



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday 07 March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.  
in the Council Chamber**

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

**Officials Present:** Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr D Conlon (A/Senior Engineer), Ms R Jackson (Administrative Officer), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Ms Paula O Rourke (Climate Action Officer) Ms M O'Brien (Administrative Officer) Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr A Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by and agreed by all members present, standing orders were suspended to allow the meeting to commence at 10.45a.m.

**CM01/0325**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

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

**CM02/0325**

**Approve the minutes of monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting**

The members considered the minutes of monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 07 February 2025 and to note the progress report (attached).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor W. Durkan and seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth



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Municipal District meeting held on 07 February 2025 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

### **CM03/0325**

#### **Municipal District Road Works Programme**

**General Works:** The crews are also carrying out patch repairs on the roads in the district. New speed limit poles have been installed across the district ahead of the proposed reduction of the speed limit on local roads to 60 km/h in 2025. Roadside verges at junctions have had the vegetation cut back to ensure sightlines are maintained.

#### **LPT Funding**

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

#### **Roads Programme 2025**

The funding from the Department of Transport for 2025 was announced and the list of roads in the roadworks programme for 2025 will be detailed at the meeting.

Mr. C Buggy, Senior Executive Engineer, Transport gave an update on the roads programme and informed that the list has been sent to members.

The report was noted.

### **CM04/0325**

#### **To agree and approve the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2025.**

The members agreed to defer this item and convene a Special meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to agree and approve the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2025. It was agreed that the meeting will take place on Friday 14 March at 10:00 a.m.



**Iompar, Soghluaisteacht agus Spásanna Oscailte**  
**Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces**

**Transport**

**CM05/0325**

**To receive an update from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate on Roads Capital Projects.**

Mr D Conlon, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate, gave a presentation and update to members on Roads Capital Projects.

Members noted the following:

- Appreciate the update
- Members had received questions from the public regarding Millicent to Sallins road- Significant queueing and other issues were highlighted and queried if the area could be investigated.
- Dunboyne Ring Road Maynooth streetlights needed
- What progress was there with Bridge Repairs
- Firmount Cross may need a collision analysis
- School crossing at prosperous school
- Are there any additional funding schemes that can be used also.

Mr D Conlon, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informed members that bridge repairs would be carried out if issues arose. There had been no increase in traffic volume on Millicent Road but could be considered for future works. Locations with collision history would be prioritised. Mr D Conlon stated that he could circulate street light list.

**CM06/0325**

**Traffic Warden Staplestown National School**

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

That the council considers the feasibility of providing a school traffic warden at Staplestown National School?



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The motion was proposed by Councillor Mulroe and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick. A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there are no plans to introduce school wardens at new locations across the County.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Transport department for the report and enquired as to the process for a school to get on the list. Councillor Mulroe also stated that children assumed that there was zebra crossing at the school, but it was a raised table, and a Traffic warden would be a huge benefit to the school.

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

### CM07/0325

#### Path Improvement Works R406 Barberstown Roundabout

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Feeney: That the council reviews a 500m public path that runs from Barberstown Roundabout alongside the R406 with a view to improving the drainage and potentially widening the path to insert a cycle lane.

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 look at any maintenance requirements along this section of roadway. This location does not form part of the current National Transport Authority (NTA) Active Travel Portfolio and therefore does not qualify for NTA funding. An alternate source of funding would be required.

Councillor Feeney thanked the department for the report and noted that she has sent in a video and map of the path. There was also lots of flooding here and thanked the department for the review.

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



**CM08/0325**

**Improve Greenway Access Kilmore**

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

That the council contacts Waterways Ireland to improve Greenway access, to allow parking provision and enhanced sight lines, at Kilmore Bridge on the L1003.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that with the members agreement, Kildare County Council will make contact with Waterways Ireland.

Councillor W Durkan noted that Kildare County Council needed to contact Waterways Ireland as parking to access the canal for local people, poor sightlines and high agricultural traffic level in the area meant improvements need to be made here.

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

**CM09/0325**

**Road repair works Kilcock**

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

That the council conducts repair works to the road surface immediately outside Kilcock Celtic FC, Bawnogues.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer will arrange for the area to be inspected and repaired as required.

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



**CM10/0325**

**Improvement Works Straffan National School**

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

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

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council Sustainable Transport Section are progressing a design for the An Taisce Safe Routes to School Project which will be the subject of a public consultation process in Quarter 2 of 2025.

Councillor W Durkan noted that safety improvement works were needed outside Straffan National School as it was a busy road and if progress could be made in this regard it would be appreciated.

