

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday, 02 February 2018 at 10:00 am  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor P Ward (Cathaoirleach), Councillors R Cronin, T Durkan, D Fitzpatrick, P McEvoy, J McGinley, T Murray, N Ó'Cearúil.  
and B Weld.

**Officials Present:** Mr N Morrissey (District Manager), Mr J Deane (District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms V Cooke (A/ Senior Executive Officer), Mr B Martin, Mr B O'Gorman, (Administrative Officers), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

**MY01/0218**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on 12 January 2018, together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Durkan, that the minutes of the monthly meeting of Maynooth Municipal District held on 12 January 2018 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**MY02/0218**

**Matters Arising**

**Traffic Lights at Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth (MY02/1117) (MY17/0417)**

Councillor McGinley asked if there was any update on the installation of the traffic lights at the Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth. The District Manager informed the members that these works were scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2018.

**Village Renewal Plan for Derrinturn (MY31/1604)**

Councillor Weld asked if the Village Renewal Plan for Derrinturn would incorporate a plan to address the flooding issues in Derrinturn. The District Engineer stated that the flooding

issues would be taken into account. Councillor Weld asked if there was a timeframe for the Village Renewal Plan for Derrinturn and if it was possible to have a flood alleviation plan for Derrinturn brought forward.

The District Manager stated that flooding issues were a separate matter entirely to the Village Renewal Plan and stated meetings were being held between various departments of the council to identify and plan to address areas prone to flooding, he further stated that a report from these meetings would be presented to a meeting of Kildare County Council shortly.

### **Design process for a zebra crossing and public lighting for Clogharinkoe National School (MY26/1217)**

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update regarding the design process for a zebra crossing and public lighting for Clogharinkoe National School. The District Manager stated that this matter had been referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) and once an item was referred to the TAAG team there was no need for it to remain on the progress report.

### **Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT) settings in Maynooth (MY19/1217)**

Councillor Murray asked if there was any update on the review of the Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT) settings and parameters in Maynooth. The District Manager informed the members that Mr Walsh, Executive Technician was currently preparing a report, focusing on physical improvements and costings for SCOOT and stated Mr Walsh would provide an update to the elected members at the Maynooth Municipal District meeting in March 2018.

### **Taking in charge of the piece of road off the R403 into Kilkeaskin (MY33/1117)**

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if there was any progress with the taking in charge of the piece of road off the R403 Kilkeaskin. The District Engineer stated that the road had been inspected and the bottom half of the road was in poor condition and stated he would report back to the members with an update.

**Reinstatement of the light between the church, Broadford and Clonuff (MY16/1217)**

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if there was any update on the reinstatement of the light between the church, Broadford and Clonuff. The District Manager stated he would follow up on this matter.

**Design process for an underground car park at the Harbour Field, Maynooth (MY13/1117)**

Councillor Murray noted that this matter was agreed by the elected members at the January meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District and that a design for a temporary surface car park was being pursued for public consultation. The District Manager confirmed that designs for the temporary car park would be progressed to public consultation.

**MY03/0218**

**Municipal District Road Works**

The District Engineer provided an update to the members on the Schedule of Municipal District Road Works. Mr Deane stated that the Schedule of Municipal District Road Works for 2018 was almost finalised and confirmed that out of the projects carried over from 2017, works on the Ballinagappa Road had commenced on 02 February 2018, works on the Courtown Roundabout were due to commence on Monday 05 February 2018 and drainage works at the Mawes, Kilcock had been completed.

The District Manager informed the members that the final Maynooth Municipal District Expenditure Report for 2017 had been circulated to the members before the meeting and noted that two amounts of funding €80,000 and €75,000 had been allocated to town renewal plans and stated that all unspent Local Property Tax (LPT) funding would be carried over to 2018. He stated that contracts had been tendered for town renewal plans and five applications had been received and stated the council were proposing to divide the work between two contractors so that one company would be awarded the contract for Kilcock and Clane and the other would be awarded the contract for Maynooth and Prosperous. The District Manager stated that the projects would be discussed further with the elected members before proceeding to public consultation stage. He further noted that Maynooth were the only municipal district who were funding village renewal plans which was great news for the Maynooth Municipal District.

Councillor Ward acknowledged that the Maynooth Municipal District would benefit from these town renewal plans. Councillor McEvoy stated that this news was very welcome.

The District Manager stated that going forward Ms M Hunt, Senior Executive Officer, would be working with him and consultants in relation to town renewal work. Councillor McEvoy asked if the Planning and Strategic Development Department would be involved in this work and the District Manager confirmed they would be involved.

