

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 06 April 2018 at 10:15 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), Ms A Burke (Executive Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms J O'Reilly (A/Senior Executive Planner), Mr M McLoughlin, Mr B O'Gorman, Mr B Martin (Administrative Officers), Mr E Doyle (Assistant Arts Officer), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

MY01/0418

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders for fifteen minutes to facilitate the completion of an informal meeting which was taking place.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all members that standing orders be suspended for fifteen minutes until 10.15am. The monthly meeting of Maynooth Municipal District commenced at 10.15am.

MY02/0418

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on 09 March 2018, together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Weld seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 09 March 2018 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

MY03/0418
Matters Arising

Vacant Housing Report

Councillor McGinley stated that he had concerns regarding the validity of the vacant housing report issued for the Maynooth Municipal District as the report indicated that there was only one vacant house in the Maynooth Municipal District when in fact there was actually two houses vacant in the area. Councillor McGinley stated that one house had been vacant for over a year and the second had been vacant for five months and stated that one house could have been used immediately and noted if the report for Maynooth was inaccurate it questioned the validity of reports for the remaining municipal districts. Councillor Durkan agreed with Councillor McGinley and also noted council houses and Part V houses were not listed on the vacant housing report. Councillor Cronin stated that there was currently a vacant house in Clane which did not appear on the report. The District Manager stated that he would refer the matter to the Housing Department.

Correspondence from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding resurfacing and noise reduction measures on the M4 between Leixlip and Kilcock (MY09/1117) (18/0318)

Councillor McGinley stated that the reply received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland indicated that Kildare County Council were responsible for implementing low noise surfacing and noise reduction barriers along the M4 was incorrect and asked that the council reply to the letter.

The District Manager informed the members that that the answer given by TII was correct and that legally and contractually, Kildare County Council designed and built the M4. Mr Morrissey stated that it was a countywide issue and not just an issue with the M4 and the council were currently looking into acquiring additional resources to address these issues. Councillor McGinley requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

Update on the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Application (MY13/0917)

Councillor McGinley asked if the Lara cul de sac had been included in works to be carried out under the LIS Scheme. The District Engineer stated that the extent of the work required in this area did not warrant funding under the LIS Scheme.

**Traffic Lights at Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth (03/0318) (MY02/0218)
(MY02/0118) (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 the developer was applying for a Road Opening Licence and it was hoped that work would commence over the next couple of weeks.

Proposed orbital routes for Maynooth (MY18/0218)

Councillor Murray asked if there was any update on progress with the proposed orbital routes in Maynooth. The District Manager informed the members that there was no further update but there would be an opportunity following the meeting to discuss the matter further at the Local Area Plan (LAP) meeting.

Negotiations with the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) in securing unfinished estates or land banks (MY38/1117)

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update regarding the two unfinished estates in the Maynooth Municipal District. The District Manager stated the matter would be referred to the Housing Department for an update.

Flooding in Barrington Court Estate (MY12/0218)

Councillor Weld asked if there was any update on the flooding problem in Barrington Court Estate, Prosperous, and the overflow of sewage onto the public road. The District Engineer stated that the outfall had been installed as part of the works which had been completed and a new pipeline was now required to alleviate pressure from the foul line and stated this work would take a few months to complete. Councillor Weld requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

Balyna Group Water Scheme, Carbury (MY02/0917) (MY20/0417) and (MY03/0517)

Councillor Weld noted that the latest report stated the council expected a decision from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government in three to four weeks time and requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

MY04/0418

Municipal District Road Works

The District Engineer informed the members that there was no further update on the Municipal District Road Works since the last meeting in March 2018 and stated it would be late summer 2018 when the schedule of works for 2018 would commence.

Councillor Weld asked if any works were going to be carried out on the roads around Ballinagappa.

The District Engineer stated that works were being carried out on the cul de sac and on the Mill Road from Staplestown and stated works would be carried out from Pikes Bridge to Clane.