Mr. C Buggy, Senior Executive Engineer, Transport advised that the uncoupling of the two schemes could be looked at to progress this.

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

**CM11/0325**

**Allocation of Road Space Clane**

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

That the council provides an update on plans to implement the agreed reallocation of road space to improve active travel on the L1023 Ballinagappa Road, Clane.

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



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A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that this initiative has been placed on Kildare County Council's Sustainable Transport Section's work programme for 2025, and it is expected that the scheme will be completed in Quarter 2 of 2025. A site visit to confirm the revised layout will be undertaken with the Municipal District Engineer in March 2025 to agree the scope of works.

Councillor McEvoy noted that this was agreed last year and double yellow lines versus cycle lanes was looked at with cycle lanes being preferable. Also, Parking signs should be replaced with no parking signs.

Mr. C Buggy, Senior Executive Engineer, Transport informed members that the Transport team could look at it, where lines were removed and burnt off the lines may still be visible. Double yellow lines would indicate no parking.

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

### CM12/0325

#### Reinstate Barriers Barnaran

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
That the council reinstates barriers on the roadside where the Glash stream runs under the main road in Barnaran.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Wyse and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick. A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection of this location and carry out repairs as required.

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



**CM13/0325**

**Footpath Repairs Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock.**

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

That the council undertakes repair works on a number of footpaths in Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing members that the Municipal District Engineer will inspect the footpaths in Royal Meadows and, subject to funding, arrange for repairs work to be included in the roads work programme.

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

**CM14/0325**

**Repair work on the R407 Link Road**

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

That the council undertakes repair work on the R407 link road from Courtown Bridge to the M4 Kilcock Interchange.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing members that the Municipal District Engineer will carry out an inspection of the road, as requested. The road surface itself is on good condition but vehicles pulling in on the margins have made them unsightly. Any works to the verge will only be carried out during dry weather when conditions are suitable.

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





**CM15/0325**

**Summer Works Programme Inclusion- Ballintine, Kilmeague**

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

That the council includes the road at Ballintine, Kilmeague as part of this year's Summer Works programme.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that this road is not included in the 2025 road works programme. The request will be kept and should additional funding come available, it will be considered for resurfacing.

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

**CM16/0325**

**Traffic Light Allenwood Cross**

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

That the council installs traffic lights at Allenwood Cross in light of the increased traffic at this junction.

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

A report was received from Transport Department informing members that a detailed design for the upgrade of this junction including the installation of traffic lights at this junction is currently being finalised. The next step will be to complete the consenting process and identify a source of funding to carry out these works.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked that the design be brought to the Municipal District.

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



**CM17/0325**

**Installation of chevron signs on the R401**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor W Durkan.  
Can the council outline an expected timeline for the installation of chevron signs on the R401 near Carrick Hill?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that these chevrons will be installed in the next 4 weeks.

Councillor W Durkan thanked the department for the report and said that the installation of the chevrons was very welcome.

The report was noted.

**CM18/0325**

**Overview of Improvement Works, Connaught Street, Kilcock**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Melrose.  
Can the council provide an overview of the improvement works done to Connaught Street, Kilcock since the adoption of the last Kilcock LAP, and any plans for future improvements?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that as part of the housing development off Connaught Street, the developer constructed a shared pedestrian and cycle path along the boundary of their site. There is a section between where the developer finished the shared facility and the existing footpaths which is in private ownership. Kildare County Council has provided road markings along this section to highlight to drivers the presence of pedestrians.

Councillor Melrose thanked the department for the report and noted that Connaught Street was not fit for purpose, an increased population meant that there was a big volume of traffic on the street and infrastructure was not keeping up with these increases.

The report was noted.



**CM19/0325**

**Public Lighting Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide a costing for public lighting along the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, from the Dunboyne roundabout to the junction of the Dunboyne Road R148?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council Public Lighting Section has sent a quotation request for area of concern to the Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor.

The report was noted.

**CM20/0325**

**Priority Bus Corridor M4 Motorway**

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

Can the council provide an update and progress report on the priority bus corridor on the M4 Motorway and a completion date for the project?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that The M4 speed limit reduction order is to be extended to the 31 August 2025, in order to facilitate the pavement works and completion of the civils on the M4 Bus Priority Measures. ITS works will be completed in tandem or will follow. However, the ITS works will be less intrusive and should not require the varioguard and/or speed limit order. Kildare County Council is liaising with TII regarding a date for when the Bus Priority measures can become operable.

The report was noted.

