

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday, 05 October 2018 at 10:20 am  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor T Durkan (Cathaoirleach), Councillors, R Cronin, J McGinley, T Murray, N O’Cearúil, P Ward, and B Weld.

**Officials Present:** Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Mr P Minnock (Director of Service), Mr J Deane (District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr E Fagan, Mr B Martin, Mr O’Brady (Administrative Officers), Mr G Maher (Senior Staff Officer) Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

**Apologies:** Councillors D Fitzpatrick and P McEvoy.

**MY01/1018**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders at 10:00 a.m. for twenty minutes to facilitate the completion of an in committee meeting which was taking place.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for twenty minutes until 10:20 a.m. The monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District commenced at 10.20 a.m.

**MY02/1018**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday 07 September 2018 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld seconded by Councillor O’Cearúil that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 07 September 2018, be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**MY03/1018**

**Matters Arising**

**Developments in Maynooth failing to provide crèches (MY27/0918)**

Councillor McGinley asked if there was any update on the report which the Planning and Strategic Development Department said they would provide for today's meeting. Mr Maher informed the members that a draft report had been prepared and when the report was finalised he would circulate it to the members.

**Design of the Newtown Road (MY12/0918)**

Councillor McGinley asked if the members could be furnished with a copy of the proposals for the design of the Newtown Road and the District Engineer stated this matter would be addressed under the update on the municipal district road works.

**Relocation of the bus stop at Windmill Cross (Derrinturn) L5022 (MY09/0918)**

Councillor Weld asked if there was any further update regarding the relocation of the bus stop at Windmill Cross and the District Engineer stated discussions had taken place with Bus Éireann and the council would be installing the poles for the bus stop within three to four weeks.

**Centre island at the entrance to Manor Court (MY07/0718)**

Councillor Cronin stated that a Road Safety Audit was required before removing the centre island and stated caution should be taken before any decision was made to remove the island.

**Commercial units in Chambers Park, Kilcock (MY02/0918) (MY14/0318)**

Councillor Ward asked if an update regarding the sale of the commercial units in Chambers Park could be provided for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting on 02 November 2018.

**Taking in charge of Castle Dawson and Meadowbrook Estate Councillor Murray (02/0918) (06/0418) (MY06/0418) (MY25/0118)**

Councillor Murray asked if the CCTV footage for the foul and storm water systems had been carried out in Meadowbrook and stated the process appeared to be depending on the

outcome on works being completed in Newtown Hall. Councillor Murray requested that an update be provided to the members.

**Proposed orbital routes for Maynooth (MY02/0918) (MY02/0618) (MY03/0418) (MY18/0218)**

Councillor Durkan asked if the council had received any update on the outcome of the judicial review in relation to the Part 8 for the Maynooth Northern Outer Orbital Route from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road. The District Manager informed the members that there was currently no update in relation to this matter.

**MY04/1018**

**Municipal District Road Works**

The District Engineer informed the members that there had been a number of consultations with the residents who were in favour with the plan to carry out footpath improvement works on the Newtown Road to the Rathcoffey Road. He stated where possible the intention was to extend the footpath to boundary fences and stated the matter needed to be discussed with the relevant landowners. He informed the members that it was likely the work on the footpath on the canal side would not be carried out by the end of the year but the council would aim to carry out any works possible. The District Engineer stated that the footpath on the town side could be laid and widened locally and the contract for this work was due to go to tender next week. He stated that traffic calming measures on the Millicent Road were due to commence in early 2019.

Councillor McGinley asked if the footpath improvements would be from Newtown Road to Castle Dawson Estate and the District Engineer stated that at this stage it would be from Beaufield to Bond Bridge and stated a personalised solution to suit all residents was required. Councillor McGinley and Councillor Murray thanked the residents for their co-operation with the proposed works. Councillor Murray asked if works on the Beaufield side would be at the shop side and the District Engineer stated that the kerb line would not be changed until a footpath had been completed on the canal side and the plan was to improve the footpath to full potential.

The Cathaoirleach conveyed apologies on behalf of Councillor Fitzpatrick who was unable to attend the meeting and requested that Councillor Fitzpatrick's motions be adjourned to the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting on 02 November 2018. All members agreed.

### **MY05/1018**

With the members agreement the Cathaoirleach took items 1-4 from the supplementary agenda next. Councillor O'Cearúil and Councillor Murray requested that all motions be taken separately. The District Manager stated that if the members had no objection to repetition then the items could be taken separately and she asked for the members agreement to hear the motions. All members present agreed.