MY05/0418

Deputation from Courtown Little

The members considered receipt of a deputation from Courtown Little and Laragh residents in respect of the flooding problems in this area.

Councillor Ward stated that he had received a request from local residents asking if a deputation could be received by the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all members present that a deputation from Courtown Little and Laragh residents in respect of the flooding problems in this area be received by the members at the Maynooth Municipal District meeting in May 2018.

MY06/0418

Taking in charge of Meadowbrook and Castle Dawson Estates

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

That a concentrated effort be made to take in charge Meadowbrook and Castle Dawson Estates in Maynooth, as it is now over two and half years since the public consultation process was completed.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in relation to the Meadowbrook Estate, the Building and Development Control Department were liaising with Irish Water in finalising the taking in charge process. With regard to the Castle Dawson Estate the Building and Development Control Department were liaising with the developer of Newtown Hall to have the estate brought up to taking in charge standards. Kildare County Council had provided the developer with a snag list of remedial works to be completed. When Newtown Hall Estate was completed this would allow for both Newtown Hall Estate and Castle Dawson Estate to be taken in charge simultaneously through the usual process of liaising with Irish Water.

Councillor McGinley stated that this was an ongoing issue which was previously addressed by the Celbridge Area Committee. He stated that the developer of Castle Dawson estate sent a letter two years ago to have the estate taken in charge and now Castle Dawson estate was tied in with Newtown Hall estate which was delaying the process. Councillor McGinley stated that a meeting of senior management in Irish Water and Kildare County Council should be held to address issues which were holding up the taking in charge process.

Councillor Murray stated that she had been working closely with Newtown Hall estate residents and the CCTV report had been sent into the council and with regard to the snag list the builder had confirmed it reported no major issues and works should be completed by the end of May 2018 meaning the taking in charge process could then be considered.

Ms Burke informed the members that once the developer had carried out the necessary works, wearings could be completed and then the council could liaise with Irish Water to proceed with the taking in charge process of Castle Dawson and Newtown Hall Estates.

Councillor McGinley stated the council had completed the necessary work but that in two years, Irish Water still had made no further progress with the the taking in charge process.

Ms Burke informed the members that the council had been liaising with Irish Water with regard to Meadowbrook Estate and it would take time to complete this process.

The District Manager stated that senior management of Kildare County Council were liaising with Irish Water with regard to commitments and would continue to do so.

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

MY07/0418

Part 8 report for the proposed temporary car park at Maynooth Road, Kilcock

The members considered the Part 8 report for the proposed temporary car park at Maynooth Road, Kilcock, Ref. P82018.01.

The District Manager recommended approval of the Part 8 be granted and stated the temporary car park would allow a two hour parking limit and would free up parking spaces in Kilcock town.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present that the Part 8 for the proposed temporary car park at Maynooth Road, Kilcock, Ref. P82018.01. be approved.

MY08/0418

Surface water drain for the cul de sac at houses in Hillview, Clane

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

That the surface water drain for the cul de sac at houses in Hillview, Clane be connected to the Ballinagappa Road network to resolve recurring flooding of the footpath, road and surrounds (location provided).

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that works were recently completed in an adjacent cul de sac in Hillview. The Maynooth Municipal District Office would now monitor the area identified to see if works were warranted.

Councillor McEvoy stated that he acknowledged the tremendous success of works completed to date and stated the residents would keep an eye on the situation going forward.

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

MY09/0418

Locations for public bicycle parking for the town centre of Kilcock

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

That suitable locations for public bicycle parking are identified and planned for the town centre of Kilcock.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy 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 cycle parking was included in the redesign of The Square in Kilcock. This suggestion would be taken into account when designs for other public areas were being planned.

Councillor McEvoy stated that numerous bicycles were being parked outside the café in The Square in Kilcock as there was no capacity for bicycle parking and stated that in one instance he had seen fourteen bicycles outside the café. He stated that bicycle users passing through Kilcock wanted to access the cafés and there was a demand for a parking service and the council could look at allocating appropriate spaces and he suggested the possibility of looking at an area at Supervalu towards Kilcock town centre.