**CM21/0325**

**Clane Inner Relief Road**

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

Can the council provide an update on the Clane Inner Relief Road extension through Capdoo, with an outline of phases for completion and an estimate of when it may be transferred to the council for public use?



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A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that Works to the Clane Inner Relief Road are progressing well. The road is scheduled to open in Quarter 3, once all outstanding works are completed. These works include the tie in on the Kilcock Road, the road safety audit, preparation of the safety file and the completion of the handover process.

The report was noted.

### **CM22/0325**

#### **Costings for Ramp, Coill Dubh National School**

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

Can the council provide a costing for raising the ramp at Coill Dubh National School and adding a second ramp on the other side of the entrance?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that in general, a new ramp will cost in the region of €7,000. However, prior to any ramps being installed a drainage assessment would be required to ensure water does not pond at a ramp. There is no funding allocated for these works in 2025.

The report was noted.

### **CM230325**

#### **Bridge Rehabilitation Works, Kilcock**

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

Can the council provide an update on the timescales and schedule of works that will be undertaken on the Rye Bridge Kilcock (R158) under the 2025 Bridge Rehabilitation Works Scheme?

A Report was received from the Transport Department informing members that contractor has been appointed to complete these works. Most of the works to be completed at this bridge are in stream works and cannot commence until July at the earliest due to restrictions imposed by Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Some out of stream works may be progressed in advance of this however the scope of works does not include any road resurfacing.

The report was noted.



**CM24/0325**

**To consider the Parks Works Programme 2025.**

The members received a presentation from Ms. P O'Rourke, Climate Action Co-ordinator in relation to Open Space Management – Alternative Maintenance

- Ongoing collaboration regarding alternative maintenance
- Wicklow County Council Joins as partner
- Grass to Gas Dashboard has 2 project summary - April Full Council Meeting
- Aim to promote green infrastructure as a strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to deliver wide range of ecosystem services, while also enhancing biodiversity.
- Results received in relation to Transect and Pan Trap surveys
- Discussed pollinator and plant species networks on Agricultural v's Town Park sites.

The members received a presentation from Mr. S Wallace on the Parks Works Programme 2024 for their consideration.

Members noted the following:

- Neat and Tidy element of Tidy Towns could be at odds with Park Works
- Guidance would need to be given to Tidy Towns
- Queried what stage Carton Avenue was at
- How many Information Boards were in the county and what cost was involved.
- Was there a policy for Bee Hotels and pollinator initiatives in the Parks Works

Mr S Wallace informed members that there are currently 5 communication boards in the county, one in each MD. Each board had a cost of €12,000. 1110 CRMs were answered last year. Carton Avenue Draft Plan was ready to go to Part 8. Wildflower areas and a reduction on grass cutting where possible in the Municipal District were important and constantly reviewed, may be scope for increased wildflower areas on margins and the department tries to expand this year on year.

Members thanked the Parks department for the presentations.



**CM25/0325**

**Playground for Straffan**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney  
Can the council provide an update on discussions with Straffan GAA and other interested parties with regard to the provision of a playground in Straffan?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing members that discussions are ongoing with Straffan GAA in relation to locating a playground within their grounds. There haven't been any discussions with other parties but if there are other suitable sites available elsewhere in the village we would be willing to engage with the relevant owners.

The report was noted.

**CM26/0325**

**Age friendly Housing Units**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Mulroe.  
That the council provides an update on the expected delivery of Age Friendly housing units including number and location that will be delivered in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District within the timeframe of the current Age Friendly Kildare County Strategy 2023 to 2027.

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

A report was received from the Housing department informing members that there is no specific age friendly scheme due for delivery in the MD within the timeframe at present, Kildare County Council supported an Approved Housing Body to deliver Age Friendly Accommodation in Clane, which we will follow up on. The Allocations Scheme allows the council to prioritise allocations on the basis of age, this is regularly implemented. Significant stock of suitable units are being delivered by the Council and Approved Housing Bodies, via ground floor apartments and apartments with lifts. The specifications for both Council and Approved Housing Bodies properties have been updated to include removal of baths and inclusion of level access shower units on all ground floor units to make units more sustainable and accessible. 20% of all new housing developments with 10 units or more



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delivered under the current county development plan are required to be Universally Designed. Most of these UD dwellings are suitable for older people or people with mobility issues. There is Existing Older Person Stock in this Municipal District. Requirement for Age Friendly stock is always discussed with the Approved Housing Bodies.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the department for the report and asked that the Municipal District Members be updated on approved Housing units in Clane.

Ms E McGrath informed members that applications are prepared for 8 units, and these would be submitted to the Department.

