

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
held on Friday, 06 July 2018 at 10:15 am
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor T Durkan (Cathaoirleach), Councillors, D Fitzpatrick, P McEvoy, J McGinley, T Murray, N O’Cearúí, P Ward, and B Weld.

Apologies: Councillor R Cronin, Mr J Deane (District Engineer).

Officials Present: Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Ms Evelyn Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Ms J O’Reilly (A/Senior Executive Planner), Ms A Burke (Executive Engineer), Mr B O’Gorman, Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officers), Ms E O’Brien (Executive Engineer), Ms F Skehan (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

MY01/0718

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday, 01 June 2018 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Ó’ Cearúil, that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 01 June 2018, be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

MY02/0718

Matters Arising

Councillor McGinley and Councillor McEvoy congratulated Councillor Durkan on becoming the new Cathaoirleach for the Maynooth Municipal District and thanked Councillor Ward for the great work he had done over the last year. Councillor Durkan thanked Councillor Ward for the great work he had done over the last year.

Traffic Lights at Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth (MY02/0618) (MY02/0518) (MY03/0418) (MY02/0218) (MY02/0118) (MY02/1117) (MY17/0418) (03/04/2018)

Councillor McGinley stated that works which were due to commence on 01 July 2018 had not commenced and asked when these works would start. Ms Wright informed the members that her understanding was that works had commenced and stated she did not have any further information from the contractor in relation to the commencement date.

Kilcock multi-purpose community facility and the Bawnogues Steering Group (MY02/0718)

Councillor McGinley asked if there was any update in relation to multi-use community plans for Kilcock.

Ms Kavanagh informed the members that a steering group meeting had been held recently and draft plans had been prepared and €2,000,000 funding was available which had yet to be allocated. She stated the next meeting to discuss these matters further would be held in August 2018 and stated the timeframe remained unchanged.

Integrated Services Programme (ISP) Kilcock (MY02/0718)

Councillor Ward stated monthly updates regarding the Integrated Services Programme (ISP) had previously been provided at the Maynooth Municipal District meetings and asked if Mr Fenlon had been replaced.

The District Manager stated that since the introduction of the Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) the council's plan was to mainstream the ISP programme through the LCDC process and confirmed there was no longer an ISP in Kilcock and regular updates on Kilcock projects would be provided to the members.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme Derrinturn (MY27/0618) (MY02/02/18) (MY31/1604)

Councillor McEvoy noted that applications for funding for health checks under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 had been submitted for Derrinturn and Straffan and asked if other towns would be assessed.

The District Manager stated that a number of grants had been authorised under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and the LEADER programme and stated the council were

looking at submitting applications for grants for towns with existing plans in place. She stated progression for towns with no plans would also be considered and it was hoped that the council would progress as many towns as possible.

Balyna Group Water Scheme, Carbury (MY03/0418) (MY02/0917) (MY20/0417) and (MY03/0517)

Councillor Weld asked if there was any update from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government regarding the Balyna Group Water Scheme.

Mr O’Gorman stated he would check into the matter and revert to the members.

Taking in charge of Castle Dawson and Meadowbrook Estate (06/0418) (MY05/0418) (MY25/0118)

Councillor Murray asked if a second round of CCTV footage had been submitted by the contractor to the council. Ms Burke stated that CCTV footage for Newtown Hall had been submitted to the council in December 2017 and a snag list had been given to the contractor in January 2018 and stated she was hopeful to hear further from the contractor over the coming week.

MY03/0718

Municipal District Road Works

Mr Buggie conveyed apologies on behalf of Mr Dean, the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer and informed the members that the list of Local Property Tax (LPT) schemes identified were currently at the design stage and would be advanced in the coming months. He informed the members that road surface dressings would commence in the Maynooth Municipal District on Monday 09 July 2018 for the week and this work was weather dependent and may be changed if the road surface temperatures were too high. He also advised the members that resurfacing of the back lanes in Maynooth, Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth and Maynooth Park would be tendered in the coming week.