Councillor Ward supported Councillor McEvoy's motion and stated that additional spaces could be looked at to facilitate cycle users on the Greenway.

The District Manager informed the members that great work had been carried out by the Maynooth Municipal District Office to support local business and details of a tender for secure bicycle parking was being finalised and stated that the prosoposed car park at Maynooth Road, Kilcock may be an ideal location along with some casual bicycle parking facilities.

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

MY10/0418

Monitoring of traffic lights with louvred covers

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Cronin. That traffic lights with louvred covers in this municipal district be monitored seasonally to ensure safety with respect to motorists and pedestrians having clear range of view.

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 as part of Kildare County Council's traffic signals maintenance contract, periodic inspections were undertaken by the council's contractors to check the traffic signal equipment and infrastructure. This item has been brought to the attention of the Traffic Management Team. If councillors wish to report any issue regarding traffic signals in the county please email trafficlights@kildarecoco.ie.

Councillor Cronin asked how often the traffic lights were inspected.

The District Manager informed the members that the council's contractors were required to periodically check and address any issues with the traffic lights and stated everyone was welcome to email complaints to trafficlights@kildarecoco.ie.

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

MY11/0418

Funding for the provision of a pedestrian controlled crossing in Straffan Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley. That funding be sought from the National Transport Authority for the provision of a pedestrian controlled crossing at the crossroads in Straffan Village between the Straffan Inn and Coarse Moore Estate, and if the National Transport Authority do not provide funding that the council provide funding from their own resources or from local property tax funds.

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 a technical assessment would be required to determine if a controlled pedestrian crossing was warranted at this location.

Councillor McGinley stated that this matter had been raised over a year and a half ago and there had been a site meeting with the residents and was surprised a technical assessment was now required considering traffic monitoring had been previously carried out at this location last year. He stated the pedestrian controlled crossing was required to facilitate sixty houses, Scoil Brid and the GAA pitches.

The District Manager informed the members that due to the high turnover of staff there was a shortage of resources in the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) team and a replacement would be coming. He stated that funding for the crossing would be an issue and consideration should be given to alternative funding other than the NTA as funding for all major projects was being sought from the NTA and these projects were the council's priority.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Durkan, that the report be noted and a technical assessment be carried out to determine if a controlled pedestrian crossing was warranted at this location.

MY12/0418

Invite to Go Ahead

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

That the council invite Go Ahead to the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting to discuss the implications for service users in this municipal district following the recent awarding of six public transport contracts.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) awarded the public service contract to Go Ahead for six routes in County Kildare. The members would be afforded an opportunity to discuss this issue with the NTA at a forthcoming meeting (date to be confirmed) to discuss the Bus Connects strategic plan and other NTA policies affecting public transport services in the Maynooth Municipal District.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that Go Ahead had been awarded the contract for six routes in County Kildare but that it was the NTA who would be attending the forthcoming meeting and not Go Ahead and the District Manager confirmed this was the case. Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that he was particularly interested in the 120 bus service from Edenderry to Busaras and stated he hoped this service would be protected and improved.

Councillor McEvoy stated the 124 bus service was listed on the plan and it was important that a good relationship with the public and the NTA was maintained. Councillor Ward asked when the NTA were going to meet with the elected members.

The District Manager stated that Mr Neill Quigley from the NTA had made a firm commitment to attend the Maynooth Municipal District meeting when the Bus Connects Programme had been completed.

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

MY13/0418

Installation of public street lights on the Ballinagappa Road

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

That the council investigate the installation of public street lights on the Ballinagappa Road to illuminate the new section of footpath that links to The Meadows housing estate.

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 Public Lighting Section had visited the location of this site and carried out an assessment based on the criteria set out in Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS). There was currently no funding allocated in this year's public lighting budget to carry out the works. This request was now listed on the KLIPS register.