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

### CM27/0325

#### **Retrofitting Scheme in the Municipal District**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Feeney  
Can the council provide an update on its retrofitting scheme in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing members that in 2024 16 Units were retrofitted in Greenfields and Blacklion Maynooth and, Chapel View Kilcock. For the previous scheme 20 units were upgraded in Ottomy and 18 in Ashbrook. Presently unit allowances are the subject of further discussion with the Department and once this is confirmed the team will be in a position to determine the next units for Retrofit in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District.

Councillor Feeney thanked the department for the report and noted that the Demonstration house was a great example of retrofit and accessibility in the Municipal District. Councillor Feeney thanked the Director and all the Team for their work on the project noting that the public wanted to visit and was good for people to see how retrofitting worked. Councillor Feeney also noted that she hoped that the department would inform of the next tranche of retrofit for the Municipal District, funding this was important for the Municipal Districts in order to retrofit stock for the public.

The report was noted



**CM28/0325**

**Update on Social Housing Development, Maynooth**

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

Can the council provide an update and completion date for the social housing development on Straffan Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Housing department informing the members that the completion date for the project at Greenfields is on programme for Q4 2025.

Councillor T Durkan noted that it was good to see progress and enquired if this development would be allocated in Q4 2025.

Ms E McGrath informed members that it would be Q1 2026 before these were allocated. The report was noted.

**CM29/0325**

**24-hour Garda station in Maynooth**

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

That this council writes to the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner calling for a 24-hour Garda station in Maynooth.

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

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

Councillor Feeney asked members to support this motion.

Members noted the following:

- There were a number of black spots in Maynooth
- A growing population of 35 to 38,000 people, a university and a train station.
- Leixlip Garda station was a considerable distance away from Maynooth and the population required a full time garda station





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- There were several large estates in Maynooth also and it was the largest population in the county
- It was surprising that there was no full time garda station in the town.
- Clarification was needed on what 24 hours meant – was it open 24 hours or are there members of an Garda Síochána present 24 hours.

Councillor Feeney said she would liaise with Corporate Services in relation to the letter and be clear in what was needed in Maynooth.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all members that a letter be issued to the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner calling for a 24-hour Garda station in Maynooth.

### CM30/0325

#### Update on Primary Care Centre for Maynooth

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

That this council writes to the Integrated Healthcare Area Manager, HSE Kildare West Wicklow, to ask for an update on the securing of a suitable site for a primary care centre for Maynooth in light of the allocated zoning for such in the Maynooth JLAP.

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

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

Councillor Melrose asked members to support this motion.

Members noted the following:

- An update was needed on whether a site was secured for this
- There had been previous correspondence in relation to securing a site
- There is zoning allocated in Maynooth for this already
- Maynooth needed this in relation to population size alone
- Needed access to this for families, older people and the public



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- Did not accept that the HSE could not find a site for this
- There was a lot of traffic movement to and from Maynooth
- Maynooth and Leixlip needed a standalone service

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Melrose and agreed by all members that a letter be issued to the Integrated Healthcare Area Manager, HSE Kildare West Wicklow asking the HSE to providing an update on the securing of a suitable site for a primary care centre for Maynooth in light of the allocated zoning for such in the Maynooth JLAP.

### CM31/0325

#### Carton House Maynooth, Wall Repair Works

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

That the council writes to the owners of Carton House Maynooth requesting repair works to be carried out to the collapsed wall along the R148 in County Kildare.

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

A report was received from Corporate, People and Cultural Services informing members that this is a matter for members to agree.

Councillor T Durkan noted that the wall was part of our built heritage and was a famine wall. There was a large section of the wall in county Meath that has collapsed already. A particular section of the Wall at Carton house was collapsing onto a public trackway and needed to be repaired.

Members noted the following:

- Heritage grants may be available to help with works
- Heritage Team may be of help to new owners

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T Durkan, seconded by Councillor W Durkan and agreed by all members that a letter be issued to the owners of Carton House Maynooth requesting repair works to be carried out to the collapsed wall along the R148 in County Kildare.



**CM32/0325**

**Built Heritage Conservation Works Clane-Maynooth Municipal District**

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

Can the council provide an update on the progress of the built heritage conservation works within the council's control in Clane-Maynooth Municipal District?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing members that it is the intention of the Heritage and Nature Unit to brief the Clane - Maynooth Municipal Districts at their April meeting, once confirmation of all grant applications submitted by KCC have been received and/or determined by the relevant Government Department.

The report was noted.