### **MY04/0218**

#### **Amendment to the Maynooth Municipal District Schedule of Works 2018**

The members considered amendments to the Maynooth Municipal District Schedule of Works 2018 (see appendix A attached).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Murray, that the amendments to the Maynooth Municipal District Schedule of Works 2018 be approved.

### **MY05/0218**

#### **Gullies in Straffan Village**

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor McGinley.

That the council put in place gullies at each corner of the raised table at the crossroads in Straffan Village to enable run off of water, thereby preventing future flooding of St. Brigid's Church and the Straffan Inn, and further increase the surface water pipe size at the entrances to properties on the Ardrass Road and regularly service the attenuation system on the Barberstown Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Office was aware of the flooding issues in Straffan and would revert to members with a schedule of works at a later date.

Councillor McGinley stated that urgent action was required to alleviate flooding issues in Straffan, particularly around the church area as water was flowing into the church.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the Maynooth Municipal District Office report back to the members with a schedule of works.

**MY06/0218**

**Car park in the amenity of the Harbour Field**

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

That any proposal to develop a car park in the amenity of the Harbour Field, Maynooth must go on public display so that the Maynooth community can join Councillor John McGinley if they wish, in opposing the proposal.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McGinley and seconded by Councillor Ó'Ceairúil.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that it was agreed at the Maynooth Municipal District meeting in January 2018 that proposals for a temporary car park would go on public display.

Councillor McGinley stated that this issue had been previously raised on a number of occasions and he questioned why money should be spent on another car park when the existing car park behind Mahons was never used to full capacity. He stated that during November there were sixty spaces available in this car park and the car park in Leinster Street comprising one hundred and three spaces, (thirty five of those spaces for residents use), was never full. Councillor McGinley stated that Irish Rail were seeking funding to develop a car park at the side of the train station in Maynooth and felt it was highly unlikely funding would be made available if it was known the option of another car park was being pursued by the council. Councillor McGinley also stated that the previous owner of the Harbour Field insisted there was a legal covenant restricting certain types of development on the Harbour Field and asked that the agreement reached by the elected members at the January meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District be reconsidered having regard to this.

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that an amendment to the motion had been submitted in writing before the meeting from Councillor Durkan. The members considered the following amendment to Councillor McGinley's motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.

That the members of the Maynooth Municipal District who attended the January meeting confirm that a small number of temporary car parking spaces proposed for the Harbour Field, Maynooth agreed to progress to the public consultation stage by a unanimous decision to facilitate an open and public debate with a view to expanding the Harbour Field amenity to its' full potential.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor Durkan and seconded by Councillor Weld.

Councillor Durkan stated that this matter had been raised several months ago and that emails had been received from residents regarding the fact there were no car parking spaces available in the Glen Royal car park and cars were parking on double yellow lines. Councillor Durkan stated that there was a legal commitment regarding the development of Harbour Field but there was no mention of any restriction in relation to a car park being developed. Councillor Durkan asked that as agreed, the design for a temporary car park proceed to public consultation stage to allow the public to input into whether they wanted the temporary car park to be operated from the Harbour Field.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that he supported Councillor McGinley's motion and stated that the Harbour Field was not neglected as it contained a playground, a gym and a Community Employment Scheme (CES) was in place to maintain the area. Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that the Roost car park offered twenty four hour pay and display parking whereas the public car park closed at 6:00 p.m. and the majority of car parking facilities available during the day offered a maximum of two hours. He stated that the Harbour Field was owned by the people of Maynooth and agreed that the proposal for the design of a temporary car park should be put out to public consultation.

Councillor Murray stated she did not support the motion given it had been agreed by the members at the January meeting to support Kildare County Council to develop an area at the edge of the field which includes carpark spaces and bicycle storage/racks and prepare it for public consultation. She stated this was a prime location site and its' full potential should be utilized so as to breathe life back into the Harbour Field.

The District Manager stated that it was important that all elected members were clear regarding the fact that the proposal for the Harbour Field was a short term car park aimed in

the main at facilitating commuters, to encourage people to use the train and stated it was also planned to incorporate a bicycle storage facility for commuters in the designs. He stated that the car park would be subject to design proposals with the possibility of allowing for sixty car parking spaces, setting aside a number of those spaces for playground users. The District Manager informed the members that there was no mention in the Harbour Field lease of any restriction for the development of a car park and stated it was clear to him that a car park would be allowed and agreed that the matter should proceed to public consultation. In this regard, he suggested that Councillor McGinley and Councillor Durkan consider withdrawing their motions.