Councillor McEvoy stated that Councillor Weld had allocated Local Property Tax (LPT) funding for works on the footpath to be carried out and asked if the new section of footpath that links to The Meadows housing estate could be illuminated in the evenings.

The District Manager stated that due to the high turnover of staff the Public Lighting Section had been short on resources and stated that a formal report would be published shortly.

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

MY14/0418

Bus stops serving the 139 route through Clane

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

That the bus stops serving the 139 route through Clane are assessed for passenger safety and are marked to prevent obstruction by car parking.

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 National Transport Authority (NTA) and their consulting engineers were currently completing their safety assessment and design of a number of bus

stops, including the Clane bus stops on Route 139. The Roads, Transport and Public Safety Section would be liaising with the NTA and their consulting engineers in relation to this and any necessary works would be carried out on site as soon as possible. The Pay Parking Section would also be consulted in relation to the Clane Pay Parking Bye Laws where road markings/signage installation was currently underway.

Councillor McEvoy stated that a number of people had raised the issue of the out of hours service concerning passenger safety. He stated that there was no clarity of where the bus stop should be and noted there was low kerbing at the bus stop located at the college resulting in cars parking on the path.

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

MY15/0418

Traffic management plan for the village of Clane

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

That a traffic management plan be brought forward for the village of Clane.

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 the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that consultants White, Young & Gallon completed a full traffic management plan for Clane in 2006. There was merit in a review of this plan, in the context of the Sallins By-Pass, which was currently under construction.

Councillor Weld welcomed the report and stated there had been a lot of changes in Clane since 2006. He also asked if there was a timeframe for when a report would be brought back to the members on the completion of the safety assessment and design for bus stops. He asked if the the council could look at the possibility of extending the link road from the Celbridge Road to the Kilcock Road in order to alleviate traffic build up as residents were complaining about lunchtime traffic and there were also traffic issues at the schools in the mornings and evening time.

Councillor McEvoy supported the motion and stated there was a need for a cycle link to reduce pressure from the street.

The District Manager informed the members that in terms of resources for a Traffic Management Plan, Naas and Kildare town were ahead of Clane. He stated that there was no timeframe for when a report would be brought back to the members and stated the town renewal plan would highlight problem areas. He further stated that the completion of the Ring Road was something the council wanted to pursue and funding would be sought from the NTA in this regard but it may be a case that the council would have to fund it themselves as other major capital projects were the council's priority at the moment.

Councillor Weld stated that he was disappointed with the response and that people were avoiding driving through Clane because of the traffic congestion and asked if the missing piece of Link Road from Clane to the Kilcock Road could be considered from the council's resources or if it could be developer driven. He asked that the case be prioritised and the council explore all options for funding.

Councillor Durkan supported Councillor Weld's comments.

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

MY16/0418

Flooding issues at The Mill Pond, Staplestown

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

That remedial works be undertaken to alleviate flooding in the following places, The Mill Pond, Staplestown, and outside houses (location provided).

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 the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer noted this request.

Councillor Weld asked if there had been any further progress on these two hazardous flooding areas and stated it was a long stretch of road which was subject to ongoing flooding

causing drivers to drive on the wrong side of the road which could cause serious accidents. He stated that the flooding at The Mill Pond, Staplestown had worsened. He further stated that the Mount Armstrong Road was dangerous because of the fact it was not a straight road and he had received numerous complaints from residents in relation to it.

The District Engineer stated that at The Mill Pond the surface drainage water goes directly into the pond noting the flooding issued was a downstream problem where the land was owned privately. Mr Deane stated that the issue was not a priority and the council would try and carry out some localised work in the area. Councillor Weld requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

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 for monthly updates.

MY17/0418

Road surface at Curryhills Park, Prosperous

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward. That the council resurface the road surface at Curryhills Park, Prosperous due to its very poor condition.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ward 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 the council would further examine this matter.