#### **Item 1**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley. Given that Maps 1 and Map1 (a) of the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019, do not show a new Cycle/Pedestrian Route encroaching onto Carton Avenue from the development site of Limetree Hall, and all that is shown is a cycle/pedestrian route to the boundary of the site with Carton Avenue, that the current encroachment onto Carton Avenue is unauthorised and illegal as it does not comply with the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019, and further what has been put in place in the green area in Limetree Hall is anything but a cycle/pedestrian route but in effect a roadway with a new bridge over the ditch into Carton Avenue which is wide enough to take cars, and given that what has been put in place within Carton Avenue and Limetree Hall is not in compliance with planning file 14/660, that the council now order the developer of Limetree Hall to:

- (A) Immediately remove the two walkways on Carton Avenue and reinstate the green area.
- (B) Narrow the opening from Limetree Hall to cater for pedestrians only with a gate also to be put in place.
- (C) Trees which have been removed must be replaced with mature trees.

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

Councillor McGinley stated that in 1981 Carton Avenue was given a public amenity in the care of Kildare County Council by the owner, the honourable David Nall Cian. He stated that Carton House had been in existence since 1750 and it had by and large been well maintained over the years by Carton House, Maynooth Tidy Towns and Kildare County

Council. Councillor McGinley stated that last Friday a four metre wide opening and two footpaths 2.2 metres wide had been constructed from Limetree Hall Estate to Carton Avenue and stated they were an appalling eyesore which was completely out of character with the visual appearance of the avenue. He stated that the changes had not been covered under the planning permission applied for or granted for Limetree Hall under planning reference 14/660 and stated the planning file recorded that two council officials met with the developer of Limetree Hall onsite in October 2017 when they agreed detailed proposals for the entrance and two footpaths/cycle paths onto the avenue. Councillor McGinley stated that the two council officials did not have the authority to make such decisions without consulting with the Maynooth Municipal District members and given the sensitivity of the area any such proposal should have been applied for under a Part 8 process. He stated that the general public had not been aware of the proposed changes and had not been given an opportunity to object as no notification had been displayed on the avenue.

Councillor McGinley asked that the council instruct the developer of Limetree Hall to:

- Immediately remove the two walkways on Carton Avenue and reinstate the green area
- Narrow the opening from Limetree Hall to allow access for pedestrians only and a gate to be erected
- To replace any trees which had been removed with mature trees

Councillor McGinley stated that he envisaged the developer would ask the council to cover the cost of this work as it was the council who had requested the work to be carried out. He asked that the council agree to cover the cost of the work in order to speed up the restoration of the avenue.

Mr Minnock informed the members that a report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and he apologised that the report had not been circulated earlier. He stated that the works carried out complied with national and local policy in terms of permeability and movement and stated he did not agree with Councillor McGinley as the proposed works had been included in the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP). He informed the members that the creation of a new cycle/pedestrian route at this location was illustrated as an objective on the Roads Objectives Maps in the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019 (see Map Refs. 1

and 1(a), drawing no. 200/12/238 in the plan) and stated the Lime Tree Hall housing development had been granted planning permission under Reg. Ref. 14/660 on 29 June 2015 and the creation of a footpath/cycle path had been shown on the landscape plans submitted as part of the planning application.

Mr Minnock stated that maps had been circulated to the members showing the preferred line for access to the avenue and planning permission ref14/660 did include provision for a footpath/cycle path. He informed the members that condition 6 of the planning application stated “the proposed new pedestrian/cycle path linking with Carton Avenue shall be constructed and maintained to allow access to the general public. Reason: In the interest of residential amenity and orderly development.”

Mr Minnock stated that the applicant had submitted compliance drawings/details relating to condition number 6 (drawing 110) which was agreed to by the council's Municipal District Office and Parks Department and a letter of compliance to this effect was issued on 23 March 2018. He stated that following recent complaints regarding the development of the path the site was inspected by the Planning Control Section and the inspection indicated that the works completed so far had been carried out substantially in accordance with the planning permission granted and the approved compliance details and stated as all works had not been completed to date, the council would continue to monitor progress to ensure compliance with the requirements of the planning permission and the approved compliance details. Mr Minnock stated that the council was satisfied that vegetation removal was contained to hedging only and stated it should be noted that the tree survey that accompanied the planning application stated that the hedgerow along this section of the boundary with Carton Avenue was of poor condition. He informed the members that there had only been one submission received as part of the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and he proposed to write to the developer asking him to finish off the work started on Carton Avenue by installing bollards and lining it.

