the public.

The District Engineer noted that April is a good month to start works. The installation of road markings is weather dependent and in general require road surface temperatures to be above 8 degrees (celsius) and dry with little or no night time frost. He also commended the members on the LPT allocation for these works and noted that the road marking are very noticeable at schools.

The report was noted.

CM20/0326

Provision of new Town Signage in Johnstownbridge

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

Can the council outline a potential timeline for the provision of new town signage in Johnstownbridge, given recent LPT allocations?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the LPT allocation was approved at the February Municipal District meeting. The approved projects have been added to the Road Works Programme for 2026. It is planned to order these signs in Quarter 2 with the installation carried out within a couple of weeks of them being delivered.

Councillor W. Durkan welcomed the report and informed the members that it is approximately 20 years since signs were updated and asked if the District Engineer can follow up with him in relation to designs and location of signs.

The District Engineer informed the members that a design mock up can be made and he will follow up with Councillor W. Durkan.

The report was noted.

CM21/0326

Status of the M4 Priority Bus Corridor

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

Can the council provide an update on the status of the M4 Priority Bus corridor?

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 a contractor appointed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The main road and civil works excluding the noise barrier and Intelligent Transport System (ITS) are

substantially complete between Junction 6 and 5. The ITS is on schedule to be completed in Quarter 1 this year and the final design of the noise barriers is underway, however an installation date for the noise barriers has not been confirmed yet. The opening of the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot Scheme is dependent on the legislative changes required. The legislation changes are currently with the Department of Transport for implementation.

Councillor Feeney informed the members that the M4 Priority Bus Corridor should be progressed and enquired why this was not the case. The Department needs to be lobbied to ensure implementation of this.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take items 22 and 9 together.

CM22/0326

Park and Ride Facility in the Municipal District

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

Can the council update members on planned Park and Ride facility in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team informing the members that Kildare County Council is not responsible for the provision of strategic park and ride facilities. Should the elected members wish then a letter can be sent to the National Transport Authority requesting an update.

The report was noted.

CM23/0326

Replacement of the Prosperous Town Sign at the Downings, Prosperous

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

Can the council replace the Prosperous town sign that has been removed at the Downings, Prosperous?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will arrange for a replacement sign to be purchased and installed in the coming weeks.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the report.

The report was noted.

CM24/0326

Funding from the Department of Transport in the 2026 National Roads Allocations

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

Can the council outline the projects it sought funding for from the Department of Transport in the 2026 national roads allocations for regional and local roads improvement works in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Projects Team informing the members that funding has been obtained for several projects in the Municipal District as follows:

- Repair works to the following bridges in the Municipal District:
  River Road and Collegelands
- Low cost safety improvement schemes at:
  Blackwood Cross, Brockagh, Kellystown Lane, Ballysize, Clonkeen and Crinstown

Funding has also been received for the renewal of regulatory road markings at junctions. Kildare County Council intend to complete junction improvement works in Allenwood and at Blackwood Cross pending the successful completion of the Section 3 processes that are currently at consultation stage. These projects will be delivered utilising alternative funding streams and thus are not included in the Department of Transport 2026 allocations.

Councillor Mulroe welcomed the fact that Kildare received a lot of funding and congratulated the Department. She enquired as to whether there is a costing for Dag Wells Cross.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team informed the members that in relation to Allenwood and Blackwood consultation closes on March 9 and the projects will proceed to tender and deliver, thereafter following the review of the Section 38 (Roads) submissions. Funding has been allocated in the Capital Programme to deliver junction upgrades and these funds will be used to progress works at both locations.

Councillor Mulroe enquired as to the timeline for action on the junction and if there was funding for the Section 38.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team informed the members that tender for both locations will progress once the Section 38 process is complete.

The report was noted.

CM25/0326

Speed Survey results at Church Street and Connaught Street, Kilcock

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

Can the council provide an update on the results of the traffic and speed surveys recently undertaken at Church Street and Connaught Street, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the speed survey showed the average speed recorded was 48 km/h. The average daily traffic recorded was 2,310 vehicles per day.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report.

The report was noted.

CM26/0326

Traffic Volume and Speed Survey at Taghadoe Cross, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if it intends to carry out a traffic volume and speed survey at Taghadoe Cross, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the municipal district has no current plans to carry out a traffic volume and speed survey at Taghadoe Cross.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he was disappointed with the report and noted that he would like to see a Traffic Volume and Speed Survey at Taghadoe Cross carried out.

The report was noted.

The members agreed to take items 27 and 5 together.

CM27/0326

Update on Traffic Speed and Volume Survey Laraghbryan, Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update, including the results of the traffic speed and volume survey at Laraghbryan, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the data collected just on the approach to the 60km/h zone from Kilcock showed approximately 2,200 to 2,500 vehicles a day. The average speed was 67km/h.

Councillor T. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and asked for clarification about peak speed from the data.

