Minutes of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday 10 April 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber

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

Members Online: Councillors D. Phelan, P. McEvoy, P. Mulroe and P. Melrose.

Apologies: Councillors W. Durkan

Officials Present: Ms. M. Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C. Galvin, (Senior Engineer), Mr. C. Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. S. Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Mr. L McNeela, (Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. D. Carey (Executive Engineer), Ms. P. Pender (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. G. Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mr. K. Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. E. McGrath (Administrative Officer), Ms. M. Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Foran (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor B. Wyse (Cathaoirleach) welcomed everybody to the Clane Maynooth Municipal District meeting of 10 April 2026 and noted apologies from Councillor W. Durkan, he informed the members that Councillor T. Durkan would move Councillor W. Durkan's motions on his behalf.

CM01/0426

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.

CM02/0426

Minutes and Progress Report

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

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

CM03/0426

Municipal District Road Works Programme

General Works

The road side gullies and water cuts are currently being cleaned across the district. The crews are prepping roads for Surface Dressing Round 1 which will commence 4th week in May.

LPT Funding

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

Roads Programme 2026

Road Improvement Schemes 2026

Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and Townland Name	Status
LP	L2007	Straffan Bridge	Onsite
R	R403	Richardstown	Onsite
LS,LT	L7074	Robertstown	Tendered
LT	L70841	Ballintine	Tendered
LS	L5040	Confert South	Design
LS	L 5008	Clogherinkoe	Design
R	R403	Derrinturn	Design
R	R401	Bracknagh	Design
LP	L1004	Dunfierth	Design

R	R414	Allenwood South	Design
R	R403	Allenwood	Design
LP	L1019	Cooleragh	Design
LS	L7081	Mylerstown	Design
LP	L1008	Hortlands	Design
R	L5042	Crinstown	Design
LS	L5073	Garvoge	Design
LS	L5022	Rathmore	Design
LS	L5009	Painstown	Design
LS	L5004	Kilrainy	Design

Road Maintenance Schemes 2026

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

Climate Adaptation Schemes 2026

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

Former National Roads 2026

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

Safety Improvement Works 2026

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

Drainage

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

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

Footpaths

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

Braydon Pk Kilcock	Complete
L7081 Kilmeague Rd Prosperous	Complete
Brookfield Maynooth	Construction Stage

Meadowbrook Rd	Complete
L1013 Dunboyne Rd. Maynooth.	Complete
L5035 Painstown Rd. Rathcoffey	Complete

The report was noted.

CM04/0426

To agree the residual 2025/ 2026 LPT allocations for the Municipal District

This item was deferred until the May meeting of Clane Maynooth Municipal District.

CM05/0426

Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

The members noted the commencement of the Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, Proposed Safe Routes to School Scheme at Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Prosperous.

CM06/0426

Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

The members noted Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, Proposed Junction Improvement Scheme at Blackwood - Dagwelds between the R409 and the R403.

CM07/0426

Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

The members noted Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, Proposed Junction Improvement Scheme at Allenwood where the R403 meets the R415 and L1020.

CM08/0426

Assessment of Moyglare Road, Maynooth

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

That the council undertakes an assessment of Moyglare Road, Maynooth for the introduction of traffic calming measures, including but not limited to, raised pedestrian crossings, speed ramps and driver speed feedback signs.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that it is important to note the Moyglare road was upgraded a few years ago as part of the Maynooth North South corridor scheme funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA). Safety audits would have been carried out during design and on completion of this scheme. The Municipal District office will arrange for a traffic count and speed survey to be carried out on the Moyglare Road to help inform any decision-making process.

Councillor Melrose thanked the Department and accepted the report.

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

CM09/0426

Assessment of Bridge Street Maynooth

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

That this council carries out an assessment of Bridge Street, Kilcock, focusing on road width, footpath width, traffic flow and the impact of current parking arrangements on bus movement, pedestrian safety and cycling access.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Transportation Department will assess Bridge Street and the issue outlined. In reviewing the current parking bylaws and layout there appears to be a number of issues that can be addressed. Also, it appears that inappropriate parking can cause an issue for larger vehicles using the street. The parking bye law enforcement can be increased to promote appropriate parking practices.

Councillor Melrose thanked the Department for the report and noted that pedestrians and cyclists need to be prioritised, there are real issues here and a need for visceral measure to be implemented. Councillor Melrose noted that it would be good to meet the Municipal District Engineer on site also.

Councillor McEvoy noted that the road user hierarchy must be kept in mind, and that public transport should not impeded by car users.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management informed the members that there are a number of locations and issues that can be looked at, especially inappropriate parking.

It was agreed that the Municipal District Engineer would meet Councillor Melrose on site.

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

CM10/0426

Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) screens at Bus Stops in Maynooth

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

That the council engages with relevant bus service providers to increase the number of Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) screens at bus stops given the rise in the number of buses in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that Kildare County Council will engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and shelter provider to assess the possibility of adding Real-Time Passenger Information (RTPI) units to existing shelters and bus stop locations.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Department for the report and noted that any engagement on this is welcomed and real time information displays in town centre locations which have higher passenger usage may help in relation to ghost buses which never arrive. A QR code would be an option at bus stops also and anything than could be done to promote bus use and make it a good experience is welcomed.