Councillor McGinley stated that the planners and engineers did not realise the importance of the issue with the current state of the avenue and stated nothing short of removing what was there and allowing an opening similar to O'Neill Park would be deemed acceptable. He stated that allowing cars access to the avenue was not part of the original plan and no planning permission signs had been displayed before any of these current works had been carried out. He suggested the bridge could be narrowed and a wall two metres high could

be erected and fitted with a farmyard gate. Mr McGinley urged the council to reconsider the current works on the avenue and stated he would support the residents in taking court action against the council if needs be.

### Item 2

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó'Cearúil. That the council takes immediate action to remedy the destruction of Carton Avenue by repairing the avenue alongside Limetree Avenue to its previous condition.

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

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that the residents of Maynooth were very upset about the current works which had commenced on Carton Avenue. He stated that in his opinion the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2021 was not fit for purpose, an amendment to the plan was still ongoing and preliminary discussions had not yet taken place. He stated a new LAP needed to be considered for Maynooth. Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that Carton Avenue Linear Park was part of the heritage and history of Maynooth, the area was not an open space and permeability should not be used to link one estate to another. He stated that he appreciated the decision was made having regard to the LAP and stated exceptions needed to be made and the council should reconsider their decision. Councillor Ó'Cearúil supported Councillor McGinley and stated the situation needed to be rectified swiftly.

Mr Minnock asked if Councillor Ó'Cearúil was referring to the link element of the Maynooth LAP and Councillor McGinley stated that the LAP showed the link running up as far as the boundary of Carton Avenue only and stated it did not indicate that it would run into the avenue itself. Mr Minnock stated that the LAP did not detail the full design and it showed the line connecting the two areas and stated if the cost of works involved was less than €127,000.00 in terms of outline, a Part 8 process was not required. He stated that the whole idea was that the avenue would be available for everyone to use and bollards would ensure cars could not access the area and a proper structured entrance would enable access to all users.

**Item 3**

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

That Carton Avenue, Maynooth is returned to its original condition and that any damage is repaired.

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

Councillor Durkan stated that there were three parts of Maynooth which needed protection, the Castle, the Main Street including The Square and Carton Avenue. He stated that planning permission had not been granted for the recent works carried out on the avenue and it should have been advertised with a site layout plan. He stated that for the council to say planning permission had been granted was incorrect as non of these works were within the site layout plan for this planning application. Councillor Durkan asked what plan the council had to minimise the possibility of anti-social behaviour and use of motor bikes on the avenue.

Mr Minnock stated that bollards would limit access to the avenue and staging posts could be used to prevent speeding cyclists. Councillor Durkan stated that neither the members nor the public had seen any drawings for the works to be carried out on the avenue and stated his view was that the council had allowed these works to be implemented without planning permission and it was not acceptable.

**Item 4**

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

That due to the design and scale of the recently built pedestrian/cycle entrance from Limetree Hall into Carton Avenue, Maynooth, and investigations were carried out to insure that all planning conditions have been adhered to.

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

Councillor Murray stated that Carton Avenue was part of the heritage of Maynooth town and the gap in the hedge was too wide, shrubs and hedging had been removed and the community were outraged with the changes that had been made. She asked if any objection to unauthorised development had been received by the council and if so could it be followed



up on. She stated that she would like the public to be informed of details of any planned works on the avenue beyond the boundary line. She asked why some similar areas had gates and some did not. Councillor Durkan stated that he had emailed the Planning and Strategic Development Department to ask if the works carried out could be deemed to be an unauthorised development. Mr Minnock informed the members that it was not an unauthorised development. Councillor Murray asked if the public could be informed of this.

Mr Minnock stated that the Parks Department and the Maynooth Municipal District Office were aiming to improve permeability and overall amenities in Maynooth. He stated that any future connections planned for Maynooth would have to be discussed by the Maynooth Municipal District members and processed as part of the Maynooth LAP and the County Development Plan.

Councillor Cronin stated that she was horrified on Sunday when she saw the construction on the avenue and stated the removal of trees from the area meant Tesco was in full view in the midst of a beautiful avenue. She stated that it was important that all the Maynooth Municipal District members worked together on this matter and stated Kildare County Council were responsible for the breakthrough on the avenue. Councillor Cronin stated that she agreed with Councillor McGinley's motion except for the request to install gates at the entrance of the avenue and stated one main entrance for all users would be the fairest way to access the avenue. She stated that the avenue was not there to facilitate a shortcut from one end of the town to the other and confirmed her support for Councillor McGinley and would too be willing to go to court to fight the case and stand in demonstration at the entrances to the avenue if needed.