Councillor Ward noted that the council would examine the matter and requested that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Weld, that the report be noted and that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

MY18/0418

Public street lights at Caragh GAA grounds

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

That public street lights be installed from Caragh GAA grounds to Killybegs Estate and also from Hatters Cross to Goretti Terrace along St. Farnan's football school pitch in Prosperous.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section would visit this location and carry out an assessment based on criteria set out in Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS). There was currently no funding allocated in this year's public lighting budget to carry out these works. This request would be listed on the KLIPS register.

Councillor Ward stated that he appreciated an inspection would be carried out and the matter would be listed on the KLIPS register. Councillor Cronin noted the matter was already listed on the KLIPS register and Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if KLIPS could revert back to the members with costings.

The District Manager confirmed the matter was listed for consideration for next year.

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

MY19/0418

Footpaths on Maynooth Main Street

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

That funding is sought to renovate the footpaths on Maynooth Main Street to a similar standard as intended for the square in Maynooth.

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 Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the council was currently working on the costing and feasibility of this project.

Councillor Durkan welcomed the report and stated the Main Street, Maynooth was in a poor condition for a number of years and asked what scale of works was being considered.

Councillor Murray supported the motion and agreed with Councillor Durkan's comments and asked if resources could be provided from Pay Parking to fund the work.

Councillor McGinley stated that renovation of the street would be a good idea as existing paving slabs were over twenty four years old. He stated it would be good to carry out works on the Square in Maynooth alongside works on the Main Street.

The District Engineer informed the members there were two projects involved, one of which was phase 5, Manor Mills which was being funded by the NTA and was scheduled to be designed in 2018 to 2019. Mr Deane stated the second project was from O'Neill's pub to Supermacs and would be subject to a combination of resources and scheduled for late summer 2018.

Councillor Durkan stated that he appreciated the cost of limestone was expensive and suggested granite may be a cheaper option in order for a greater area to be renovated. Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the report be noted and that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

MY20/0418

Bridge at Cormackstown, Maynooth

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

That the council widen and realign the bridge at Cormackstown, Maynooth.

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 the council had carried out remedial works and signage at this bridge but had no plans to widen it.

Councillor Durkan stated that a lot of complaints had been received regarding the bridge at Cormackstown as it was restricted to a one way road. He asked if the wall could be moved further to the right in the direction of Laragh in order to allow two cars to pass each other. Councillor Durkan noted the works recently carried out and asked the District Engineer to reconsider, he also requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

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

MY21/0418

Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT)

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Murray. That a meeting is arranged for the Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT) team to present their recommendations, from their recent report to the members of the Maynooth Municipal District.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Murray and seconded by Councillor McEvoy. A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the members were provided with a detailed report on the Maynooth SCOOT revalidation at the Maynooth Municipal District meeting in March 2018 and agreed to forward any queries/comments to trafficlights@kildarecoco.ie. The Traffic Management Section would compile a report based on the queries/comments submitted and forward it to the members.

Councillor Murray stated that she appreciated the report which had been circulated to the members on the Maynooth SCOOT revalidation and stated the quality of the report was excellent. She stated that the SCOOT revalidation plan requires immediate action involving the members and the Traffic Management Team to meet with the Sergeant of Maynooth Garda Station who wishes to be involved, to discuss the revalidation process together with funding issues.

Councillor Ward supported Councillor Murray and it was agreed by all members that a meeting be arranged for the members to meet with the Traffic Management Team and the Sergeant of Maynooth Garda Station.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members present that the report be noted and a meeting arranged for the members to meet with the Traffic Management Team and the Sergeant of Maynooth Garda Station.

MY22/0418

Taking in charge of Richardstown Lane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley. What steps have been taken to take in charge the part of Richardstown Lane, Clane that was upgraded through a local improvement scheme?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that there was no progress on this matter.

Councillor McGinley stated that Richardstown Lane had been upgraded as part of the LIS Scheme in 2009 and the matter had been raised again in March and April 2017 when the members were informed work would be carried out. He stated works had not been carried out and asked when these works would be done.