MY04/0718

Presentation from Hope Cottage

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Ardill, regional family support co-ordinator from Hope Cottage to the meeting. Ms Ardill informed the members that Hope Cottage, Kill was set up in 2017 and played a key role in addiction recovery for clients and support for their families providing services to Kildare and West Wicklow. She stated all policies and procedures operated within the facility complied with the National Drugs Rehabilitation Implementation Committee (NDRIC) framework and it was affiliated to the National Family Support Network. Ms Ardill stated that Kildare County Council, Health Service Executive (HSE) Mental Health Services, CKLP, Tulsa, RDATA, CYPSC, National Family Support Network and Hope Cottage were all part of a new steering committee for Hope Cottage which was formed in 2018. She informed the members that over 50% of individuals in addiction were under the age of 18 and the average age group availing of these services ranged between the ages of 30 to 80. She stated that she was the only full time member of staff on secondment at the facility and there were two part time staff who were employed under the Community Employment (CE) Scheme. She informed the members that in order to sustain and increase services for Hope Cottage, funding for co-ordinator positions needed to be secured and without such funding the service would cease to exist. She stated that there had been sixteen new referrals to the unit since April 2018.

Councillor Durkan thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation.

Councillor McEvoy thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and stated that a number of representations had been received by the members from families affected by addiction and stated the members would be happy to help in any way they could.

Councillor Weld thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and stated drug addiction was a countywide problem and there were no services available for children under the age of eleven who were neglected by parents affected by drug addiction. He stated it was frustrating that a vital service like Hope Cottage was not being centrally funded and stated he would like to see the Health Service Executive (HSE) becoming more proactive in providing funding.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and stated that the council and the elected members could advertise the need for funding nationally via the media.

Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and asked who was currently providing funding to Hope Cottage and if the HSE were referring cases to the unit. He stated he had not heard of the service available until today and noted the great work that was being carried out at the facility.

Ms Ardill stated that the bulk of the funding was provided by the County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP) and a small amount from the Regional Drugs Task Force and stated the HSE provided retreat and respite days for individuals and families availing of the services. She stated referrals were a combination of cases from addiction services, GP's, An Garda Síochána and self referrals and confirmed there were currently fifty family members availing of the services.

Councillor Ward thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and asked if the premises used by Hope Cottage was secured and if her presentation was going to be brought before all the municipal districts. He also asked how long the current budget would last for and an overview of what funding would be required to maintain the services.

Ms Ardill stated that the premises was secured by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and confirmed she would be making a presentation to all municipal districts. She stated that current funding would last until the end of 2018 and she was looking for €10,000 and confirmed the Regional Drugs Task Force had also applied for additional funding.

Councillor Durkan thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and stated the members would look into the availability of funding to assist Hope Cottage.

The District Manager thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and stated the council were working with County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP) regarding other issues and stated funding had been secured for Teach Dara, Community and Family Centre and the Mojo programme from various sources via the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). She stated that there was a requirement for the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Tulsa to get involved and she would follow up further with them.

MY05/0718

Nominee to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for a member to sit on the Corporate Policy Group (CPG).

Councillor Durkan was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Weld. There were no other nominations.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all members present that Councillor Durkan be nominated to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG).

MY06/0718

Harbour Field, Maynooth

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

That on foot of the vote at the Maynooth health check meeting on Thursday 07 June, that The Harbour Field, Maynooth be developed as a public space/park and that there shall be no car park at the Harbour Field, Maynooth, that the council now states categorically that The Harbour Field, Maynooth shall not be used for a car park under any circumstances.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that at the previous Maynooth Municipal District meeting discussions committed the executive to public consultation rather than a specific development solution. A form of non statutory public consultation had now taken place, and there were no plans to pursue any category of development in The Harbour Field in the immediate future.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was good to see the health check meetings had been used by the council to obtain views from the public in relation to the possibility of a public car park in The Harbour Field and stated the public opposed the proposal. He stated he was concerned to see the words "in the immediate future" quoted on the report received from the the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department as this was no comfort to the people of Maynooth who were opposed to having a car park. Councillor McGinley proposed the adoption of his motion.