Mr Minnock stated that the Maynooth LAP had been the correct channel to proceed with the layout of the avenue and stated an indicative line had been outlined and as a reserved function the members had adopted the Maynooth LAP. He stated the correct decision had been made by the previous council and Kildare County Council had implemented that decision and that the more the avenue was opened up the more accessible it would be to everyone.

Councillor Cronin stated that it was not accessible to everyone and Mr Minnock stated that the works had not yet been completed and the council would ensure that all works were completed to a high standard. Her reiterated that the development was authorised.

Councillor Weld stated that hedging had been removed which was not consistent with other areas as planning permission was regularly refused for the removal of hedges. He asked if there was any reason the link needed to be so wide and what protection was currently applicable to the avenue.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil proposed that his motion be moved and that the members agree on an action going forward. Councillor McGinley requested that his motion be moved and supported Councillor Ó'Cearúil. Councillor Durkan asked if the members would be notified in future if there were any further works planned for the avenue and the District Manager stated that the council sets the policy and the members would be notified if there were any future applications to create additional openings.

Councillor Cronin asked that Councillor McGinley withdraw the item in his motion requesting a gate to be erected and Councillor Durkan stated the openings needed to be narrowed.

The District Manager stated that a resolution to immediately remove the works which had been carried out which were in compliance with the planning permission and in line with the Maynooth LAP, could not be accepted.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that the developer did not own the area of access up to the boundary line and no planning permission had been granted for that land. The District Manager stated the Maynooth LAP had been implemented as a reserved function and any resolution passed in contravention of policies contained therein today, could not be implemented. Councillor Ó'Cearúil asked why the council could not accept it was a mistake and the District Manager stated that the council did not agree it was a mistake or an unauthorised development.

Councillor McGinley stated that condition 6 of the planning permission stated that the proposed new pedestrian/cycle path linking with Carton Avenue should be constructed and

maintained to allow access to the general public and there was no mention of 2.2 metre openings for access and he proposed that his motion be moved.

Councillor Durkan asked if the Planning and Strategic Development Department were willing to restore the avenue to its' original condition. Mr Minnock informed the members that the layout for the avenue had been designed to a technical specification for vulnerable users including the disabled, wheelchair users and people with limited mobility. He stated safety measures would be implemented and bollards could be used to deter misuse and the width of openings would not be oppressive.

The District Engineer informed the members that four metres was the actual specified width for the openings and stated there were over four hundred houses on the R148 along the Leixlip Road and the avenue would allow them to access the primary school. He stated that the works would be carried out in a tasteful way and there would be no chance of vehicular traffic having access to the avenue. Councillor McGinley stated he would remove his recommendation from his motion that gates be installed.

The District Manager confirmed that the proposal being made by the members today could not be implemented.

The Cathaoirleach called for a vote to be taken on the motion that Carton Avenue, Maynooth be returned to its' original condition and that any damage is repaired.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McGinley, with all members present voting in favour that Carton Avenue, Maynooth be returned to its' original condition and that any damage to the avenue be repaired.

The Cathaoirleach proposed to take items 23, 24 and 25 from the agenda next. The members agreed.

**MY06/1018**

**Connolly's Folly/The Obelisk**

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

That the council writes to the Office of Public Works (OPW) requesting them to place more aesthetically pleasing security fencing around Connolly's Folly/The Obelisk.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó'Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Weld.

A report was received from Corporate Services informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree and a copy of previous correspondence received from the Office of Public Works (OPW) dated 10 May 2018 confirming there were no current plans to replace the fencing was circulated to the members.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil asked that a further letter be sent to the OPW requesting details of any fencing works planned and asked that they consult with Kildare County Council in relation to any proposed works.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all members present that the council write a further letter to the OPW requesting details of any fencing works planned for the Obelisk and ask that they consult with Kildare County Council in relation to any proposed works.

**MY07/1018**

**Illegal encampment at Nancy's Lane**

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

What plan has the council to deal with the illegal encampment at Nancy's Lane, Clane?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that as per report issued in July 2018, Kildare County Council deals with all illegal encampments in accordance with legislation and agreed procedures. Matters relating to specific cases could not be discussed at municipal district meetings.

Councillor Weld asked why it took so long to deal with this case and if there was a timeframe for dealing with such cases. Mr Brady stated that it was not an easy process and all encampments had to be dealt with under the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2002 (as

amended). He stated that the area had been secured that day and he would check the timeframe for the removal of the caravan with the officer dealing with the case and report back to the members.

The report was noted.

**MY08/1018**

**Irish flag on Courthouse Square, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó'Gearúil.  
Can the council commit to the upkeep of the Irish flag on Courthouse Square, Maynooth?