The District Engineer informed the members that the works carried out in 2009 were via the LIS Scheme and stated that there were no particular works required as it was a procedural issue and stated that when resources allow the council would proceed.

The report was noted.

MY23/0418

Machinery yard in Broadford

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. In light of the recent closure of the machinery yard in Broadford, can this facility be returned to the community by the council for use as a car park?

The District Manager informed the members that the council had not yet considered the future for the machinery yard in Broadford and informed Councillor Fitzpatrick that his suggestion had been noted.

The report was noted.

MY24/0418

Remedial works in the Ticknevin area

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

Has the Municipal Districts Engineer's Office any plans to do remedial works in the Ticknevin area?

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 no works planned in the Ticknevin area in 2018.

The District Engineer stated that works had been carried out on two kilometres of road from Windmill Cross to Ticknevin Bridge in 2017 and Ticknevin did not appear on the schedule of works for 2018 and stated if there were particular localised issues the council could have a look at them.

The report was noted.

MY25/0418

Entrance to Anne Street housing estate, Prosperous

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

Can the entrance on the left hand side into Anne Street housing estate, Prosperous be cleaned and landscaped?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the council would be installing bollards along the entrance of this estate.

A report was also received from Community and Cultural Development informing the members that this entrance would be examined but any work that may be required would require funding to be identified and other commitments in the Maynooth Municipal District would have to take priority before this work could be progressed.

The reports were noted.

MY26/0418

Taking in charge of Elizabeth's Way in Cappagh, Kilcock

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

Can this municipal district committee receive an update on the taking in charge of Elizabeth's Way in Cappagh, Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council was preparing to proceed to the next stage of the statutory process by preparing the necessary maps and placing a public notice in the local paper.

The report was noted.

MY27/0418

Derrycrib Road

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

What sections of the Derrycrib Road are taken in charge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the L1017 from Ballagh Cross to Timahoe Cross had been taken in charge and 1.56 kilometres of the L10171 from Ballagh Cross had been taken in charge.

The report was noted.

MY28/0418

Name signs for Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green housing estates

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

When are the name signs for Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green housing estates going to be erected?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that new signs were ordered and the council was awaiting delivery of same.

The report was noted.

MY29/0418

Road surface repairs on the Convent Lane

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

Can road surface repairs be carried out on the Convent Lane especially outside the girls' school in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that a road overlay for this road was planned for July 2018.

The report was noted.

MY30/0418

Bothairín in Maynooth

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

When is the Bothairín in Maynooth being resurfaced as currently it seems to be reopened but is in an unsafe condition for users?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that certain site clearance works on the laneway had been carried out, and it was now accessible albeit with a high degree of care. The developer was compelled to carry out further works to restore the lane to its' former state. Discussions were ongoing between the council and the developer.

Councillor Cronin asked if she could be informed when the council received an answer from the developer.

The report was noted.

MY31/0418

Health Service Executive (HSE) care homes

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

Can the council confirm if Health Service Executive (HSE) care homes in this municipal district are identified, so that these estates can be prioritised for access clearance in cases such as the recent snow event?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this could be examined by the Severe Weather Assessment Team in consultation with the Municipal District Engineer.

Councillor Cronin stated that in view of the fact she was not at the Maynooth Municipal District meeting in March 2018 she would like to thank Kildare County Council for the tremendous work carried out by all staff during Storm Emma. The District Manager stated Councillor Cronin's question was timely given the fact that a review carried out by Kildare County Council recognised the lack of strategic locations identified such as fuel depots, care homes etc.

The report was noted.

MY32/0418

Gates at Kilcock cemetery

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

Can the gates at Kilcock cemetery be kept closed to prevent people dumping their rubbish?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Section informing the members that this matter had been passed to the Area Community Warden Team and cemetery management, Environment ref: 15589. The public should report any incident of illegal dumping at this location to the council's Litter Report Freephone 1800 243 143.