Councillor Ó'Ceairuil supported Councillor McGinley's motion and agreed that the wording on the report caused concern given the number of people who were opposed to a car park. He stated that he had submitted a motion previously in relation to the overall development of The Harbour Field and asked if it would be included as part of the Town Renewal Plan/Local Area Plan (LAP) for Maynooth. Councillor Ó'Ceairuil proposed that a vote be taken by the members that there should be no car park developed at The Harbour Field, Maynooth.

Ms Wright informed the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department had no plans to bring forward any proposals for a car park in The Harbour Field, Maynooth.

The District Manager stated she had no knowledge of any proposed car park and stated that such a proposal would have to be brought before the members as a Part 8 for approval. She stated that health checks fed into rural and urban funding and Local Area Plans (LAP's) and any funding required the approval of the members.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the health check process was currently at stage two of a three meeting process and feedback from the second meeting would be included in the draft town renewal plans. He stated he was not opposed to Councillor McGinley's motion.

Councillor McGinley stated that the people of Maynooth were unanimously opposed to the proposals of a car park being developed in the Harbour Field and asked that a vote be taken by the members that there should be no car park developed at The Harbour Field, Maynooth and that the council now states categorically that The Harbour Field, Maynooth shall not be used for a car park under any circumstances.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ó'Ceairuil, with five members voting in favour, and two members abstaining, that The Harbour Field, Maynooth be developed as a public space/park and that there be no car park at The Harbour Field, Maynooth.

MY07/0718

Centre island at the entrance to Manor Court

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley.
That the new small centre island at the entrance to Manor Court on the Straffan Road, Maynooth be removed in order to improve traffic flow.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the requirement for this traffic island was derived from a road safety audit carried out as part of Phase 4 of the North South Corridor. The council acknowledged that it was causing congestion and delays at the Straffan Road traffic lights at peak time and would refer the issue to the Road Safety Auditor for consideration.

Councillor McGinley stated that the new island at the entrance to Manor Court was causing chaos and noted that the report stated the requirement for this traffic island was derived from a road safety audit carried out which has not improved safety and asked who carried out the road safety audit. He stated that the island was forcing cars to drive up on the footpaths and asked that the island be removed.

Councillor Ó'Ceairuil supported Councillor McGinley's motion and stated the island was a danger to all road users.

Mr Buggie informed the members that the matter had been raised previously and stated an external audit had been carried out. The Maynooth Municipal District Engineer had asked the designers to assess the situation and the council were awaiting the results of the assessment. Councillor McGinley stated that the island was not required and requested that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the report be noted and the council revert to the members once the outcome of the designer's assessment was known and that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

MY08/0718

Footpath in Churchview, Prosperous

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

That the footpath be repaired in Churchview, Prosperous.

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 council would look at carrying out some localised repairs in the immediate term and review the situation for further repairs during 2019.

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

MY09/0718

Redundant signs and poles in Maynooth

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

That the redundant signs and poles in Maynooth are removed without further delay.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ó Cearúil and seconded by Councillor McGinley.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a certain number of poles have been removed from Main Street, Maynooth over the last two years but the council are aware that the Tidy Towns were pressing for the removal of further signs. The council plan to fully re-examine and design the North West end of Main Street, Maynooth in the coming months and fully address their concerns.

Councillor Ó Cearúil stated that a list of redundant poles had been submitted to the Tidy Towns and the Maynooth Municipal District Office and that he was not happy with the report given the fact only some of these poles had been removed.

Mr Buggie confirmed that the council had been working on removing all signs and poles and stated the remaining ones would be removed. He stated he would follow the matter up with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer.

Councillor Ward asked if it was expensive to have the poles and signs removed and if the work could be carried out in one day. Mr Buggie stated that the work was carried out by council staff and the work could be carried out in one day.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor McGinley, that the report be noted and the matter taken up with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer in order that the remaining poles and signs be removed.