**Resolved** at the request of Councillor McGinley and Councillor O’Cearuil and with the agreement of all the members, it was agreed that Councillor McGinley’s motion be withdrawn and at the request of Councillor Durkan and Councillor Weld and with the agreement of the members, it was agreed Councillor Durkan’s amendment to the motion be withdrawn and that the council proceed as agreed by the members at the January meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District that the designs for a temporary car park in the Harbour Field, Maynooth proceed to public consultation.

### **MY07/0218**

#### **Parking on pedestrian crossing outside Newtown Shopping Centre**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó’Cearúil. That barriers are erected outside Newtown Shopping Centre, Maynooth on the pedestrian crossing to stop cars from parking on it.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó’Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that there were double yellow lines at this location plus other street furniture, which should deter parking. Any missing barriers would be replaced.

Councillor Ó’Cearúil stated that cars were constantly stopping outside the Newtown Shopping Centre on the pedestrian crossing and stated this created a blind spot for people using the crossing and that he felt it might be worth involving An Garda Síochána to deal with

vehicles parking on the crossing. The District Engineer stated that all parking restriction measures were in place at this pedestrian crossing and that there was one bollard missing which would be replaced. Councillor Ó'Ceairúil requested that a letter be sent to An Garda Síochána requesting that they address the parking issues at this pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Murray stated that it was an issue for An Garda Síochána to address. Councillor Cronin also supported the motion and stated this issue highlighted the lack of awareness by road users regarding the rules of the road in relation to pedestrian crossings, dangerous driving, and road rage. Councillor Durkan supported the motion adding that parking on the pedestrian crossing was extremely dangerous for young children crossing the road. Councillor McGinley stated there was very little the council could do except write to An Garda Síochána.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Ceairúil, seconded by Councillor Durkan, that the Roads Department write to An Garda Síochána highlighting the problem with vehicles parking outside Newtown Shopping Centre, Maynooth on the pedestrian crossing.

### **MY08/0218**

#### **Speed Limit at Moneycooley, Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó'Ceairúil.

That the road at Moneycooley, Maynooth is reduced from an 80km/h zone to a 60km/h zone.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó'Ceairúil and seconded by Councillor Ward.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request would be referred to the Countywide Speed Limit Review team for consideration.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil stated that he appreciated the reply, noting that the road at Moneycooley was widely used to avoid traffic in the town of Maynooth and that the surrounding areas around Moneycooley all had a 60km/h speed limit restriction.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil asked what the timeframe was in terms of Countywide Speed Limit Review cases being dealt with.



The District Manager stated that once a case was referred to the County Speed Limit Review timescales for action were listed on the monthly management report for the full council meetings. He also confirmed that the County Speed Limit Review team issued an end of year report on the outcomes of cases.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Ceairúil, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the report be noted.

### MY09/0218

#### **Road Signage L5037 (between junction with L5402 and McMyers farm house)**

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

That signage or road markings are put in place both sides of the bridge on the L5037 (between junction with L5402 and McMyers farm house) to indicate to motorists to lower their speed.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that signage at this location would be reviewed.

Councillor Murray welcomed the news that the signage would be reviewed and stated that the bridge on the L5037 (between junction with L5402 and McMyers farm house) was very dangerous and she hoped the District Engineer could look into the possibility of carrying out similar works to those which were completed on the bridge on Laragh Road. Councillor Durkan supported the motion and stated the issue due to the low side of the wall on this bridge had caused accidents previously, and he would welcome any improvements to the bridge.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Durkan, that signage at the bridge on the L5037 (between junction with L5402 and McMyers farm house) location would be reviewed.

**MY10/0218**

**Compliance of haulage vehicles with approved routes**

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

That the council identify technology options that could be used to measure compliance of haulage vehicles with approved routes to and from the Bord na Móna Drehid facility as part of any possible changes to the planning for the site.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that this would be considered as part of the new planning application.

Councillor McEvoy stated that he recalled a previous council waste facility with a device registering all vehicles approaching the facility to ensure all haulage vehicles were in compliance with an approved route for that particular waste facility. Councillor McEvoy stated that he would not want to see the Bord na Móna Drehid site become a national facility and asked that all options for compliance with approved routes be submitted to An Bord Pleanála as part of the councils' submission. Councillor Durkan stated that the possibility of having weight limit restrictions on trucks could be incorporated in the conditions of use for the Drehid facility.

