



**Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 10 January 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber**

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

Apologies: Councillor A Feeney.

Officials Present: Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr A Hickey (Executive Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms B Griffith (Facilities Manager), Ms R Jackson (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr A Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

On the proposal of Councillor Councillor D Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor P McEvoy it was proposed and agreed by all members present that standing orders would be suspended to allow the meeting to commence at 10.15am.

CM01/1225

Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Ward proposed Councillor Fitzpatrick (Leas Cathaoirleach) as Cathaoirleach noting his over ten years of experience. Councillor Wyse seconded the nomination and noted that Councillor Fitzpatrick would do a great job as Cathaoirleach. Councillor Fitzpatrick's nomination was agreed by all members present, and Councillor Fitzpatrick was elected Cathaoirleach of Clane Maynooth Municipal District.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Wyse and agreed by all members present that Councillor Fitzpatrick be elected as Cathaoirleach



CM02/0125

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.

CM03/0125

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the together with the progress report the minutes of the Clane Maynooth Municipal District Meeting of 06 December 2024.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor T Durkan and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the monthly Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 06 December 2024 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

CM04/0125

Municipal District Road Works Programme

General Works:

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

LPT Funding

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

Roads Programme 2025

The announcement of funding from the Department of Transport for 2025 is expected in late January or early February 2025.



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A PowerPoint presentation was given by Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer) giving members an overview of works completed in 2024 in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District.

Members noted the following:

- It was a team effort in Transport and the team was first class
- Delivery and advice were always excellent.
- Thank you to the teams who work at night for the Municipal District especially salting the roads recently and on tree works.
- Transport makes good use of resources it has to get the job done
- Team was productive and effective
- What was the cost of providing school zones. Was the cost of LED signs included in the overall costs.

Mr C Buggie thanked Councillors for their feedback and advised that the cost per school would be approximately ten thousand euro but noted that each school would be assessed separately, and the cost may be less than this depending on a number of factors such as location. Pencil Bollards cost three hundred euro each and solar panel electric signs at a cost of five to six thousand euro, but they are not included in this costing. Mr Buggie also informed Councillors that there is currently a one way traffic system at Cock bridge near Caragh as a result of a vehicle collision with the bridge. The bridge is under the control of Waterways Ireland and Kildare County Council is currently liaising with them on this issue and a site visit had been carried out.

The report was noted.

CM05/0125

Allocation of LPT

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor(s) T. Durkan, W. Durkan and Councillor Wyse.



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That the members allocate €300,000 of LPT money to the area engineer to deliver safety improvement works outside all national schools within the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to include pencil bollards, school zone road markings and warning lights.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing members that the allocation of funding under LPT is a matter for the members to agree.

Members noted the following:

- All schools in Clane Maynooth Municipal District should be zone marked, and it was unfair to have some schools completed and others not completed
- School Zone markings were visible and effective and had a strong impact in relation to rural schools and safety
- Derrinturn School had benefitted from School Zone markings, and it is badly needed at Killina and Timahoe schools and all schools in the Municipal District who did not have them
- Parking at Staplestown school needed to be looked at, maybe parking at the GAA which would require a footpath to GAA club
- This looked like a huge amount of money, but this was what Local property tax was designed to do
- Could schools be progressed and could cost be recouped from the National Transport Authority after completion
- In favour of funding school zones but further information was required in relation to the costings for the works.

Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer) informed Councillors that unless the Scheme was supported by the the National Transport Authority costs could not be recouped afterwards. All schools were different, so cost of providing School Zone Markings would vary as was spoken about earlier. The costing of three hundred thousand euro was for Primary Schools in the Municipal District only and does not include Secondary Schools in the Municipal District.



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Staplestown school parking would mean footpaths would have to be widened, this linked into removing parking and finding a balance if the footpath was linked to GAA for parking, which would need additional funding.

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

CM06/0125

Addition of Roads to the 2025 Works Programme

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

That the council adds roads at Dunfeirth Crossroads, both westbound (L-1004) and southbound (L-5013), to the 2025 works programme regarding resurfacing and road markings.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing members that this request will be considered as part of the roadworks programme for 2025.

Councillor W Durkan noted that it was good to see that this would be considered for 2025.

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

CM07/0125

Install Right Turn Lane, Maynooth

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

That the council installs a right-turn lane at the junction of Lyreen Avenue and Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the construction of Lyreen Avenue was completed by third party developers on the basis of transport analysis produced by them and the subsequent planning consent granted. There are no plans to increase the vehicular capacity at this junction and such a proposal would not be in accordance with national and regional policies.