**CM33/0225**

**Dog Fouling Issues at Nancy's Lane in Clane**

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

That the council conducts a stenciling campaign to raise awareness of dog fouling issues at Nancy's Lane in Clane, in conjunction with additional signage.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing members that the council will facilitate provision of stencilling at the location in Clane as requested in the Notice of Motion. Signage has also been provided to the councillor and local residents.

Members noted the following:

- Lots of Dog Fouling in some areas
- LPT has been allocated and this needs to be sustained.

Councillor W Durkan asked that he be kept up to date on signs and stencilling so that they could be implemented at the same time.

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



**CM34/0325**

**Pilot Village for the Community CCTV Scheme**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
That the municipal district considers nominating Derrinturn as the pilot village for the community CCTV scheme in place of Clane.

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

A report was received from the Community Department informing members that Derrinturn may be considered as a pilot village for the community CCTV scheme provided the elected members agree to the reallocation of Local Property Tax to the project. The members should be aware that the establishment of a Local Authority led Community CCTV scheme is set out under S38 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 and S.28 of An Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act 2023.

Under both pieces of legislation, the establishment of Community CCTV schemes requires the authorisation/consultation of the local Joint Policing Committee (JPC) prior to submission of an application to the Garda Commissioner for approval.

As there is no longer a JPC in place to obtain this authorisation/consultation, there does not appear to be a mechanism currently available for Local Authorities to apply for establishment of any Community CCTV schemes at this time.

Under S38 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 and S.27 of An Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act 2023, members of An Garda Síochána can apply directly to the Garda Commissioner for authorisation for the installation of Community CCTV without recourse to the Joint Policing Committees, this appears the only mechanism currently available to progress Community CCTV schemes. It is not known at this stage if the required authorisations will be from part of the newly established Local Community Safety Partnerships which will replace the JPC, as regulations for same are currently awaited.

Members noted the following:

- Reports of an increase in antisocial behaviour that was having a negative impact on the residents of Derrinturn.



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- Derrinturn should be the first place to get CCTV, as it would be a huge benefit to the area.
- The people of Clane would be disappointed in this proposal as LPT has been allocated and a feasibility report and other works have been completed.
- It would be surprising if members decided to take this away from Clane
- Information and reports need to be gathered so that both areas can be examined and make an informed decision on the allocation of funding for CCTV.
- Requested that the item be put on the progress report.

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

### CM35/0325

#### **Emergency Response Resilience in Local Communities**

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

Can the council provide information as to any supports/grants available to community groups and administered through Kildare County Council in this municipal district regarding provision for emergency response resilience in local communities?

A report was received from the Community department informing members that Kildare County Council Community Department provides funding through the Community Grants Scheme to Community First Responder groups to allow for the purchase defibrillators, AED storage cabinets and training courses. Funding for these groups can also be availed of through the Dredge Grants Scheme once the groups are located within the proximity designated by the guidelines of the funding scheme. To further support such community groups, Kildare LCDC has contracted The Wheel to issue a publication for Kildare which includes all EU, national, philanthropic and local funding information for community and voluntary groups in the county. This is circulated via the PPN, LCDC, KCC and other social media platforms. This provides other potential funding sources which may benefit community organisations.



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Councillor Mulroe thanked the department for the report, noting that these schemes aid resilience and noted that Climate Action was important as well. Councillor Mulroe asked if local grant schemes could be expanded.

The report was noted.

### **CM36/0325**

#### **Wastewater Issues in Mooretown Drive, Rathcoffey.**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor W Durkan  
Can the council provide an update of any actions taken to advance a solution to wastewater issues in Mooretown Drive, Rathcoffey?

A report was received from the Meeting Administrator informing members that Uisce Eireann have been contacted via the dedicated email address in relation to this issue. As soon as correspondence is received members will be notified.

Ms M Higgins, District Manager noted that Uisce Eireann have been given all elected members most up to date email addresses, as a combined approach in relation to contact with Uisce Eireann was important.

The report was noted.

### **CM37/0325**

#### **Investigate Drain Slate River Derrymullen**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wyse.  
Can the council investigate the drain running to the Slate River from Derrymullen for blockages or other restrictions in its flow?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing that the Council's Drainage Maintenance Team will inspect those drains within the drainage district and add them to the maintenance schedule, if required.

The report was noted.

### **CM38/0325**

#### **Benefits for Local Community, Drehid**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
Can the council confirm any benefits to the local community in light of the increased tonnage in Drehid Landfill as a result of a recent Bord Pleanála decision?



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A report was received from District Manager Ms M Higgins informing members that the recently granted An Bord Pleanála - Planning Reference Number PLO9.202509 (ref: 23317292) would need to be reviewed to determine any community gains.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.