Councillor McEvoy noted that there is a display unit which is turned off in Clane, close to the Garda station which could be relocated.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer, informed the members that the Department will work with the NTA on this.

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

CM11/0426

Feasibility study to assess extension of the footpath along the R405

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

That the council undertakes a feasibility study to assess the extension of the existing footpath along the R405 from the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) junction to the bridge crossing the N4, in order to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity for residents in the Barrogstown area, Maynooth, enabling safe access to local schools, shops and services, as this route is currently heavily trafficked and lacks continuous pedestrian infrastructure, presenting a significant safety concern, particularly for families and school children.

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

The Transport members informed the members that there is no funding to deliver this, and it is not identified on the Work Programme or in the Capital Programme. There is insufficient roadside verge available, works would require land take and the removal of hedgerow.

Councillor Phelan thanked the Department and accepted the report.

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

CM12/0426

Yellow Box to be installed on Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

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

That the council installs a yellow box road marking at the St. John of God service on Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

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

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

Councillor Feeney thanked the Department and hoped that a yellow box would be considered for this location due to the nature of the service.

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

CM13/0426

Renew Line Markings, Calfstown

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

That the council renews line markings at 'Nan Brennan's' junction on the L-1002, Calfstown, (Carbury).

The motion was proposed by Councillor T. Durkan on behalf of Councillor W. Durkan and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the line markings at this location will be assessed and renewed if required.

Councillor T. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and asked if Councillor W. Durkan could be met on site by the Municipal District Engineer.

The District Engineer agreed to the request.

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

CM14/0426

Expediate the Delivery of Planned Bus Stop Upgrades in the Municipal District

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

That the council takes urgent action to expediate the delivery of planned bus stop upgrades throughout the municipal district.

The motion was proposed by Councillor T. Durkan on behalf of Councillor W. Durkan and seconded by Councillor Feeney.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council has over 500 bus stop locations across the county and are limited by resources and funding in how many bus stop upgrade project we can deliver per year. Having said that, Kildare County Council's Sustainable Transport Department currently have 9 bus stop upgrade projects at completion or at practical completion in the Clane/Maynooth Municipal District for 2026. There is also 1 Bus shelter project set to commence within the next 6 weeks. Future bus stop and bus shelter upgrade works are currently being designed and will be progressed through the National Transport Authority (NTA) approval, Road Safety Audit and Section 38 procedures as required for delivery in 2027 and beyond.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that some bus stops have been removed without notice and incorrectly, asking when the bus stop at the old bog road will be replaced as people rely on this bus stop and currently have to walk up to 2 kilometres into Kilcock on a busy road.

Councillor Wyse noted that that it is helpful that there is now a dedicated staff member working on this in Kildare County Council and that Local Link do a good job. Bus stop upgrades are also needed in Allenwood Village.

Mr. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer informed the members that there is a commitment from the executive that a dedicated person will remain in place and future bus stop and bus shelter upgrade works will be progressed through the National Transport Authority (NTA) approval, Road Safety Audit and Section 38 procedures.

Councillor T. Durkan asked if a letter could be written to the NTA requesting that they attend a municipal district meeting to address the issues.

It was agreed that the Transport Department write to the NTA in relation to this item.

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

CM15/0426

Speed survey on the L1003 road at Kilmore, Johnstownbridge.

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

That the council carries out a speed survey on the L1003 road at Kilmore, Johnstownbridge.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that the Municipal District office will arrange for a speed survey to be carried out on the L1003 at Kilmore in the coming weeks.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the report and informed the members that it is good to see the speed survey being carried out as there has been an increase in both volume of vehicles and speed at this location.

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

CM16/0426

Urgent Repair of Potholes in Kilcock

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

That the council carries out an urgent inspection and repair of numerous large potholes along the Laragh–Branganstown Road in Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing members that the Municipal District office will carry out an inspection of this road and carry out any remedial works required. This road is on the road works programme for surface dressing this year. Remedial works will be carried out in advance of any surface dressing.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report and noted that there were a huge number of potholes in this location from recent bad weather.

Mr. C. Buggie, Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the road in this area is narrow and the margins are soft, remedial works will be carried out in advance of any surface dressing with a view to improving passing areas.

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

CM17/0426

Traffic Management at Newtown National School, Kilcock

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

That the council assesses traffic management at Newtown National School Kilcock and report on the feasibility of a yellow box road marking, additional bus bay, and double yellow lines, as illegal parking is obstructing visibility and creating a safety hazard at peak times.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the public realm in front of this school was upgraded in the last couple of years with new footpaths, school pencil bollards, school zone markings and a new footpath to link to the local GAA club carpark to facilitate park and stride. The Municipal District Engineer will meet with Councillor Ward and the school principal on site to get a full understanding of the issue being experienced.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report and requested that the onsite meeting take place as soon as possible.