The District Engineer advised he will have to have a look at the data and will revert to Councillor T. Durkan.

The report was noted.

CM28/0326

Pedestrian crossing R407 Clane (Kilcock Road) and Celbridge Road (R403), Clane

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

Can the Council update the committee on opportunities to develop a pedestrian crossing on the R407 Clane (Kilcock Road) near the junction with Main Street and Celbridge Road (R403), given the pending opening of the Capdoo extension of the link road?

A report was received from the Projects Team informing the members that this can be considered following a review of traffic volumes and the types of vehicles using this junction following the opening of the Capdoo Link Road. The installation of a pedestrian crossing at

this location will require narrowing the adjoining lane widths which may not be feasible without a significant reduction in traffic through the junction.

Councillor McEvoy referred to the issue having been raised previously (CM15/0525) and asked that, following the opening of the Capdoo Link Road, the review clarify whether any potential reduction in traffic capacity would be balanced against pedestrian safety and accessibility and that options to improve pedestrian safety at the junction be examined.

Mr. D. Conlan, A/Senior Engineer, Projects Team informed the members that this can be considered following a review of traffic volumes and the types of vehicles using this junction following the opening of the Capdoo Link Road. This rerouting of traffic is required in order to allow for the carriageway width to be reduced to install a pedestrian crossing at this location as the road width is too wide at present.

The report was noted.

CM29/0326

Parks Works Programme 2026 and Alternative Grass Management.

The members received a presentation from Mr. S. Wallace A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer on the Parks Works Programme 2026 and a presentation from Ms. P O'Rourke, Climate Action Officer on Alternative Grass Management.

Members thanked the presenters for their updates and welcomed the progress of works across the Municipal District. Issues raised included engagement with Tidy Towns and Maynooth University, opportunities for improved public communication, tree planting and maintenance approaches, alternative weed control methods, progress on the Carton Master Plan and potential playground provision at Johnstownbridge and other locations. Members also acknowledged the positive work carried out under Entente Florale.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer thanked the members for their feedback and informed members that there are 35 projects and 53 operational works across the county in 2026. These include the redesign of the pond area, car park and perimeter fence in Prosperous Town Park, complete Bawnogues Sensory Garden and update Clane Playground.

Mr. S. Wallace welcomed discussions with members in relation to new playgrounds and trying to progress this issue. Tree surgeons carry out specific and specialist work and it is more efficient to contract this work out where necessary. The Carton Master Plan will happen and is a focus of the municipal district this year and noted that there will be consultation with Area Engineers, Tidy Towns and Public Realm in relation to development of a Works Programme for the Public Realm Team.

Ms. P. O'Rourke, Climate Action Coordinator thanked the members for their feedback. Members were asked to consider the inclusion of hedges, trees and ponds as a way in which to increase biodiversity and enhance habitats. Adding that how public lands are managed impacts biodiversity. Reduced maintenance where practical such as reduced mowing, elimination of fertilisers and herbicides, incorporation of water bodies, provision of native floral resources, enhancement of roundabouts with native flora and road verges together with the 'do nothing' approach, is cost effective and proactive for pollinators and nature.

Members thanked Ms. P O'Rourke, Climate Action Co-ordinator and Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer for their work and presentations.

CM30/0326

Tree Cutting in the municipal district

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

That the council presents the list of areas in this municipal district where tree cutting will be completed by the private contractor they have employed.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the programme will be circulated to the members.

Councillor Phelan noted that there were c.780 trees on the list and it was good to see progress here. She then enquired in relation to timelines for works.

Mr. S. Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informed the members that tree works will start this week and the contractor will progress these over the coming months.

Councillor Wyse noted that the list and maps of locations were very useful.

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

CM31/0326

Section 38 - Ticknevin Bridge

The members noted the Road Traffic Act 1994, Section 38 - Junction Improvement Works at the Intersection of L5021/L5022 at Ticknevin Bridge.

CM32/0326

Significant discolouration on buildings at Bodkin Place, Kilmeague

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

That the council investigates the reason for the significant discolouration on the outside of the buildings at Bodkin Place, Kilmeague and undertakes the necessary works to restore the façade, to improve the visual appearance at the entrance to the village.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Housing Maintenance will inspect the reported discolouration on the façades of the housing units at Bodkin Place. The Housing Maintenance team will report back to the Councillor after the survey.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that this is an eye sore in the village and it appears to be the plaster that is discoloured. He asked how the issue can be resolved, noting that the residents deserve the buildings and area to be kept in a good condition.

Councillor Wyse informed the members that he supported the motion and noted the discolouration and abandoned cars, detract from the visual appearance of the area, and this area needs attention.

Ms. E. McGrath, Housing Department informed the members that this will be investigated and the team will report back to Councillor Fitzpatrick.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Phelan and agreed by all members that the report be noted and for this item to remain on the Progress Report.