MY10/0718

Turnstile in the Harbour Field

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. That the turnstile in the Harbour Field is returned to its prior condition, including the stone wall surrounding it.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the turnstile was repaired following the North South Corridor project but not to the satisfaction of all. The council had no further plans for additional works in this area in the immediate future.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that he was unhappy with the report given the fact the turnstile was the heart of Maynooth both geographically and characteristically and the work which had been carried out was not satisfactory.

Councillor McGinley stated that he had provided €7,000 Local Property Tax (LPT) for the relocation of the turnstile and construction of the wall and stated there had been no complaints that he was aware of with regards to the work that had been carried out. He asked if Councillor Ó'Cearúil could specify what work need to be carried out and to clarify who was complaining about the turnstile. Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that Tidy Towns had complained and stated he would speak with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer with regards to this matter.

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

MY11/0718

Restoration works at the junction of Church Street and the Summerhill Road

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

That the council instruct the contractor to carry out the restoration works at the junction of Church Street and the Summerhill Road which were left in a poor condition following the completion of road works at this junction.

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 road works were about to recommence at this junction with the erection of a set of traffic lights. The council would ensure that reinstatement works would address these issues.

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

MY12/0718

Repairs to the footpath outside the Centra shop

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

That the council carry out repairs to the footpath outside the Centra shop on the Courtown Road in Kilcock.

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 this issue had been examined in the past and the existing setup was not compliant with best practise and would require lowering and widening of the existing paths. However, this would reduce the available space for parking outside these shop units.

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

MY13/0718

Traffic calming measures in Radharc Na hEaglais, Derrinturn

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

That traffic calming is implemented in Radharc Na hEaglais, Derrinturn in conjunction with the Residents Association (details provided) prior to the development of the permeability link from the Oakwood Park development.

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 Kildare County Council Roads Section had no plans for traffic calming works in Radharc Na hEaglais, Derrinturn at present.

Councillor McEvoy noted that the report stated the council had no plans for traffic calming works in Radharc Na hEaglais, that the estate had been taken in charge and traffic calming measures were required in the connection of the two estates. He requested that the Municipal District Engineer revert to the members with the technical possibilities for implementing traffic calming measures.

Councillor Weld supported the motion and asked if a speeding policy could be introduced for the Maynooth Municipal District and suggested Jakes Law signage could be used to broaden public awareness of speeding issues in the area.

Ms Wright informed the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department were currently carrying out a countywide speed limit review and all housing estates would have a 30kph speed limit. She stated that the special working group in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department were currently progressing with this review which would be brought before the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

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

MY14/0718

Public street lighting on the Millicent Road

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

That the public street lighting on the Millicent Road, Clane as far as the Hemingway Estate is improved and extended to achieve better illumination for pedestrians.

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 would visit the location of this site and carry out an assessment based on set criteria for the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS). The request would be ranked on the KLIPS register and would be carried out contingent upon availability of funds and where the request sits in the KLIPS ranking register.

Councillor Ward asked if KLIPS had a list available to show details of cases and where they were listed in terms of priority and Ms Wright confirmed there was a list and she would circulate it to the members.

Councillor McGinley stated that the government had recently announced national funding for public lighting and Ms Wright noted that the national funding was managed by regional procurement through Kilkenny County Council.

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

MY15/0718

Road safety measures at the exit from Alexandra Estate

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

That a pedestrian crossing or other appropriate road safety measures be installed at the exit from Alexandra Estate onto and across the Clane Ring Road.

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 design of this roundabout did not meet current best practice guidelines. Measures should be employed to improve safety for vehicle road users and reduce traffic speeds. The council undertook a similar design exercise in Courtown, Kilcock, and the approximate cost of such works would be of the order of €60,000. The council had not yet identified a source of funding for these works.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted the report and asked what measures needed to be taken in order to ensure the design of this roundabout met with current best practice guidelines.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the issue of the roundabout had been discussed previously and at the time there was no funding available. He stated that a number of vehicles had spun out of control coming from the Celbridge end of the roundabout and ended up at the Sallins end and noted that the response from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department did not address the motion.