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

CM18/0426

Review of Traffic Light Sequence, Maynooth

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

That the council carries out a review of the traffic light sequence on the Straffan and Meadowbrook Road junction, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section have assessed the traffic light sequences on the junction in question. The junctions at Meadowbrook Link Road and Mullen Park Road are synchronised together allowing progression through both. The junctions operate at off peak periods in an adaptive control system called Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) which varies the timings based on traffic flows through both junctions. In the peak periods the junctions are co-ordinated by the Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT) Traffic Control System, this system looks at Maynooth as a network and controls all signals in Maynooth based on the traffic flows into and around the town. The minimum green on all approaches to the junction is set to 7 seconds, all timings are considered as safety features and have both software and hardware monitoring to ensure all timings do not deviate from their settings, at no time can a green be displayed for 4 seconds. We have checked the operation of the junction, and it is operating normally.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that the issue was with the green filter arrow for turning right causing a traffic blockage for motorists going straight through the junction. This was leading to motorists using the local petrol station as a roundabout and a way to drive through the junction or to do a u-turn. Councillor T. Durkan noted that he accepted the report but asked if the filter light could be looked at crossing the junction.

Mr. C. Buggie, Municipal District Engineer noted that this can be looked at and Mr C Galvin noted that he would be happy to meet with Councillor T. Durkan on site but both noted that any change to the traffic light sequence could impact the traffic queue from the motorway.

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

CM19/0426

Cycle Stands and additional Cycle Parking in the Municipal District

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

That the council replaces or temporarily removes damaged cycle stands and indicate options to deploy additional cycle parking in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office maintain this infrastructure on the street and will replace damaged cycle stands as required. Kildare County Council will engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding possible funding opportunities for cycle parking facilities and generally forms part of schemes and upgrade works. Implementation/construction of cycle parking facilities is subject to availability of personnel and resources.

Councillor P. McEvoy informed the members that he will engage with the Transport Department in relation to locations of damaged cycle stands and also where stands had been removed but trip hazards left behind.

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

CM20/0426

Proposed Footpath Works, Boreen Road, Straffan

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

Can the council compile an estimated costing for a 1.8km stretch of footpath on Boreen Road, Straffan?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the delivery of a footpath at this location would be challenging in view of the significant

environmental and physical constraints on this section of road. As the councillor has asked a question, standing orders do not permit me to commit to any action on this matter.

Councillor Melrose thanked the Department for the report but noted that a costing was not included here.

Mr. C. Buggie noted that it is hard to put a cost on this as it is a significant job, there are a lot of variables to be considered and said he will engage with Councillor Melrose in relation to this.

The report was noted.

CM21/0426

Intelligent Sensor Systems in the Municipal District

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

Can the council provide an overview of any plans to introduce intelligent sensor systems for pedestrian crossings including demand cancellations, dynamic green time detectors, and in-ground crossing lights in this municipal district to increase efficiency in the SCOOT system?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that all traffic signal junctions and pedestrian crossings use detection technology to improve efficiency. Traffic signals operate based on the presence and movement of vehicles rather than fixed timings and pedestrian crossings use radar detectors to monitor traffic queues and gaps so that pedestrians can cross as efficiently as possible. Some pedestrian crossings can also use demand cancellation technology (pedestrian kerbside detectors). These detectors are relatively expensive and are therefore only installed where there is a demonstrated and recurring issue with abandoned pedestrian calls. Each location must be assessed individually as they are not suitable in all areas e.g. particularly where footpaths are narrow or pedestrian activity is high. Dynamic green times are already provided through the existing detection systems and form part of how the Split Cycle Offset Optimisation

Technique (SCOOT) traffic control system operates. In-ground pedestrian crossing lights are not currently used in the county. They are not included in Kildare County Council specifications and are not provided for in the Department of Transport's Road Signs Manual. The Council will continue to keep traffic and pedestrian technologies under review and compliant with national guidance and when resources are available.

Councillor Melrose enquired as to whether dynamic lighting was in place in Kilcock and asked enquired about more information.

Mr. C. Galvin informed the members that he will revert to Councillor Melrose with further information.

The report was noted.

CM22/0426

New Road Bridge at Jackson Bridge, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if it is working with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Irish Rail regarding a new road bridge at Jackson Bridge, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Roads Capital Projects Team are working with the DART+ Depot Project Team to deliver a new bridge adjacent to Jackson Bridge.

The report was noted.

CM23/0426

Replacement of the Prosperous Town Sign at the Downings, Prosperous

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

Can the council confirm when Old Greenfield Lane, Maynooth will be resurfaced following works (now completed) by Uisce Éireann in connection with the water mains replacement?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Uisce Éireann have requested a walk through with the road opening Inspector to agree the extents of the reinstatement. It is anticipated that the works will be carried out during Quarter 2 2026.

Councillor Feeney thanked the Department for the report and noted that LPT was used for this road in the past and reinstatement of the road must be up to standard and noted that it would be appreciated if she could be involved in the walk through.

Mr. C. Buggie informed the members that Uisce Éireann have a licence for these works to replace an old water main. During the water mains replacement additional connections were found. The permanent reinstatement had yet to be done but Kildare County Council expects the road to be put back to the required standard.

The report was noted.