A report was received from Corporate Services informing the members that following enquires, it could not be established who erected this flag but the council could confirm it was not approved under the current Flag Policy adopted by the council in February this year. The Facilities Section and the Municipal District Engineer had both indicated they did not maintain or manage this flag. Regard would have to be had to the current Flag Policy and the resources required, before any commitment could be given to this flag's upkeep.

Councillor Ó'Gearúil stated that the flag had been erected by the business community and the Courthouse Square was managed by the council. The District Manager asked Councillor Ó'Gearúil to provide contact details for the relevant business contact to the Corporate Services Department and stated they would contact them in relation to the upkeep of the flag.

The report was noted.

The Cathaoirleach proposed to take items 3 and 8 from the agenda together. The members agreed.

**MY09/1018**

**Funding for road works on The Dunboyne Road**

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

That funding be provided in the 2019 - 2021 Capital Programme to remove the bad corner on The Dunboyne Road, Maynooth near Pebble Hill House and funding for a footpath from Castlepark Housing Estate up to the roundabout on the Blacklion Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was no funding available in the three year Capital Programme 2019-2021 for these projects without removing other more strategic projects from the programme. The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would consider these projects and determine if another source of funding could be secured.

A report was also received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that An Bord Pleanála's decision on the Mariavilla Strategic Housing Development included a condition (no.28) providing for a development contribution of €3.6 million in respect of public infrastructure and facilities.

Councillor McGinley stated that An Bord Pleanála had provided €3.6 million towards the cost of public infrastructure and facilities and he asked that the project be included as part of the three year Capital Programme 2019-2021 and asked that funding from elsewhere if required be used to fund the work.

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

**MY10/1018**

**Upgrading of the Dunboyne Road**

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

That the design process is started for a full upgrading of the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth similar to that of the Moyglare Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was currently no funding to support this project.

Councillor Durkan stated that as Cairn Homes had started building, the opportunity to upgrade the Dunboyne Road should be taken and stated the council should approach the developer and request the road be widened. Mr Martin informed the members that there was currently no funding to support this project and the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department could examine the possibility of alternative funding to cover the cost for these works.

Councillor McGinley stated that the works could be included in the Capital Programme 2019-2021 and Mr Martin stated that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would explore other possibilities of funding to cover the cost of the works. Councillor Murray stated that all submissions known to her on the Maria Villa development were in relation to widening the Dunboyne Road and An Bord Pleanála had not acknowledged them. Councillor Durkan asked that the council contact the developer to discuss possible improvements for the Dunboyne Road and request a design identical to that of the works carried out on the Moyglare Road. Mr Martin stated he would refer all requests to the Senior Engineer and the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety. Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress report for an update to be provided for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting in November.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ó'Cearúil that the report be noted and the council contact the developer of Mariavilla to discuss possible improvements for the Dunboyne Road and request a design identical to that of the works carried out on the Moyglare Road and that this item remain on the progress report and an update be provided for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting on 02 November 2018.

**MY11/1018**

**Entrance to Laurence Avenue**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley.  
That the road at the entrance to Laurence Avenue from the Celbridge Road be clearly marked Yield or Stop in the interest of road safety and as recommended by Maynooth Gardaí.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that road markings would be carried out in the coming week.

Councillor McGinley stated that the District Engineer had committed to carry out the markings on the road and stated An Garda Síochána was also involved.

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

**MY12/1018**

**Manhole outside Staplestown school**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.  
That the broken manhole outside Staplestown school be replaced as a matter of urgency.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue would be addressed by the Overseer as soon as possible.

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



**MY13/1018**

**Public car park options in Straffan**

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

That the council undertake a review of the public car park options available in the village of Straffan in order to increase capacity and assist local businesses.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that they would examine this in consultation with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer.

Councillor Ward asked if a commitment could be given that a review would be carried out. Mr Martin asked if the members had any particular sites in mind and Councillor Ward stated he would see what further information he could provide to progress the matter further.

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

**MY14/1018**

**Yellow box at the entrance of Ryebriidge Estate**

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

That a yellow box be inserted at the entrance of Ryebriidge Estate, Kilcock to assist residents trying to exit their estate onto the R158.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a yellow box at this location would not meet the council's normal requirements for line marking. The council would hope that delays at this junction would be greatly alleviated with the installation of traffic lights which was anticipated to commence shortly.