Mr Buggie informed the members that it was difficult for pedestrians to cross the road at the roundabout due to vehicles speeding and raising the kerbs may be a possible measure to reduce speeding. He stated that the National Transport Authority (NTA) would be supporting the installation of a pedestrian crossing which would be expensive and stated the speeding issue needed to be addressed first before considering a pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated the matter needed to be addressed to avoid a serious accident occurring and requested that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, that the report be noted and that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

MY16/0718

Railings at the edge of the footpath on the Celbridge Road

The Cathaoirleach requested that items 15 and 18 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item 15

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.
That railings are installed at the edge of the footpath on each side of the Celbridge Road as a safety measure for both schools.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the erection of railings at footpath edges was no longer recommended as an appropriate design solution to improve safety. Footpath widening or road narrowing was a preferred approach.

Councillor Durkan stated that child safety was a major concern with regard to school children stepping off the footpath and that footpath widening and road narrowing was costly and asked if the erection of railings could be considered in the interim.

Mr Buggie informed the members he would raise their concerns with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, that the report be noted and that the member's concerns be raised with the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer.

Item 18

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley.
Can a safety railing be put on the narrow section of footpath, opposite Maxol on the Celbridge Road at the rail park side?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the erection of railings at footpath edges was no longer

recommended as an appropriate design solution to improve safety. Footpath widening or road narrowing was a preferred approach.

Councillor McGinley asked whether footpath widening and road narrowing could be carried out.

The report was noted.

MY17/0718

Public lighting between Bond Bridge and the Harbour, Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley. When will public lighting be installed on the canal walk between Bond Bridge and The Harbour, Maynooth, now that the necessary infrastructure is in place?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council was awaiting an erection date from Airtricity.

Councillor McGinley asked if the lights installed would be the same as the lights on the New Road at the Harbour Field. Mr Buggie stated that his understanding was the lights would be the same.

The report was noted.

MY18/0718

Schedule for footpath sweeping and cleaning on Maynooth Main Street

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil. What is the schedule for footpath sweeping and cleaning on Maynooth Main Street?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these details would be circulated to the members.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that the details had not yet been circulated to the members and Ms Wright confirmed the details would be circulated to the members shortly.

The report was noted.

MY19/0718

Restricted parking scheme for Prosperous

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

Has the council considered the use of a restricted parking scheme for Prosperous as a means for regulating the issues of parking on footpaths and all day parking?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Section, in consultation with the Municipal District Engineer, elected members and the local business community could consider the options for regulating parking in Prosperous in Quarter 4 of 2018. Engagement with the business community, local residents and other key stakeholders would be required in advance of any proposals being brought forward.

The report was noted.

MY20/0718

Road surface and road markings outside Broadford National school

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

Can the road surface and road markings outside Broadford National School be addressed as a matter of urgency?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Office would list these works for attention.

The report was noted.

MY21/0718

Work on the footpaths on Newtown Road Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Murray.
What is the timeframe for the work on the footpaths on Newtown Road Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the budget and scope of these works had yet to be confirmed. The report was noted.

MY22/0718

Hedge on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Murray.
Can the hedge on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth be trimmed back in early June each year as the overgrowth forces people to step off the path?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would take this advice on board. Hedges on Straffan Road were trimmed back on the 29 June 2018. The report was noted.

MY23/0718

Illegal encampment on Nancy's Lane, Clane

The Cathaoirleach requested that items 24 and 25 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item 24

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.
That the council inform the members of what plans they have to deal with the illegal encampment on Nancy's Lane, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that 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 stated that the illegal encampment was an ongoing issue and the caravan had been parked on the road for eighteen months. He stated that he and Councillor McEvoy had submitted numerous representations to the council asking for the caravan to be removed. He further stated that the council had given a commitment that the caravan would be removed the previous weekend and the current situation posed a health and safety risk and it was detrimental to residents who were trying to sell properties in the area. He stated that mortgage payers felt let down by the council and he did not wish to discriminate against any member of the public or otherwise. He asked if the council could find a satisfactory solution for the occupants of the caravan and the residents in the area and asked when the caravan is removed that the council put preventative measures in place to avoid future illegal encampment issues.