CM24/0426

Snag list for Active Travel Scheme on Mill Street, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm if the snag list for the Active Travel Scheme on Mill Street, Maynooth has been fully completed, and if not, outline what outstanding works remain and the expected timeline for their completion?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that an extensive Defects Correction Schedule for the Mill Street Active Travel Scheme has been prepared and is being addressed by the Contractor. The contractor is required to address items within a 12 month defect liability period. The contractor has addressed the majority of issues notified to date. However, a number of items including high friction surfacing completion on the cycle lane at the Kilcock Road junction, line marking renewals and the connection of one outstanding public light at the Mill Street/Main Street junction remain to be addressed. The later requires a new ESB connection agreement which is currently being processed. If there are any particular concerns the Sustainable Transport Section would request that Councillor Phelan notifies them of same so that they can be investigated.

The report was noted.

CM25/0426

Timeline for the Part 8 Process for the proposed Celbridge Road, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm the timeline for the Part 8 (planning) process for the proposed Celbridge Road, Maynooth upgrade, particularly in light of works having already commenced at the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) junction, and clarify when the final designs will be confirmed to ensure the project progresses in a coordinated manner?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Part 8 documentation for the Celbridge Road Active Travel Scheme, Maynooth is currently being compiled and consultation with internal Kildare County Council Departments will continue through the month of April. A briefing session will be organised with Councillors towards the end of April. The Part 8 is expected to be launched in early June. As agreed with the funding agency National Transport Authority (NTA) the detailed design (Phase 5) of the scheme will run in parallel with the Part 8. The design will be updated as required from the Part 8 process. Subject to funding, agreement of land acquisitions to facilitate the scheme and Part 8 planning consent, construction of the scheme is expected to commence in Quarter 1 2027. The contractor for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) plans to start works on the junction east of the schools, i.e. at the Griffin Rath Link Road in May 2026. Discussions regarding the coordination of various projects on Celbridge Road are ongoing.

The report was noted.

CM26/0426

Road Improvement Works at Dunfierth Cross, L1004

Can the council provide an indicative timeline for the completion of scheduled road improvement works at Dunfeirth Cross, L1004?

This item fell as Councillor W. Durkan was not in attendance.

CM27/0426

Traffic Lights at Healy's Bridge, Prosperous

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

Can the council outline the annual cost involved in placing traffic lights at Healy's Bridge in Prosperous?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section would require to carry out a full assessment of the proposal in order to provide an annual cost, however, Kildare County Council's policy is that no new shuttle traffic signals (one-way systems) shall be installed in the County. There is no evidence that installing traffic signals with a shuttle system would reduce the amount of bridge strikes and there are safety concerns that would be raised by the installation of traffic signals.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the report and informed the members that it would be good to get an idea of the annual cost involved in placing traffic lights at Healy's Bridge to make an informed decision, noting that the cost was €100,000 according to Waterways Ireland for the repairs the last time the bridge was struck. A system similar to Caragh would be an option for this bridge that is 230 years old and is not fit for purpose. Mr. C. Galvin informed the members that it is acknowledged that there is an issue, the way in which the bridge is located with a straight road and then a turn on the bridge so traffic was coming at speed to a skew bridge. Kildare County Council's policy is that no new shuttle traffic signals (one-way systems) shall be installed in the County. There is no evidence that installing traffic signals with a shuttle system would reduce the amount of bridge strikes as two cars can pass on the bridge, other options including warning signage could be looked at.

Councillor Mulroe informed the members that traffic speed and volume in this area were increasing and that while two cars may be able to pass, bigger vehicles like two trucks could not pass.

The report was noted.

CM28/0426

Update on the Proposed new M4 Motorway Interchange for Maynooth

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposed new M4 Motorway interchange for Maynooth?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the M4 Maynooth Leixlip Project was a project that assessed the needs of the M4/N4 between Maynooth and Leixlip. As part of this study, an Options Selection Report was published (available on KCC website at): https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/NationalRoadsOffice/M4MaynoothtoLeixlipPhase2OptionsSelectionsReport/), which includes the preferred option for the study.

The preferred option includes for proposed improvements to the M4 Maynooth interchange. Following the completion of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Phase 2: Option Selection, the Option Selection Report was issued to TII with Kildare County Council's request to proceed to Phase 3, Design and Environment Evaluation. To date, TII have not granted an allocation or approval to progress to Phase 3 for all measures identified within the preferred option. Approval has been granted by TII to progress the mainline preferred option, which was for eastbound and westbound bus priority measures. The eastbound bus measures are being constructed on site, and the westbound bus measures are currently in Phase 3, Design and Environmental Evaluation.

Councillor T. Durkan thanked the Department for the report and noted that while he accepted the report, there should be a pause and discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland should be undertaken in relation to aspects of the works.

The report was noted.

CM29/0426

Replace Fencing Sallins Road, Clane

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to replace the fencing between the footpath and the stream on the R403 Sallins Road, Clane, following collision damage in 2025?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District office is scheduling the repair of the fence as part of the works road programme 2026. It is planned to have it repaired during Quarter 2/Quarter 3 depending on contractor availability.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the Department for the report but queried if the area could be looked at in the interim.