The District Manager informed the members that identifying technology options for measuring compliance of haulage vehicles with approved routes to and from the Bord na Móna Drehid facility would be submitted as part of the council's recommendation to An Bord Pleanála as part on this planning application.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld, that the council's recommendations submitted to An Bord Pleanála would recommend identification of technology options for use to measure compliance of haulage vehicles with approved routes to and from the Bord na Móna Drehid facility.

**MY11/0218**

**Public lighting outside the Hewetson School**

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

That the council report on options to provide public lighting outside the Hewetson School at Millicent, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a public lighting scheme outside the Hewetson School at Millicent, Clane had been approved. The lighting material required had been ordered and the works were scheduled to be completed by end of Quarter 1, 2018.

Councillor McEvoy stated that one light was not working and requested an update on this light and the other two sets of traffic lights outside the school and asked that this matter remain on the progress report for further update.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld, that the report be noted and this matter remain on the progress report.

**MY12/0218**

**Flooding in Barrington Court Estate and sewage issues in Prosperous**

It was agreed by the members to consider items 11 and 16 on the agenda together.

**Item 11 - Flooding in Barrington Court Estate**

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

In view of the continuous flooding problem in Barrington Court Estate, Prosperous, and the overflow of sewage onto the public road, that the council put a plan in place to alleviate this.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that further investigation would be carried out to identify the reasons for this occurrence.

A report was also received from the Water Services Department informing the members that this issue had been referred to Irish Water; in the meantime, the Water Services Section would meet with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineering Staff to examine this issue and planned to engage CCTV surveys in the affected area. Should the CCTV surveys show that the problem was caused by an ingress of surface water to the wastewater system (provided it was a separate foul sewer system i.e. not combined sewers) a mitigation control measure to resolve this issue would be implemented subject to funding being available from Irish Water.

Councillor Weld stated that this was an ongoing serious health and safety issue and raw sewage had been surfacing over ground impacting on vehicles travelling in the area and preventing pedestrians from walking in affected areas. Councillor Weld stated that Local Property Tax (LPT) payers expected the council to solve these problems and asked if the council could give an indicative timeframe to the residents of Barrington Court Estate when they could expect a report identifying the issues causing the flooding in the estate.

The District Engineer stated that the problem with the sewage and flooding in Barrington Court Estate involved other estates and the pumping station. He stated that there was an agreement to meet with relevant parties over the following week to discuss this matter and stated it may take a couple of months before issues could be identified. Councillor Weld requested that this matter was kept on the progress report and asked if it could be referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the report be noted and that this matter remain on the progress report for further update.

### **Item 16 - Flooding and sewage issues in Prosperous**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. In light of the recent adverse rainfall, that the council looks at the village of Prosperous from a sewage and flooding point of view and identify the problems.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that further investigation would be carried out to identify the reasons for this occurrence.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that from McCormacks Garage out as far as the GAA in Prosperous had been continuously flooded in recent months. The District Engineer stated that he would try to address this issue.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the harvesting of the bog in Prosperous caused problems because water drained from the bog travelled to other areas causing interference with water tables. He further stated that climate change had increased intense rainfall and the water flow in the area needed to be investigated.

The District Manager informed the members that the District Engineer was actively trying to solve these flooding issues. He stated that Mr Boland, Director of Service, Environment and Water Services had appointed one of the council's regional offices to prepare a climate change adaptation plan to address climate change issues and stated that the elected members would be advised further about this plan in due course.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the report be noted and that this item remain on the progress report.

### **MY13/0218**

#### **Reinstatement works between Royal Meadows and Chambers Park**

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

That the council complete some reinstatement works at the area between Royal Meadows and Chambers Park where extensive shrubbery was recently removed, these works to include repair of the topsoil/grass and the planting of new trees at the location.

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

The District Engineer informed the members that once location maps were received from the councillor and it was confirmed that this area is part of the Chambers Park Project, the necessary works would be carried out.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Weld, that the report be noted.

**MY14/0218**

**Speed control measures at Laraghbryan West**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the council put in place speed control measures at Laraghbryan West, Maynooth given the number of crashes in recent times and the damage caused to private property.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that this section of road was within the 60kph area. Further investigations would be carried out to determine what improvements were required.

Councillor Durkan stated that a number of residents had complained to him regarding the number of accidents at Laraghbryan West and the damage caused to private property. He stated that there had been a crash before Christmas where a car hit the wall and asked if the council could look at the possibility of realigning the road given the council owned this land.