CM33/0326

Taking In Charge Moyglare Hall, Maynooth

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

That Kildare County Council gives an update on the taking in charge process for Moyglare Hall, Maynooth and a timeline for its completion.

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

A report was received from Building Control informing the members that the developer in Moyglare Hall is actively addressing the outstanding surface defect snags throughout the estate. Development Control continue to liaise with the developer in relation to the Taking In

Charge (TIC) process and the submission and review of all documentation including CCTV surveys and as-constructed drawings.

Separately, Development Control is in the process of submitting a TIC application to Uisce Éireann relating to the water services infrastructure serving this development. In this regard, there is also ongoing engagement with the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) relating to the pumping station adjacent to Moyglare Hall. While the TIC process is progressing well, it is not possible to provide a definitive timeline for the completion at this time.

Councillor T. Durkan enquired about a timeline for completion of the process

Mr. L. McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer, Building Control informed the members that timelines are difficult to assess. The road was Taken in Charge months ago and the main elements have been dealt with.
Councillor T. Durkan enquired about the wall and the GAA club.

Mr. L. McNeela noted that these were in dispute and work is needed in this regard.
Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

CM34/0326

Funding Allocation for Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Clane

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

Can the council update the committee on the general approach working with the recent funding allocation from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for Clane, specifically in relation to the public realm collaboration with the Clane Town Centre First Team?
A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that working with the Town Team is a vital and integral part of the of the Town Centre First (TCF) process - from the inception of the TCF Plan right through to delivering identified projects on the ground.

The TCF Policy, published in February 2022, recognises that every town is unique. The process of creating a TCF Plan in collaboration with the Town Team, establishes a strong local foundation and helps to develop an evidence-based, data informed vision for future of the town. Once the TCF Plan is completed, the delivery of its projects is achieved through collaboration between the Town Team and the Town Regeneration Officer (TRO), who work together to secure funding and in the management of the technical expertise required for project implementation.

Since 2020, Clane has received the following funding:

- Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS), 2020 for completion of a Conservation Management Report for Clane Abbey
- Town Centre First funding, 2023 for the preparation of a TCF Plan
- The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) Measure 3 TCF Suite of Supports funding, 2024 and
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS), mid-December 2025, confirmation received from DRCDG of a successful application.

The DRCDG Measure 3 TCF project is now nearing completion. This project is being delivered in-house by the TRO and Town Regeneration Team. Collaboration with the Town Team has been essential in shaping the design solutions as part of the project. The team will meet with the Town Team in the coming weeks to present progress to date and gather feedback to help to finalise various design details.

In late December 2025, we also received TVRS funding approval for a project identified as a key community priority in the Clane TCF Plan, published April 2024. This project involves remedial and upgrade works for the Clane playground, enhancing the recreational space and associated amenity.

The TRO and Town Regeneration Team will meet regularly with the Town Team as the project develops, drawing on their local knowledge to help ensure that the project best meets the needs of the Clane community.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the Department for the report and noted that it was timely.

The report was noted.

CM35/0326

Invitation to Coillte

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

That the municipal district extend an invitation to Coillte to update the committee on ongoing developments, maintenance and proposals for Donadea Forest Park.

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

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

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

CM36/0326

Management Plan for Ballinafagh Lake

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

That the council brief the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee in respect of proposals to prepare a management plan for Ballinafagh Lake, a council-owned site, in light of European efforts to coordinate and deliver on the EU Nature Restoration Law, and to outline how such proposals might align with National and European biodiversity, climate resilience and habitat restoration objectives.
The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Mulroe.

A report was received from the Heritage and Nature Unit (Planning Department) informing members that invited tenders for the provision of ecological and ecohydrological /hydrogeological services to develop a comprehensive Ecological/Hydrogeological

Assessment and Management Plan for Ballynafagh Lake SAC (Site Code: 000391). Closing date for this tender competition is 11 March 2026, and assessment of tenders received will commence thereafter. The Heritage and Nature Unit will update the members when the necessary procurement steps have been completed.

Furthermore, the Kildare County Council Ecologist is continuing to liaise closely with National Parks and Wildlife Service who are currently carrying out initial high level assessment of the site (and Pollardstown Fen) as part of the Fens Restoration Project being carried out by Tóchar Midlands Wetlands Restoration Scheme across 36 sites in the Just Transition area.
Councillor McEvoy thanked the Department for the report and informed the members that this is a Special Area of Conservation and noted increasing threats to nature. He asked that the council engage with members to explain water table management and other relevant issues. He enquired if a site visit could be facilitated for members.

Councillor Wyse noted that the Clane Maynooth Municipal District is a feeder for areas such as Pollardstown Fen, Fr Moore's Well and other areas outside the Municipal District. He informed the members that the Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) map needs to be updated, as it includes the Blackwood feeder of the Grand Canal which is now filled in.

Ms. C. Talbot, Planning Department informed the members that she would enquire if a site visit could be facilitated for members.

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

The meeting concluded.