The report was noted

CM30/0426

Public Water Filling Stations on playing pitches across the Municipal District

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

That the council carries out a feasibility study to identify suitable locations for the installation of public water filling stations at all playing pitches across the municipal district, similar to those provided by Fingal County Council in Malahide and Portmarnock, in order to support local sports clubs, promote sustainability, reduce single-use plastic waste, and encourage healthier communities.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that Kildare County Council does not have any public playing pitches in the Municipal District at present. Therefore, the provision of water stations is a matter for the individual clubs to provide water filling stations on their own grounds.

Councillor Phelan thanked the Department for the report and noted her surprise that that Kildare County Council does not have any public playing pitches in the Municipal District at present, noting pitches were provided by Fingal County Council in Malahide and Portmarnock and asked if the Municipal District could work towards their provision.

Councillor McEvoy informed the members that Kildare County Council leases pitches in the county and suggested this could be considered as part of installation in future.

Councillor Wyse noted that there was water available in most clubs, for example in Coill Dubh there was a tap available.

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

CM31/0426

Confirm Plans to Undertake Landscaping Proposals at Loughbollard, Clane

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to undertake landscaping proposals at Loughbollard, Clane, given the additional traffic that is anticipated with the opening of the link road through Capdoo, Clane?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that landscape designs for the boundary of Loughbollard and the new roundabout to the link road at Capdoo have been prepared. These require a Part 8 to facilitate their implementation. It is planned to prepare the Part 8 this year. If approved a budget will have to be identified to implement the plans.

Councillor McEvoy requested that the design concept be shared with members.

The report was noted.

CM32/0426

Update from Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team on the Clane Library Project and Grand Canal Greenway.

The members received an update from Mr D. Carey, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team on the Clane Library Project and Grand Canal Greenway.

Grand Canal Greenway

- Ticknevin Bridge safety improvement works – Section 38 Consultation period deadline 9th April and will be brought before the members at the April meeting.

- Waterways Ireland Section – Ticknevin to Clonkeen - Final Design Issued, Waterways Ireland to commence works this summer dependent on completion of another section in Offaly.

- Other Areas are currently progressing through final design including sections of towpath, additional bridge structures and associated road crossings.

- Sallins link (Naas MD) however forms the transition from Phase 1 to the commencement of Phase 2. Preferred contractor appointed with the intention to issue a Letter of Acceptance week commencing 30th March.

Clane Library

- Utility agreements ongoing close to completion.

- Preferred contractor selected with the intention to issue a Letter of Acceptance week commencing 30th March.

- Current Programme for works is 18 months however is subject to no site unknowns, utility connection programming and the restrictions associated with the location/restrictive nature of the site.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired as to when contractors were due on site and if the same contractor will be used for the Grand Canal Greenway and enquired if there were any issues with funding.

Councillor McEvoy noted that Kildare Library Service are currently celebrating 100 years of service across the county and thanked Mr Carey for the updates.

Mr. D. Carey, Strategic Projects and Public Realm informed the members that there were no issues with funding so far, that contractors are expected to be on site in August/ September.

Councillor Wyse thanked Mr. D. Carey and the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team for the updates on the Clane Library Project and Grand Canal Greenway noting that these were two very important developments for the Municipal District.

The report was noted.

CM33/0426

Section 38 Proposed Junction Improvement Works at Ticknevin Bridge.

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

CM34/0426

Vacant House Report Clane Maynooth Municipal District

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

That the council provides a full progress report on the vacant house report to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District and includes updates on refurbishment and allocations of the vacant housing stock in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Vacant House Report issues monthly to the full Council and to each Municipal District and provides a summary of vacant properties in the county. The report format was agreed by the Housing and Regeneration Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). Allocations of properties are made in accordance with Kildare County Council's Allocation Scheme for the Provision of Social Housing Support.

Councillor Mulroe thanked the Department for the report and enquired as to whether an allocated house has minimum BER (Building Energy Rating) certification.

Ms. E. McGrath, Housing representative informed the members that an official from the Housing Department would revert to Councillor Mulroe in relation to her question.

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

CM35/0426

Update on the Harbour Field, Maynooth Project

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

That the council gives an update on the Harbour Field, Maynooth project and a timeline as to when it will be delivered.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team (SPPR) informing the members that SPPR received Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) funding to procure a consultant and QS team to complete the detailed design element and prepare a costings and tender pack to bring the project forward. These works have now been completed. SPPR have submitted an Expression of Interest to the EU Just Transition Fund. We are awaiting feedback on our proposal from the fund in order to inform our next

steps. It is not possible to give a timeline as there is no funding secured at this early point in the process.

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

CM36/0426

Serviced Sites Scheme in Clogherinkoe

Can the council provide an update on the status of the Serviced Sites Scheme in Clogherinkoe?

This item fell as Councillor W. Durkan was not in attendance.