The District Engineer stated that he was aware of the accidents which had occurred at Laraghbryan West, Maynooth and stated the council owned this land which was excavated two years ago. He noted that relocating the road would be an expensive option but options would be looked into. Councillor Durkan stated that silt was building up in the drains along Laraghbryan West Maynooth and asked if they could be checked with a view to clearing them.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted.

**MY15/0218**

**Large scale park and ride facility for Maynooth and Kilcock**

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

That the council move to progress plans to develop a large scale park and ride facility to service the towns of Maynooth and Kilcock, given the projected rise in population over the next five years.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Part 8 public consultation in respect of the proposed park and ride facility in Kilcock town commenced on 30 January 2018.

Councillor Durkan stated that the idea behind his motion was to encourage people in Kilcock and Maynooth to use the trains as opposed to driving and he asked the elected members if they had any other ideas. Councillor McEvoy noted that the deadline for submissions to the National Regional Assembly Framework Ireland was 16 February 2018 and stated they looked at consolidating areas and towns in a regional way to entice people to live in rural areas while working in the city. Councillor McGinley noted that the Part 8 public consultation in respect of the proposed park and ride facility in Kilcock referred to a temporary car park and asked how long this was for.

The District Manager informed the members that the council would lease the temporary car park on a five year lease and stated he could not see any easy solution to putting a park and ride facility in either Maynooth or Kilcock that would service both towns. He further stated that the proposed car park in Kilcock if approved was the first step in addressing the need for a car park. The District Manager stated that there was a possibility an area on the outskirts of Kilcock near the M4 would be suitable for a large scale long term car park, and stated he would discuss the matter with the National Transport Authority (NTA). He stated there were no options for a car park in Maynooth other than the proposal for the temporary car park in Harbour Field.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the report be noted and that the District Manager would discuss the possibility of a park and ride car park on the outskirts of Kilcock near the M4 with the National Transport Authority (NTA).

**MY16/0218**

**Footpaths on Newtown Road**

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

That footpaths along Newtown Road, from the junction at Beaufield Close to Newtown Grove be repaired.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cronin and seconded by Councillor Ó'Ceairúil.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that this work was included in the 2018 Local Property Tax (LPT) projects.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Ó'Ceairúil, that the report be noted.

**MY17/0218**

**Roadworks during school times**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó'Ceairúil.

Can the members of this municipal district have a commitment from the council that road works and significant improvement works that have an adverse effect on traffic do not take place during school drop off and pick up times, and where possible that works such as these occur during school breaks and holidays?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the Municipal District Office was regrettably aware of the impact of the council's road works on traffic, especially school traffic. However, the requested commitment cannot be given. The report was noted.



**MY18/0218**

**Update on progress with the proposed Maynooth orbital routes**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó'Cearúil. Can this municipal district committee receive a monthly update on progress with the proposed orbital routes and attempts by the council to address traffic congestion in Maynooth?

The District Manager informed the members that the Part 8 for the Maynooth Northern Outer Orbital Route from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road had been approved and was subject to a judicial review and the council were awaiting the outcome of this review.

The District Manager stated that with regard to the routes from Moyglare Road to Kilcock Road and Kilcock Road to Straffan Road there was no site or funding for an orbital route on either route and no land was zoned for development. He stated that a consultant had been appointed to examine a possible orbital route from Leixlip Road to Celbridge Road and stated he would revert to the elected members when a route had been identified. The District Manager stated that with regard to the Local Area Plan (LAP) for Maynooth, the Planning and Strategic Development Department would brief the members in March 2018 noting publication of amendments to the Maynooth LAP had been extended to March 2018. Mr Morrissey stated he was not overly concerned about the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) project as this would be linked into the draft Maynooth LAP and progress in this regard was good.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil requested that this item remain on the progress report.

The District Manager stated that the planners had taken all comments from the elected members on board at the Maynooth LAP meeting in December 2017 and stated that in order to secure the LIHAF project, only amendments would be considered at this stage, and the Maynooth LAP could be reviewed further in December 2018.

The report was noted.

**MY19/0218**

**Dual train line from Maynooth to Kilcock**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
What negotiations if any, have taken place with Irish Rail to extend the dual train line from Maynooth to Kilcock given the proposed population growth over the next five years?

Councillor Durkan stated that there had been a recent announcement from Irish Rail regarding the possibility of extending the dual train line from Maynooth to Kilcock and asked if there had been any further discussion regarding the matter. The District Manager stated he would follow up with Irish Rail regarding any update on the possibility of extending the dual train line from Maynooth to Kilcock.