Councillor Weld stated that the report did not answer his question as he requested the gates to be closed to prevent rubbish being dumped and stated all other cemeteries had their gates closed nightly and asked why the gates at Kilcock Cemetery could not be closed.

Mr O’Gorman stated that the Water Services and Environment Section were currently investigating the matter and would report back to the members over the next couple of weeks. Councillor Weld requested that the matter remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

The report was noted.

MY33/0418

Construction of the columbarium wall in Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth

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

Can this municipal district committee receive an update in relation to the construction of the columbarium wall in Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Section informing the members that the Environment Section was advancing plans to construct a columbarium wall in Laraghbryan Cemetery for the interment of cremated remains. It was expected that this proposal would be actioned in Quarter 3, 2018 and Mr O’Gorman confirmed at the meeting construction would commence in Quarter 3, 2018.

The report was noted.

MY34/0418

Strategic Housing Development application for Maria Villa, Maynooth

Ms O’Reilly A/Senior Executive Planner informed the members that the application for Maria Villa, Maynooth had been lodged by Cairn Homes and it was a Strategic Housing Development application given the fact it comprised of more than one hundred residential units. She stated that the proposed development comprised of 462 residential units, 106 student accommodation units, a crèche, a cafe, a gym, a retail unit and a new link street/bridge between Moyglare and Dunboyne Roads. Ms O’Reilly stated that the site location included one protected structure which was Maria Villa Gate Lodge and stated the proposed site layout included provision for 46 units in compliance with Part V of The Planning and Development Act 2000. She stated the development would be constructed over three phases and there would be forty units built per hectare. Ms O’Reilly stated that the timeline for the application was sixteen weeks from the date of lodgement to the date of An Bord Pleanála issuing the decision and the application was currently two weeks into the eight week consultation process and the council were currently reviewing the application and

the public were invited to make submissions directly to An Bord Pleanála until 23 April 2018. Ms O'Reilly stated that the deadline for submission of the Chief Executive's report to An Bord Pleanála was 14 May 2018 and the decision from An Bord Pleanála regarding the application was due by 09 July 2018. She stated that in accordance with planning legalisation the elected members views would be recorded and submitted to An Bord Pleanála. She informed the members that the applicant, Cairn Homes had created a dedicated website for the application called www.mariavilla.com and confirmed if the members had any questions they could contact herself or Mr Stephen Willoughby, Executive Planner.

Councillor Ward thanked Ms O'Reilly for her presentation and stated that it was an enormous application of which the members were receiving numerous representations on. He asked if apart from the discussions taking place at today's meeting, would the members be given additional time to look at the application and add to their comments and submissions.

Mr McLoughlin informed the members that if they wanted to compile a document collectively for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting in May 2018 they were welcome to do so.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that the members could discuss the matter further following the meeting and bring the matter back before the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting in May 2018. He stated there had been a large number of representations regarding the application, particularly in Dunboyne Wood and also the Moyglare side and stated there was an urgent need for more student accommodation but there were concerns regarding the height of the apartment blocks proposed.

Councillor McGinley stated that there were two main issues regarding the application the first with regard to the road from Castlepark down to Blacklion as there was a deep dip and a sharp bend and stated he could not understand why this issue was not raised by Kildare County or An Bord Pleanála at the pre consultation stage of the application. The second issue was the proposed four storey apartment blocks at the roadside edge which would be totally out of context with other buildings in the area and stated it appeared An Bord Pleanála asked the developer to construct them in this area.

Councillor Durkan stated that given the volume of information received at today's meeting he would welcome the proposal to bring the matter back to the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting in May 2018.

Councillor Murray asked what impact the application would have on the orbital routes for Maynooth.

The District Manager stated that the council had several discussions regarding the orbital routes in the context of the Local Area Plan (LAP) and stated part of this particular planning application for Maria Villa, Maynooth will assist particularly if Maynooth University takes the opportunity to improve their entrances to provide an alternative route for traffic coming from the University taking it away from the Main Street.