CM37/0426

Refurbishment of Main Street and Court House Square, Maynooth

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

Can the council confirm when Main Street and Court House Square, Maynooth refurbishment will be delivered?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) funding was awarded to Strategic Projects and Public Realm (SPPR) to deliver: Maynooth Town Renewal Masterplan. Development of Key Town Renewal Projects (identified in the Masterplan) to Part 8, detailed design, and tender stages. The Masterplan is currently at Draft stage and is under review by our internal Departments. It is expected that the Masterplan will identify 8-10 key project concepts for the Maynooth area. The Main Street and Court House Square are expected to feature in that list following an engaging public consultation piece. Until the Masterplan is completed and approved by the URDF team, SPPR cannot progress any individual project.

Councillor T. Durkan enquired if local groups could be consulted in relation to specific projects.

Ms. P. Pender, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informed the members that local groups can engage through the upcoming public consultation.

The report was noted.

CM38/0426

To consider the live streaming of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meetings (referral from Full Council meeting)

The members considered a report from Full Council on the live streaming of Municipal District Meetings.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred to each Municipal District Committee (5) for consideration. The Council further agreed that webcasting should be extended to either all municipal districts or none. Members agreed that a majority decision would be required to extend live streaming for Municipal District meetings; accordingly, the agreement of three (or more) municipal districts will be required. Following consideration by each Municipal District, a report will be presented to Full Council for further consideration.

Following discussion, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote.

- Three members (3) voted in favour of live streaming of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meetings.
- Five members (5) voted against live streaming of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meetings.
- There was one (1) member absent, and one (1) member abstained in the vote.

Resolved that the proposal to livestream the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Meetings was not agreed.

CM39/0426

To consider the Taking in Charge of Castledawson, Maynooth (ref DC1221)

The members considered the taking in charge of Castledawson, Maynooth (ref. DC1221).

Members thanked the team for the great progress being made in relation to taking in charge of housing estates and acknowledged the work of former councillor Peter Hamilton on this.

Councillor T. Durkan enquired as to when Newtown Hall will be taken in charge and noted that there is no reluctance on the part of residents on this.

Mr. L. McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer, Building Control informed the members that here has been no Taking in Charge request had been received for Newtown Hall as of yet.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that Castledawson, Maynooth (ref. DC1221) be taken in charge.

CM40/0426

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2026

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2026 allocation for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

The 5 Clane Maynooth projects proposed for approval are as follows:-

Clane Maynooth	Irish Wheelchair Association	Earth Day Event Biodiversity Event & other Community Workshop.	€1,500
Clane Maynooth	Newtown Community Group	To deliver bodhrán classes for young people in Newtown.	€1,500
Clane Maynooth	Dunfierth Graveyard Committee	Maintenance of Dunfierth Graveyard to include reconstruction of external wall by stonemason.	€1,500

Clane Maynooth	Maynooth Local History Group	A photographic display of 20th century streetscape images of Maynooth from the Lawrence Collection and others along with present day photographs of the same scenes.	€1,500
Clane Maynooth	College Green Residents Association	Put in four new raised beds in the community garden.	€1,500
Total			**€7,500**

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by the members that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2026 allocation for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District be approved.

CM41/0426

Notices placed on Public Lands

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

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

That the council advises the committee on the process of regulating notice panels about private property sales in this municipal district, that are placed on public lands or public amenity spaces.

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that a licence under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, would be required in advance of placing an advertisement on public lands.

Where the Council becomes aware of the presence of such notice panels about private property sales being located on public lands they may:

- Remove the sign without notice,
- Recover costs from the owner of the sign,
- Issue fines under the Litter Pollution Acts, the Roads Act 1993 or take action under the Planning and Development Acts.

Councillor McEvoy thanked the Department for the report and noted that advice should be given to those who erect signs on public lands with a focus on public space and signs on railings. Online and other formats for notices are alternatives to physical signs.

Councillor T. Durkan informed the members that he supported the motion and noted that in one locations 6 or more for sale signs were put up with some affecting sightlines and he enquired if Kildare County Council could write to auctioneers to explain what is required of them.

Mr. G. Maher, Senior Executive Officer, Planning informed the members that a licence under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, would be required in advance of placing an advertisement on public lands.

Mr. G. Maher noted that the Planning Department had previously written to the representative body for auctioneers in relation to this matter, but could write to them again.

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

CM42/0426

Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards for 2026

The members considered the Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards for 2026.