The report was noted.

**MY20/0218**

**Parking restriction time of the school bus loading bay**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.  
Will the council contact the school principal (details supplied) with a view to extending the parking restriction time of the school bus loading bay outside the school as the current restriction times are not sufficient for the safe use by students of the bus services at the school?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the matter regarding revised signage was ongoing.

The report was noted.

**MY21/0218**

**Traffic lights at the Summerhill junction**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.  
What is the current time frame for the installation of traffic lights at the Summerhill junction in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the traffic lights were to be installed by the developer in

compliance with a condition of the planning permission. Council officials recently met with the developers consulting engineer in respect of the design of the traffic lights. The council expects the final design of these lights should be submitted shortly to the Traffic Management Section for approval.

Councillor Ward asked if there was a specific timeframe for the installation of the lights. The District Engineer stated that there was a compliance issue but that the lights should be installed within three to six months.  
The report was noted.

### **MY22/0218**

#### **Salting Route**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
Can the council confirm that the road from Prosperous to Kilmeague has been removed from the salting route and if so why?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that this route had not been on a salting route in the past fifteen years but it was being considered for inclusion in future programmes.

The report was noted.

### **MY23/0218**

#### **Council mortgages**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
How many council mortgages have been approved in the last year compared to applications received?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that a total of six applications for the Housing Loan Scheme were received in the last year from the Maynooth Municipal District area, none of the applications received qualified for loan approval.

The report was noted.

**MY24/0218**

**Social houses in The Paddocks, Kilcock**

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

When will the new social houses in The Paddocks, Kilcock be ready for occupation?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that three houses were allocated on 12 December 2017, an additional three houses were allocated on 13 December 2017. The remaining thirteen units were expected to be delivered on 05 February 2018.

The report was noted.

**MY25/0218**

**Rivers in the Maynooth Municipal District**

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

That the council look at all the rivers in our municipal district and formulate a plan to ensure that they are fit to take the increased levels of rainfall.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that these and other climate change related issues would be addressed in the course of the year as part of the council's proposed climate change adaptation plan which would propose a series of actions at local level.

Councillor Fitzpatrick welcomed the report and stated that there was an ongoing problem with a number of rivers flooding in the Maynooth Municipal District and that a plan needed to be put in place to address these issues. Councillor Durkan stated that he supported the motion and stated a number of rivers in Kilcock had been affected by flooding in November 2017.

The District Manager informed the members that Mr Boland, Director of Service for Environment and Water Services would be forming a team over the coming months to address these issues.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Durkan, that the report be noted.

**MY26/0218**

**Dog roaming in Anne Street, Prosperous**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.  
In light of the continuous problem with a large uncontrolled dog roaming around Anne Street, Prosperous which residents are in fear of, can the dog warden please take action?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this matter was being referred to the Dog Warden Service, Environment Department for direct follow-up.

Councillor Weld stated that he was disappointed with the reply noting this particular dog had bitten people on several occasions and he requested that this matter remain on the progress report for a further update.

The District Manager stated that he took this matter seriously and would ensure Councillor Weld's comments were passed on to the Mr Boland, Director of Service for Environment and Water Services.

The report was noted.

**MY27/0218**

**Wall at Donadea Forest Park**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.  
Can the members of this municipal district have a progress report on the wall around Donadea Forest Park?

A report was received from Planning and Strategic Development informing the members that Coillte was finalising the 2018 annual budget. When this had been completed the Forester would contact the Heritage Officer regarding works to Donadea Forest Park and may be willing to meet with the Friends of Donadea Forest Park.

Councillor Weld stated this was an ongoing issue and requested it remain on the progress report until a further update was available.

The report was noted.

**MY28/0218**

**Lime trees along Carton Avenue**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin.  
That the lime trees damaged from recent storms along Carton Avenue be replaced.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cronin and seconded by Councillor Ó'Ceairúil.

A report was received from Community and Cultural Development informing the members that arrangements were being made to remove the storm damaged Lime trees and they would be replaced following removal this spring.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Ó'Ceairúil, that the report be noted.

**MY29/0218**

**Drehid Landfill Scheme**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick.  
How much monies are available for local groups from the Drehid Landfill Scheme this year and when will it be advertised?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Grant Scheme for 2018 was approved by the Drehid Community Liaison Committee. This committee meeting was scheduled for Friday 09 February at which the Drehid Grant Scheme for 2018 would be presented for approval and the details of funding and dates would be discussed and agreed.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.