Councillor McEvoy stated that it was clear An Bord Pleanála's opinion was that residential density should be higher on the subject site and asked on what basis they were making this assumption.

Councillor McGinley asked why Dunboyne Road was not discussed as part of the application.

Ms O'Reilly informed the members that in relation to density, An Bord Pleanála was having regard to the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Area Guidelines Section, 2009.

Councillor Ward stated that the members could work on producing one composite document to submit regarding the application and Mr McLoughlin agreed one composite document from the members would suffice.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present, that the members prepare a report and submit it on behalf of the elected members and the matter be listed for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting in May 2018.

MY35/0418

Arts grant schemes 2018

The members considered approval of grant awards under the Arts grant scheme 2018. A report was circulated to the members outlining details of grants awarded.

Councillor Cronin asked why some applications were listed with applicants first name and surname and others were listed as organisation names. Mr Doyle stated that if the grant was applied for by an individual and not an organisation, then the individual applicant's name was listed. Councillor Cronin asked if the grant scheme was open to everyone and Mr Doyle confirmed that anyone could apply for a grant under the scheme.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members present that the grant awards as circulated, under the Arts grant scheme for 2018 be approved.

MY36/0418

Lime Tree Walk, Maynooth

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Cronin. That the integrity of the Lime Tree Walk/ the linear park in Maynooth is protected from sideways encroachment.

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

A report was received from Community and Cultural Development informing the members that permeability from adjoining housing estates to Carton Avenue had already been granted. This was needed to connect the areas of open spaces in these developments and to create pedestrian and cycle linkages along the avenue to the housing developments. Further permeability would be required along the avenue when the open space lands adjoining the avenue were developed into a park. The existing linkage and any future linkages do not, and will not impact visually on the linear design of the space or the vista along it.

Councillor Cronin stated that she was disappointed with the report noting the linear park was created in 1750 with only one entrance and one exit. She asked if permission had been granted for additional entrances.

Mr Wallace stated that developments on the left hand side and the right hand side of the park as you walk down had been granted permission and stated the entrances were not impacting on the visual image of the park.

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

MY37/0418

Playground in the Harbour Field

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

That the wall at the edge of the playground in the Harbour Field is included for upgrade in the planned revamp of the Maynooth playground area.

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

A report was received from Community and Cultural Development informing the members that there would not be sufficient finance available to upgrade the wall at the Harbour Field. This would have to be considered separately for a future works programme.

Councillor Murray stated that the wall at the edge of the playground was in disrepair and that she would appreciate it if the work could be considered for a future works programme as she was hoping the work would be carried out when resurfacing work was being done.

Councillor McGinley stated that he had allocated Local Property Tax (LPT) funding for the building of the wall and thanked the District Engineer for relocating the turnstile gate.

Councillor Durkan supported the motion and stated the wall was as low as the footpath in some areas. Councillor Murray asked if funding from Pay Parking could be used to cover the cost of works for the wall.

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

MY38/0418

Availability of recreational equipment in playgrounds

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin.
That the Parks Department increase the availability of recreational equipment suitable for children with disabilities in playgrounds in this municipal district that are earmarked for refurbishment this year.

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 the aim of the refurbishment in Maynooth Playground would be to renew the safety surfacing and possibly upgrading the grading of the play towers. There was already equipment in the playground which was suitable for children with disabilities. However the council would examine the possibilities of further improvements but this might be limited given there was no room for adding more equipment.

Councillor Cronin stated she was grateful for the report.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil stated that there were new grants available for individuals with disabilities using playgrounds and stated he would forward details to the members.

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

MY39/0418

Staff Departure

The Cathaoirleach stated that today was Ms Murphy's last Maynooth Municipal District meeting and thanked her for all her hard work and wished her the best of luck in her new role on behalf of himself the members.

The District Manager stated that Ms Murphy would be a huge loss to the Maynooth Municipal District Office and wished her luck in her new role.

The meeting concluded.