Clane Maynooth Municipal Ditrict Community Grants 2026				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	13th Kildare Clane Scouts	Equipment	€ 2,100.00	€ 500.00
2	8th Kildare Allenwood Scout Group	Camp Attendance	€ 1,750.00	€ 500.00
3	Anne Street Residents Association	Equipment	€ 2,839.67	€ 1,800.00
4	An Nuadha Players	Christmas Pantomime	€ 2,441.00	€ 1,000.00
5	NEWTOWN COMMUNITY GROUP	Community Day	€ 760.00	€ 500.00
6	Corra Choill Brownies	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 500.00
7	Zero Waste Maynooth	Community Project	€ 1,900.00	€ 1,000.00
8	Cloth Nappy Library Ireland - Kildare Branch	Equipment	€ 767.57	€ 600.00
9	Balyna Rural Enterprise Development Association Ltd. (B	Works to Centre	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
10	Shamrock Car & Machinery Club	Community Day	€ 1,230.00	€ 500.00
11	Tiermohan NS Parents Association	Sensory Area	€ 1,939.94	€ 1,000.00
12	Prosperous Dramatic Society	Lighting Upgrade	€ 1,476.50	€ 500.00
13	Carbury Village Residents Association	Carbury Castle Lighting - St Patrick's Day	€ 2,200.00	€ 1,700.00
14	Kilcock Scouts	Equipment	€ 1,506.75	€ 500.00
15	Staplestown Choir	Community Concert	€ 1,000.00	€ 350.00
16	18th Kildare (Prosperous/Robertstown) Scout Group	Equipment	€ 1,102.00	€ 500.00
17	Johnstown Bridge Men's Shed Co Kildare	Equipment	€ 1,785.00	€ 1,200.00
18	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Equipment	€ 2,321.70	€ 1,000.00
19	Maynooth Educate Together National School PTA	Sensory Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 700.00
20	Kilcock Community Mens Shed	Equipment	€ 1,500.00	€ 500.00
21	Ticknevin Community Group	Planters	€ 1,000.00	€ 800.00
22	Prosperous Ladybirds	Craft Materials	€ 3,000.00	€ 500.00
23	Maynooth Autism Friendly Town	Sensory Toys	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
24	Clane Bridge Club	Equipment	€ 2,275.00	€ 1,100.00
25	Newtown Ladies Club	Workshops	€ 2,500.00	€ 1,250.00
26	Comhaltas CeoltÃ³irÃ-Ã‰ireann, Bord Chill Dara	Music Events	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
27	Robertstown Community Amenities Association (RCAA)	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
28	An Cuan Games	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
29	Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee	Christmas Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
30	Ashgrove Derrinturn Residents Association	Equipment	€ 2,965.97	€ 2,000.00
31	KILCOCK GIRL GUIDES	Materials	€ 1,000.00	€ 500.00
32	Clane Youth Project	Materials	€ 2,700.00	€ 500.00
33	Maynooth Community Council	Picnic In The Park	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
34	Allenwood Community Garden	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
35	Clane ICA	Christmas Event	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,500.00
36	Kilcock Community First Responders	Equipment	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 38,000.00

Festival Grants 2026				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
	Anne Street Residents Association	Community Events	€ 2,000.00	€ 800.00
	Timahoe Community Council	Easter Event	€ 553.00	€ 500.00
	Carbury Village Residents Association	Summer BBQ	€ 1,500.00	€ 1,000.00
	Kilmeague Art, Culture and Heritage Centre Group	Community Events	€ 1,775.00	€ 500.00
	SURF (Substance Use Regional Forum)	Recovery Month	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Community Events	€ 1,000.00	€ 500.00
	Ticknevin Community Group	Summer BBQ	€ 870.00	€ 500.00
	Corra Choill Parc Residents Association	Community Events	€ 700.00	€ 500.00
	Clane St. Patrick's Day Festival,	St. Patrick's Day Parade	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
	Kilcock St. Patricks Day Committee	St. Patrick's Day Parade	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
	Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee	St. Patrick's Day Parade	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
	Comhaltas CeoltÃ³irÃ-Ã‰ireann, Bord Chill Dara	Events	€ 2,000.00	€ 900.00
	Craobh Naomh Choca Kilcock Comhaltas	Events	€ 2,000.00	€ 500.00
	Robertstown Community Amenities Association (RCAA)	Music & Arts Festival	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
	St Brigid's Ticknevin Parents Association	Community Event	€ 1,890.20	€ 800.00
	Ashgrove Derrinturn Residents Association	Community Events	€ 1,713.68	€ 1,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 12,500.00

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T. Durkan, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members that the Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards for 2026 be approved.

CM43/0426

Drehid Grant Awards 2026

The members considered the proposed Drehid Grant Awards 2026.