Councillor Ward stated that due to traffic congestion as far as the Meath border he did not feel the installation of traffic lights alone would alleviate the problem. The District Engineer

stated he would meet with Councillor Ward. Councillor Ward asked if there was a timeframe for the installation of the lights and the District Engineer stated there was a planning issue involved and he would revert back to Councillor Ward to confirm the timeframe. Councillor Ward requested that this item remain on the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Murray that the report be noted, the District Engineer meet with Councillor Ward to discuss the traffic management issues and that this item remain on the progress report.

**MY15/1018**

**Cleaning of drains and gullies in the Maynooth Municipal District**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Murray.  
That the members receive an update on the progress of the cleaning of drains and gullies in the Maynooth Municipal District.

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 works on gully clearance would commence in the coming week in anticipation of increased rainfall over the coming months.

Councillor Murray asked if there was a plan in place for the cleaning of gullies and the District Engineer stated the council would be commencing early October/November when the leaves began to fall and stated it would be a priority activity over the next six to ten weeks. Councillor Murray asked if there was a system in place and the District Engineer confirmed there was.

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

**MY16/1018**

**Park and Ride facility in Kilcock**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin.  
That secure bicycle parking be provided in the Park and Ride facility in Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that following a procurement process for the supply of secure bicycle parking facilities, the tender assessment was currently being finalised. The new park and ride facility in Kilcock could be considered for secure bicycle parking in addition to a number of other locations throughout the county. The Maynooth Municipal District Office was examining a number of locations in Kilcock for bicycle parking and would keep the members informed.

Councillor Cronin stated that secure bicycle parking would be a great asset to Kilcock. Councillor Ward supported the motion and asked how many bicycle racks would be provided, if the train station area could be included in the number of locations facilitated and if a completion date was known. Mr Martin stated final figures would not be known until the tender had been completed.

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

**MY17/1018**

**Pedestrian crossing at the shops in Beaufield**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin.  
That the pedestrian crossing at the shops in Beaufield with regard to road markings, sightlines and how to prevent illegal parking on the crossing, be re-examined.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would refresh the exact line marking on the approach to this crossing.

Councillor Cronin stated that the issue with illegal parking at the pedestrian crossing had been raised on several occasions and noted there was a tree obstructing the light quality at the crossing. The District Engineer confirmed the line markings would be refreshed and the council would examine the quality of the general lighting and the obstructing tree.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Murray that the report be noted and the council refresh the exact line marking on the approach to the pedestrian crossing and examine the quality of the general lighting and the obstructing tree.

**MY18/1018**

**Bicycle rack at the bus stop at Kingsbry**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley. When will the promised bicycle rack be put in place at the bus stop at Kingsbry, Straffan Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council were still trying to procure the precise unit for the bus shelters for Kingsbry and Greenfield.

The report was noted.

**MY19/1018**

**Seat at the bus shelter at Old Greenfield**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley. Can the council ask Dublin Bus to put the seat back at the bus shelter at Old Greenfield, Straffan Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council was still trying to procure the precise unit for the bus shelter for Greenfield.

Councillor McGinley stated it was the seat he was asking about and the District Engineer stated he would examine the matter.

The report was noted.

**MY20/1018**

**Public roads and footpaths adjacent to construction sites**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó'Cearúil.  
What can this council do to ensure that construction companies keep public roads and footpaths adjacent to construction sites in a clean and presentable condition?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that depending on the type and scale of development, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department included a condition of planning permission that public roads and footpaths be kept clean during the construction phase. Conditions could include the provision of on-site wheel washes and mechanical sweepers for road cleaning and dust control where deemed appropriate i.e., development of large sites with significant soil movement, large housing developments, quarries etc. The Municipal District Engineers communicate with developers regarding the upkeep and maintenance of public roads and footpaths adjacent to the development during the construction phase. Spillage and blow-off of debris, aggregates and fine material onto public roads could be further reduced to a minimum by ensuring HGV's delivering to and exiting construction sites were covered. Kildare County Council's Development Control Department also had on-site contact with developers during the construction phase of housing developments. The Development Control Department's inspection remit within the site boundary to ensure that fugitive construction dust and debris is managed on-site and does not migrate off site onto public roads and footpaths.

The report was noted.

**MY21/1018**

**Anti skid surfacing at Ballinakill, Broadford**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
When will anti skid surfacing be carried out at Ballinakill, Broadford?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these works were scheduled to commence week beginning 08 October 2018.

Councillor Durkan asked if it was the correct piece of road being referred to and the District Engineer stated it was the sharp right on the approach to the left hand corner.

The report was noted.

**MY22/1018**

**The Square, Maynooth**

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

What progress has been made in relation to refurbishing The Square, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this project was not under examination at this time by Road Design/Projects due to the number of funded projects (in the five municipal districts) currently in hand.