Ms Fitzpatrick informed the members that individual cases could not be discussed at the meeting today but she could discuss the matter with any member after the meeting.

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

Item 25

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

In light of another caravan appearing on Nancy's Lane, Clane, has the council any plans to move on the said caravans in the interest of residents safety, and has the council investigated the possibility of housing the people in the said caravans?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that 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.

The report was noted.

MY24/0718

Number of houses purchased within the Maynooth Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Durkan.
Can details be provided of the number of houses purchased in each town within the Maynooth Municipal District in the first half of 2018 under the following headings:

- Part V
- Mortgage to rent
- Acquisition
- Derelict sites
- Approved Housing Bodies

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the following table outlines the houses purchased in the Maynooth Municipal District from the 01 January 2018 to the end of June 2018.

Town	Part V	Mortgage to Rent	Acquisition	Derelict Sites	Approved Housing Bodies
Clane			2	-	-
Derrinturn			4	-	-
Kilcock	1		5	-	-
Maynooth	2		2	-	-
Prosperous			3	-	-
Straffan				-	-
Total	3	*	16		

*there are currently 9 units in the mortgage to rent scheme but have not completed as of 03 July 2018.

The report was noted.

MY25/0718

Council mortgages

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

How many council mortgages have been approved within the Maynooth Municipal District since the inception of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan and how does this compare with the other Municipal Districts within County Kildare?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Approvals:

Maynooth:	0
Celbridge/Leixlip	6
Kildare/Newbridge	4
Naas MD	5
Athy	0

Councillor Durkan stated that the report was disappointing given the fact that no mortgages had been approved in the Maynooth Municipal District and asked if a report detailing the number of applications received, the length applications were taking to process, and what the main problems appeared to be in regard to applicants being deemed not suitable for mortgages.

Ms Fitzpatrick agreed to provide a report as requested by Councillor Durkan to the members at the next Maynooth Municipal District in September 2018.

The report was noted.

MY26/0718

Columbarian Walls for cemeteries in the Maynooth Municipal District

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

Can the council provide a report on the progress of 'Columbarian Walls' for cemeteries in the Maynooth Municipal District and confirm if a design of the structure is available to be seen by the members?

A report was received from Environment and Water Services informing the members that tenders have been invited for the construction of a columbarium wall in Laraghbryan

Cemetery, Maynooth. The tenders received were currently being assessed and members would be kept informed of progress.

The report was noted.

MY27/0718

Disability friendly swing at Clane Playground

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 35 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Fitzpatrick. That the council advise on the procedure for a disability friendly swing to be installed at Clane Playground, given that a sponsor is available.

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

A report was received from Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the type of swing proposed, the council understands was a swing capable of taking a wheelchair. These types of swing require a large footprint and so an appropriate location for it would first have to be looked at. Additionally the size and weight of the swing when not in use presents issues with insurance as they can be a risk to other playground users. In other playgrounds the swings had to be kept locked. This presents issues for free use of the equipment. Additionally while the offer of a sponsor was positive, the equipment would have to meet the necessary design and safety standards.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that the report referred to the size of the swing and stated this factor should have been considered at an earlier stage and he requested that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

Councillor McEvoy asked if there were other wheelchair accessible facilities in the playground.

The District Manager stated that the Parks Superintendent would be keen to ensure the parks were accessible to all users and stated that she would discuss the matter further with the Parks Department.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Ó'Ceairúil, that the report be noted and that the District Manager would discuss the matter with the Parks Department.

MY28/0718

Water supply issues in Kilcock

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

Can the Maynooth Municipal District receive a comprehensive update on the recurring water supply issues/problems in Kilcock area, the efforts undertaken to resolve this issue and what is the position on this problem going forward?

A report was received from Environment and Water Services informing the members that: Water Services, on behalf of Irish Water would be putting a monitoring program in place over the next few days. The pressure and flow at a number of locations in the area would be monitored for a two week period. The results would be reviewed and a plan put in place if required.