Members noted the following:

- National and Regional Policies were accepted but something needed to be done at this junction
- Traffic solutions needed to be looked at to ensure traffic was able to flow at optimal levels and a right-hand turn could facilitate this.
- Driver behaviour was not what it could be at this junction
- Cars were frequently stuck at this junction and some national policies need to be integrated with local needs.

Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) noted that this could be subject to change and could be maintained in future.

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

CM08/0125

Proposed Bin Collection Service in Straffan

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

That the council costs the provision of a street bin collection service in Straffan on a bi-weekly basis.

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

A report was provided informing members noting that there is no existing spare capacity within the current bin collection service to provide bin collection in Straffan. In order to expand the service additional vehicles and staffing would be required.

Members noted the following:

- It was not physically possible to empty bins in Straffan
- Report was appreciated but this would have to be looked at in future



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- What options were available to enable this to be done
- Any help in relation to emptying bins in Straffan would be appreciated

Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer) informed Councillors that currently the bin crew were working at capacity. A solution was additional crew be recruited but this would be at a high cost. Overtime was another option but also came at a cost.

Councillor Melrose noted that these were options which should be examined.

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

CM09/0125

Footpath from Staplestown Village to GAA Club

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

That the council, as a matter of urgency, continues the footpath from Staplestown Village to the GAA Club.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that there is currently no funding allocated for the provision of a footpath at this location. The members may wish to include this as part of the consideration for funding in 2025 LPT discussions.

Members noted the following:

- The Area Engineer was aware of the issue
- Residents walk from the Village to the GAA club and something needed to be done quickly
- Can a costing be provided to inform discussions



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Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer) informed Councillors that costs could be looked at.

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

CM10/0125

Bin Collection

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T Durkan that Kildare County Council takes over the public bin collection service in Straffan.

The motion was proposed by Councillor T Durkan and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that there is no existing spare capacity within the current bin collection service to provide bin collection in Straffan. In order to expand the service additional vehicles and staffing would be required.

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

CM11/0125

Pedestrian Safety and Local Access Requirements for the L5078 Capdoo Lane

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

That the council considers pedestrian safety and local access requirements for the L5078 Capdoo Lane during work to connect the Clane Inner Relief Road extension through the Coach Road development in Clane while mitigating risks from eternal through-traffic.

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

A Report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing that Kildare County Council roads planning section and the Municipal District Office will engage with the



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developer of the Clane Inner Relief Road to ensure adequate measures are in place during the final phases of the project.

Members noted the following:

- Traffic was getting stuck in the lane in opposite directions for large amounts of time.
- Trench was left open during Covid while Uisce Eireann were carrying out sewer upgrade works.
- Impact on traffic on Capdoo Lane, Sallins bypass and Kilcock
- Would impact pedestrians also. People wanted a quiet road, this could be a quiet road candidate.
- Asked that risks be considered when deciding any road closures.

Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer) informed Councillors that Kildare County Council would engage with developer and take on board suggestions.

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

CM12/0125

Redefine R409-R403 Junction at Blackwood Crossroads

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

That the council seeks resources to redefine the R409-R403 junction at Blackwood Crossroads near Dag Weld's pub for improved vehicle positions and sightlines for approaching traffic.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing members that Kildare County Council is progressing a scheme to tighten the south side of this junction and remove the existing poles to improve sightlines at this junction. A quotation has been accepted from Eir for the diversion works and a design package is being prepared for the works.



Members noted the following

- Seemed to be movement on this issue and welcomed the report
- Dag Weld's ESB and Service poles needed to be looked at
- South side of the road cars had ambition to move forward
- Accidents occurred here, this was a hazardous junction
- Anything that could decrease accidents here would be welcomed
- Junction improvement works must be prioritised with Allenwood Cross being at the top of the list.
- Bus stop location was also an issue.

Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer) informed Councillors that the scheme to tighten the south side of this junction and remove the existing poles to improve sightlines at this junction was ongoing and a long term project would improve the junction.

Councillor McEvoy noted that progress could be made here at a small cost on the South side of the junction and that a good example of this was Millicent Cross work on sightlines.

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

CM13/0125

Clean up of Highfield Laneway, Kilcock

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

That the council undertakes to carry out a comprehensive clean up of the rear laneway in Highfield Estate, Kilcock.

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

A report was received from Environment informing the members that the council's Community Warden will carry out an assessment of the work required including an estimated cost for the requested clean-up.