The District Engineer stated the matter had previously been discussed with the members and it was agreed outside expertise was needed for this project. Councillor Durkan asked if a timeframe for the work was known and Mr Martin stated no timeframe was yet known but he would seek clarification and advise the members accordingly.

The report was noted.

**MY23/1018**

**Road markings at the entrance to the Rockfield Estate**

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

Can the road markings at the entrance to the Rockfield Estate be repainted?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these road markings would be refreshed next week.

The report was noted.

**MY24/1018**

**Crinnstown Road (L5042) and Newtown Road (R408)**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Murray.  
When will the junction of the Crinnstown Road (L5042) and Newtown Road (R408) be upgraded as part of the Low Cost Accident Scheme 2018?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that discussions were ongoing with the local land owner to improve sightlines at this junction and the council were endeavouring to finish this work in 2018.  
The report was noted.

**MY25/1018**

**Orange Level Weather Warning**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cronin.  
Given that we've already had our first Orange Level Weather Warning for a storm in Kildare, is this municipal district prepared for anticipated severe events that may occur this winter?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Storm Bronagh was a significant weather event and the Maynooth Municipal District Office had dealt with over 20 fallen trees on the road network. Kildare County Council had an agreed Severe Weather Plan which was produced in line with National Guidance. This plan was used in conjunction with the structures and procedures outlined in the council's Major Emergency Plan to respond to the recent storms and severe weather events. The council had a Severe Weather Assessment Team who met on a regular basis to review and update the council's preparations for severe weather response. Meetings of the Severe Weather Assessment Team were also triggered by weather warnings and this team met in response to the recent Orange Level Weather Warning. A review of the winter salting routes had also been carried out and presented at the September meeting of the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).  
The report was noted.

**MY26/1018**

**1798 Monument on the Fair Green, Kilcock**

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

Can urgent repairs be undertaken on the 1798 Monument on the Fair Green in Kilcock which is in a dangerous state of repair?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that following an enquiry, the council had been advised that this monument may have been erected by the community in Kilcock and was not the responsibility of Kildare County Council. The community in Kilcock could apply to the Parks Department seeking a grant towards the cost of repairs.

Councillor Ward stated council officials from the Planning and Strategic Development Department and the Parks Department had visited the site last year and he asked if the issue of ownership/responsibility could be re-examined.

The report was noted.

**MY27/1018**

**Public park, Clane**

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

That the council now engage with interested stakeholders in moving forward the provision of a public park which was made in the recent Clane Local Area Plan (LAP).

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the allocation of staff to commence engagement would be considered for the 2019 Parks Works Programme, this would be dependent on projects already identified in the current years works programme, being completed first.

Councillor Weld stated that land had been identified in the Clane LAP and stated interested stake holders were willing to work with the council on moving forward to create a public park. He asked that the council commenced consultation with the landowner and stated the landowner was willing to fund part of the project. Mr Wallace stated that the council would



engage with the landowner but that it would not be until 2019 as there were various other projects to be completed. Councillor Weld asked if it would be early 2019 and Mr Wallace stated the Bawnogues would have to be completed first. Councillor Weld requested that this item remain on the progress report.

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

### MY28/1018

#### Childcare places

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó'Cearúil. That the council is provided with details of childcare places available to families in this municipal district and the demand for childcare places.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a request had issued to the Kildare County Childcare Committee in relation to details requested and the council would revert back to the Maynooth Municipal District members once information was received.

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

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Cronin that the report be noted and requested that this item remain on the progress report until the report was received.

**MY29/1018**

**Trees in estates**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Murray.  
Following the impact of the recent storm that an examination be carried out on all trees in estates in this municipal district which overhang or are close to public footpaths.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that it would not be possible within the resources available and the extent of trees and area that would have to be surveyed, for the Parks Section to carry out a survey of all trees overhanging or close to public paths. However, if there were specific locations the councillor was concerned about these could be examined.

Councillor Murray stated that she would provide details of specific areas and she requested that other members provide details of any areas highlighted or known to them.

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

**MY30/1018**

**Anti social behaviour in Maynooth Playground**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the Maynooth Municipal District and all interested parties take urgent action to stamp out the serious anti social behaviour taking place in Maynooth Playground.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that last year a security company was employed for a number of months to open and close the playground. This was to resolve antisocial behaviour and was successful in achieving this. This arrangement terminated earlier in the summer and no incidences had been reported or noted until last week. In order to resolve this issue the council would employ a security company to commence opening and closing again but do not have the resources to do this indefinitely. Therefore the council needed assistance from

the community in Maynooth to do this long term. The council would engage with the Maynooth Community Council and the Maynooth Planning Alliance to see if this was possible. Additionally greater support from the An Garda Síochána was required to assist with this recurring problem.