Clane Maynooth Municipal Ditrict Drehid Grants 2026				
No	**Group Name**	**Project**	**Grant Requested**	**Grant Proposed**
	Lullymore Community First Responder Group	Equipment	€ 574.66	€ 85.00
	Corrachoill Park Residents Association	Water Butts & Plants	€ 559.99	€ 375.00
	Lock 19 Community First Responders	CPR Equipment	€ 650.00	€ 380.00
	North West Kildare Women's Group	Craft Materials	€ 800.00	€ 210.00
	Arkill templedooath cemeterys	Storage	€ 900.00	€ 565.00
	Kildare Branch Down Syndrome Ireland	Maintenance Works	€ 904.26	€ 520.00
	Prosperous Dramatic Society	Lighting Upgrade	€ 1,016.90	€ 635.00
	8th Kildare Allenwood Scouts	Outdoor Lighting	€ 1,170.00	€ 745.00
	Kildare Gaelic Masters Football	Equipment	€ 1,195.67	€ 390.00
	Johnstownbridge Community Mens Shed	Defibrillator	€ 1,200.00	€ 700.00
	Ballyteague GFC	Equipment	€ 1,200.00	€ 435.00
	Clocha Rince Parents' Association	Maintenance Works	€ 7,432.00	€ 740.00
	18th Kildare (Prosperous/Robertstown) Scout Group	CPR Equipment	€ 1,381.96	€ 800.00
	Aylmer Gaels GFC	Equipment	€ 1,487.70	€ 400.00
	Lakeside (Prosperous) Irish Girl Guides	Equipment	€ 2,200.00	€ 575.00
	Woodlawn residents Association	Planters	€ 1,950.00	€ 1,350.00
	Hawthorn Manor Residents Association	Biodiverstiy Planting Beds	€ 2,330.00	€ 1,110.00
	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Windows Replacement	€ 2,565.00	€ 1,770.00
	Cluain Dara Estate	Maintenance and Equipment	€ 2,926.80	€ 1,755.00
	Prosperous Pitch and Putt	CCTV Provision	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,785.00
	Ticknevin Community Group		€ 3,300.00	€ 1,575.00
	Allenwood Community Garden	Shed	€ 3,629.00	€ 2,540.00
	Kilooney Angling Club	Equipment	€ 4,200.00	€ 2,015.00
	Robertstown NS Parents Association	Playground Equipment	€ 5,045.08	€ 2,370.00
	Allenwood Celtic AFC	Pitch improvements & Equipment	€ 6,836.50	€ 4,960.00
	Allenwood Community Development Association CLG	Maintenance Works	€ 7,000.00	€ 4,655.00
	Ashgrove Derrinturn residents Association	Vegetable Garden & pathways	€ 7,406.88	€ 4,815.00
	BBC United FC	Dugouts	€ 7,500.00	€ 4,615.00
	Allenwood GFC	Maintenance works to Hall	€ 9,410.62	€ 6,355.00
	St. Brigid's NS Board of Management	Fencing	€ 9,535.14	€ 5,910.00
	Eire Og Corra Choill Hurling and Camogie Club	Walking Track	€ 10,000.00	€ 7,000.00
	St. Kevins GAA	Pitch improvements	€ 10,000.00	€ 7,000.00
	Edenderry Rugby Football Club	Spectator Rails	€ 10,500.00	€ 5,935.00
	Robertstown GFC	Robotic Mower	€ 11,000.00	€ 8,800.00
	Anne Street Residents Association	Equipment	€ 11,428.35	€ 6,685.00
	Edenderry Golf Club	Robotic Mower	€ 11,954.00	€ 9,565.00
	Carbury Village Residents Association	Equipment	€ 13,500.00	€ 9,115.00
	Coill Dubh Residents Association	Community Centre Maintenance	€ 14,982.00	€ 8,990.00
	Carbury G.A.A.	Robotic Mower	€ 15,000.00	€ 11,775.00
	Caragh GAA Club	Lighting of Walkign Track	€ 15,000.00	€ 12,000.00
	Robertstown Community Amenities Association CLG	Works to Eco Park	€ 15,000.00	€ 10,875.00
	B.R.E.D.A Ltd	Community Vehicle	€ 7,500.00	€ 5,250.00
			Total for Award	€ 158,125.00
			Budget	€ 179,817.00

Councillor Wyse noted that both Councillor Fitzpatrick and himself were on the Drehid Committee and as such they would both be abstaining from the approval process.

Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked the committee and Bord na Móna for their work. He noted that more organisations could apply for robotic lawnmowers, which is a move to more sustainable practices.

Councillor Wyse noted the great work done by Councillor Fitzpatrick as chair of the committee and by staff who work hard in the background.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by the members that the Drehid Grant Awards for 2026 be approved.

CM44/0426

Littering and Illegal Dumping in the Kilcock area

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

Can the council outline what actions are being taken to address littering and illegal dumping in the Kilcock area, and whether increased enforcement is being considered especially in the Bawnogues area?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Kildare County Council's recently adopted Litter Management Plan outlines the council's actions for litter control and prevention and highlights areas where collaboration with others is sought to enhance these efforts. The plan details objectives focused on preventing and controlling litter, alongside initiatives to boost public awareness. Special emphasis is placed on educational and informational strategies designed to promote prevention. The council actively supports a variety of anti-littering programmes. These include National Spring Clean, Green Kilometre, Picker Pals, support for Tidy Towns groups, and school and community clean-up events. In larger towns, the council operates a robust street cleaning service managed through municipal district offices. This includes the servicing of public litter bins throughout the county, ensuring cleanliness and proper waste management. Records indicate that the Bawnogues area in Kilcock is not prone to illegal dumping. However, following recent correspondence from Councillor Ward, the Community Warden carried out an inspection of the area, and found two bags of rubbish – both containing old clothes - along with two small bags of stone. These have subsequently been removed.

Councillor Ward thanked the Department for the report, noting that Bawnogues was a community area with a creche and community centre. He noted the fast response from the Department, noting that it was second to none.

Mr. K. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Environment informed the members that the Community Warden carried out an inspection of the area and found two bags of rubbish – both containing old clothes - along with two small bags of stone and noted that there is no excuse for dumping as charity shops and other means of disposal are available. The stone that was collected will be reused also.

The meeting concluded.