Members noted the following:

- There was an accumulation of soil and vegetation in the area
- A truck and a digger could solve the issue

Ms R Jackson, Administrative Office Environment, informed members that this had been referred to the clean-up crew but would be a once off cleaning of the area.

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

CM14/0125

Public Lighting Review, Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock

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

That the Council undertakes a public lighting review of Royal Meadow Estate, Kilcock.

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

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that The Public Lighting Database (Deadsure) does not have any faulty lights logged in this area. It is not clear what the specific issues are. Please send us a location map highlighting the area of concern and exact nature of the review being requested.

Councillor Ward informed members that there were black spots and dark areas in relation to lighting in some housing estates and that additional lights may be needed and asked what was the procedure to get another light.

Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) noted that funding was a challenge but if there was a specific request for a light it could be looked at.

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

CM15/0154

Lighting at Boherhole Cross



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The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor W Durkan.
Can the council provide an update on the pending ESB connection to lights at Boherhole Cross, and expected completion date?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that due to storm Daragh, there has been an increase in the number of outages. ESB have advised us that they are still overwhelmed by the workload resulting from storm Daragh and are prioritising restoring power to homes. Unfortunately, we are unable to give an expected date as it is out of the control of Kildare County Council and the Public Lighting Contractor. We will continue liaise with ESB to prioritise the work.

Councillor W Durkan noted that this was an ongoing case before Storm Daragh. Anything that could be done to progress this would be good and the report was appreciated.

The report was noted.

CM16/0125

Parking and Park and Ride Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Melrose.
Can the council outline what steps it will now explore in relation to parking in Kilcock, given the lack of progress in reopening the park and ride service?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing members that the park and ride facility that operated under a lease in Kilcock from November 2018 to November 2023 was under-utilised with minimal usage despite being within a 3-minute walk of Kilcock Railway Station and the Square. This facility was run at a deficit and the lease was not renewed by the carpark owner. Since the termination of the lease by the owners of the facility, Kildare County Council Transport Department examined a number of sites and has not, to date, identified a suitable location that would be appropriate for parking. The Transport Department will consider a review of the Kilcock parking bye-laws to identify measures consistent with local and national policy to reduce the dependency on parking in the town center and encourage a greater turnover of parking spaces. The



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Transport Department is willing to engage with third parties to identify an appropriate location for additional parking.

Councillor Melrose noted that the lack of progress was frustrating. If the park and ride was not an option, what would the next step be. People need cars to go to work and a place to park them also.

Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) informed Members that Kildare County Council would be happy to work with a third party if land becomes available.

The report was noted

CM17/0125

Taking in Charge of Section of Moyglare Road and Pumping Station at Maynooth Education Campus

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Melrose.
Can the council provide a progress report on the taking-in-charge of the section of Moyglare Road and pumping station at Maynooth Education Campus?

A report was received from Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces informing the members that Kildare County Council are still awaiting documentation (Road Safety Audit) from KWETB as part of the taking in charge process in relation to Moyglare Hall Link Road. The pumping station will be taken in charge along with the Moyglare Hall housing estate. The developer of the Moyglare Hall housing estate is currently in the process of putting together the documentation in order to commence the taking in charge process for the housing estate and pumping station.

Councillor Melrose enquired as to who carried out the audit. There were still ongoing issues here. A timeline was needed for this and further clarification was needed on the process.

Mr C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer) stated that the pumping station was property of Uisce Éireann and not KWETB. Building Control will engage with both Uisce Éireann and the developer, once all documentation has been received, the taken in charge request will be brought to the members for approval.



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The report was noted

CM18/0125

Upgrade to Coill Dubh back lane

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

A report was received informing the members that there is no funding allocated to the back lanes in Coill Dubh. The members may wish to include this as part of the consideration for funding in 2025 LPT discussions.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said he noted the report but that there were still issues to be addressed here.

The report was noted

CM19/0125

Maynooth Orbital Route

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

Can the council confirm a road opening date for the Maynooth orbital route from Straffan Road to Celbridge Road?

A report was received informing members that following the completion of surfacing works on the new connecting road from the Straffan Road to the Celbridge Road there are some outstanding works to complete such as line markings and the road safety audit. These works are scheduled to be completed in January 2025 with the road to open thereafter. A further update can be provided in January as these works are completed.

The report was noted.

CM20/0125

Clane Safe Routes to School

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

Can the council outline progress on the Clane Safe Routes to School project?