Councillor Durkan stated that photos of the playground had been displayed online and alcohol bottles, glue bottles, varnish tins along with other items had been found on the slides in the playground. He stated that the playground needed to be secured and it required locking nightly to avoid anti social behaviour. Councillor Murray stated that the Maynooth Safety Group and Leon Diop the president of the Maynooth University Students' Union had agreed to help out. She stated Maynooth University students were going to clean up the playground at night time until it was locked and An Garda Síochána were also going to keep an eye on it.

Councillor Cronin supported the motion and stated it was appalling and stated a request should be made to An Garda Síochána to patrol the playground nightly. Councillor Ó'Cearúil supported the motion and agreed with Councillor Cronin that a request should be made to An Garda Síochána to patrol the playground nightly.

Mr Wallace informed the members that the playground had been locked on a nightly basis until May 2018 and stated assistance from An Garda Síochána and the community was required to help with the operating of the playground. Councillor Durkan asked that the council write to the Superintendent of Maynooth Garda Station, Leon Diop, the president of Maynooth University Students' Union and also refer the matter to the Joint Policing Committee (JPC).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ó'Cearúil that the report be noted and the council write to the Superintendent of Maynooth Garda Station asking that they patrol the playground daily and also write to Leon Diop, the president of Maynooth University Students' Union thanking them for their assistance with the daily cleaning up of the playground and to ask them if they would continue to help out and that the matter be referred to the Joint Policing Committee (JPC).

**MY31/1018**

**Community centre in Clane**

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

Can the council engage with the various community groups in Clane village to discuss what provisions can be made to provide a community centre in Clane for the ever increasing population?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Clane was one of the towns included in the Health Check process. Once the process had been completed the council would revert to the members with the findings and discuss the community facilities requirements.

Councillor Weld asked the council to look for a suitable site for a community centre and once the Health Checks were completed funding should be sought for the securing of the site. The District Manager stated that most funding schemes put emphasis on the Health Checks and stated the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department would revert back to the members to discuss a suitable location. Councillor Weld requested that this item remain on the progress report.

The report was noted.

**MY32/1018**

**Bawnogues, Kilcock**

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

Can a comprehensive update be given on the developments in the Bawnogues, Kilcock and going forward; can this municipal district receive a monthly update on this item?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that following on from the drainage and grading works carried out last year, work had commenced six weeks ago on the provision of topsoil onto the site and the reinstatement of areas to grass and wildflower areas. Additionally topsoil had been provided for a second soccer pitch on the site for Kilcock Celtic. The reinstatement work was due to be completed in the next two weeks, weather permitting. Consultants had also been appointed to prepare designs and specifications for the addition of sprint lanes, a high jump area and improved lighting and drainage for the athletics track. These were planned to be

completed and tendered by the end of the year and to commence works in 2019. Members of the Bawnogues Steering Group had visited the recently constructed Monread Community Centre to view the operation, usage levels and layout of the centre, so as to inform and assist the Steering Group in its' decision making on the proposed layout and use of the Kilcock Community Centre. Following this information session, the architect engaged on this project was reviewing the schedule of possible uses for the proposed Kilcock Multi-Purpose Community Centre and would draw up a schedule of accommodation within the project budget of €2,000,000 for discussion by the Steering Group at its' next meeting, which would take place in the coming weeks. Regarding updates in relation to the development, it would be preferable to report on updates on a quarterly basis if the members were agreeable. This was due to the remaining works being large scale and still at design stage so progression would be slow until the designs were completed. The report was noted.

### **MY33/1018**

#### **Funds for local projects and amenities**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Cronin. Can the council give detail on the use of development levies for proposed housing estates in the Maynooth Municipal District in relation to funds being ring fenced for local projects or amenities?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that under the council's Development Contribution Scheme, 34.5% of *residential* development contributions were apportioned to recreation and amenity and 6.5% to community. With regard to *commercial and retail* development contributions, 8.4% and 1.5% were the respective percentages allocated to recreation, amenity and community. These allocations took into account the requirements set out in the Capital Programme.

A report was also received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that development levies were used for amenity and recreation projects and had been used in the past for projects within estates in the Maynooth Municipal District. Specific projects could be considered again if the councillor had identified some. However these would have to be considered in addition to a number of amenity projects already committed to in the programme.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.