A report was received informing members that An Taisce Green Schools and Kildare County Council met with the principals and staff of Scoil Bhide and Scoil Phadraig in Clane to discuss the proposed Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Delivery Plan in parallel with meetings with the sports clubs regarding the proposed permeability link from the Ballinagappa Road to the Prosperous Road to facilitate walking from the northside of Clane



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to the schools, and a meeting with Clane GAA Club regarding formalisation of the Park and Stride arrangements in Clane GAA Car Park across from Scoil Bhríde.

The key action is the implementation of the SRTS Delivery Plan for Scoil Bhíde and Scoil Phadraig which given the recent works at this location, will consist of new road markings/ pencil bollards and formalisation of the Park and Stride at Clane GAA Club car park along with development of the proposed permeability link from the Ballinagappa Road to the Prosperous Road to facilitate student access to the schools on the Prosperous Road, Clane.

Councillor McEvoy said he was happy with the report.

The report was noted.

CM21/0125

Amenities in Johnstownbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor W Durkan.
Can the council confirm if it has any plans to develop amenities at Johnstown Bridge?

A report was received informing members that there are no immediate plans to develop amenities at Johnstown Bridge. It has been identified as a location to provide a playground in in the Kildare Play Strategy. This would require the identification of an appropriate site and funding to provide it.

Councillor W Durkan asked if a location could be identified and when it could proceed.

Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer) informed Members that resources had to be balanced and that there were not unlimited resources.

The report was noted.

CM22/0125

Tree Works Kilcock

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward
Can the council provide a progress report on second round tree works in Royal Meadows Estate, Kilcock.

A report was received informing members that arrangements are being made to have the additional works in Royal Meadows carried out.



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Councillor Ward noted that he was happy with the report.

The report was noted.

CM23/0125

Carbury Mushroom

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick
That this council invites a representative from Carbury Mushroom to a Municipal District Meeting to discuss the bad odour at certain times in the local area.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Wyse.
A report was received from Corporate Services informing members that this is a matter for members to agree.

Members noted the following:

- Smell was bad at times in the local area
- Derrinturn Village and school was affected also
- Would be benefited to meet with them regarding issues
- Maybe an in committee meeting would be better than at the Municipal District meeting

Members agreed to issue a letter to Carbury Mushrooms inviting them to an in committee Meeting to discuss the bad odour at certain times in the local area.

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

CM24/0125

Basketball Court Kilcock

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T Durkan
That the council considers providing an outdoor basketball court adjacent to the new community centre in Kilcock.

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



A report was received informing members that there is no objection in principle to providing a basketball court in the Bawnogues. The new playground is going to occupy the land surrounding the community centre. Therefore, other locations within the lands will have to be examined to see where a court could fit. This will be examined as part of our works programme for 2025. Any progression to constructing a facility will require funding to be identified and will be subject to the completion of existing commitments within the Municipal District first.

Councillor T Durkan noted the report and suggested that if there was no funding, LPT could be looked at.

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

CM25/0125

Pipe Repair Works Allen to Kilmeague

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. Can the council confirm when the pipe repair works from Allen to Kilmeague will be completed?

A report was received from Corporate Services informing members that this question has been sent to Uisce Eireann via the dedicated email address for reply. As soon as further information is received members will be notified.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that he would like to know when this would be completed and awaited a response.

The report was noted.

CM26/0125

Maynooth Community Space Audit

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



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Can the council provide an update on the upgrading of the Maynooth community space following on from a safety and disability audit requested in September 2023?

A report was received from Facilities informing members that Based on the completed building report Facilities and Community are currently investigating various funding streams with regard carrying out the necessary works in the building.

Councillor T Durkan enquired as to whether there was a costing and noted that toilets in the facility must be fully accessible.

Mr B Griffith, Facilities Manager informed members that the council were currently looking at funding schemes, will get costings and complete all work to a high standard.

The report was noted.

CM27/0125

Waste Levels Recovered from Public Spaces in 2024

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

Can the council update the Municipal District Committee on waste levels recovered in 2024 from public areas in the municipal district, particularly in support of initiatives like the Green Kilometre and other community clean-ups?

A report was received informing members that **Kildare** County Council collected 21 tonnes from community clean-ups in 2024. This includes the Green Mile programme, Tidy Town's and community clean-up that took place across county Kildare.

Councillor McEvoy thanked Kildare County Council for the report and thanked the crews who did the clean up.

The report was noted.