Councillor Ward asked if the results of the findings from the investigation could be forwarded to him and requested that any works required were carried out as soon as possible. He also asked that reports be fed back to the council confirming details of the problems given residents had been without water for four days. He requested that the item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

The report was noted.

MY29/0718

Anti-dog fouling campaign

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

Can the Maynooth Municipal District receive an update on the measures undertaken in this Municipal District since the launch of the anti-dog fouling campaign by Kildare County Council in January 2018, to include details as to the location in the Municipal District of any audio warning signs installed and the details of any applications from the council made to the anti-litter and anti-graffiti awareness grant?

A report was received from Environment and Water Services informing the members that in 2018, footpath stencilling was completed at Carbury and on the Kilcock Greenway. Stencilling was scheduled to take place over the coming weeks in Clane (Main Street and Alexandra Walk) and Maynooth (Carton Avenue, Canal and Kilcock Road). The audio warning device would be installed at two locations in the Maynooth Municipal District; these locations were to be confirmed subject to site suitability. It was proposed to place one on the Kilcock Greenway and one other location (either Maynooth or Clane) to maximise effectiveness of the project in terms of routes used by dog walkers. In addition, dog fouling signage had been applied to existing street bins in Kilcock and Carbury with plans to extend signage to other towns and villages over the course of the summer. A list of countywide projects submitted under anti litter and anti graffiti grants was attached.

Councillor Ward asked if the anti-litter leaflet due to be issued shortly by the council could include details in relation to dog fouling. Mr O’Gorman stated he would refer Councillor Ward’s suggestion to the relevant team.

The report was noted.

MY30/0718

Wall around Donadea Forest Park

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the wall around Donadea Forest Park?

A report was received from Planning and Strategic Development informing the members that no further update had been received from Coillte.

Councillor Weld requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

The report was noted.

MY31/0718

Tourism office in Maynooth

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

That a Tourism office be established in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that as set out in the 2020 vision for Kildare Tourism, County Kildare Fáilte was working to encourage and support towns such as Maynooth and its local community to be more actively involved in tourism development. However, it was not envisaged that a tourism office would be established in Maynooth.

Councillor Durkan stated that Maynooth was an historic town and it would be beneficial to the town if funding and a suitable building was made available.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil supported the motion and suggested it might be beneficial to refer the matter to Kildare Fáilte. Councillor McEvoy supported the motion and stated it would be a great way of promoting the town and stated resources could be identified as part of the 2020 vision plan.

The District Manager informed the members that she was in favour of the idea and stated a number of towns had requested the facility of a tourist office. She stated that Kildare Fáilte and Fáilte Ireland would be more inclined to support signage, on line advertisement and availability of leaflets in hotels, libraries and other businesses regularly used by tourists. The District Manager stated the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department would examine the matter further.

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

MY32/0718

Town and Village Health Checks

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó Cearúil.
Will Straffan be considered for the next round of Town and Village Health Checks?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that an application for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 had been submitted to carry out a health check of Straffan. If the funding application was successful, a request for tender would be published to procure the services required to carry out the health check.

The report was noted.

MY33/0718

**Presentation on Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management
Studies (CFRAMS)**

Ms O'Brien, Executive Engineer informed the members that the National Catchment Flood Risk Management Plans was a hundred year plan which contained a road map to manage flood risk areas in Ireland. She stated that the Office of Public Work (OPW) and the RPS were working with Kildare Council to help implement the plan throughout the county and this involved setting up steering groups, stakeholder workshops, a presentation to the council and public consultation days all of which aimed to progress the management plan. She stated that the flood risk management plan comprised of an overall plan, flood maps and environmental assessments. Ms O'Brien informed the members that the recommendations for the Maynooth Municipal District included hard defences, improvement of channel conveyance and stream diversions. She stated that the final flood risk management plans had been approved by the Minister for the Department of Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform and had been submitted to local authorities for adoption and confirmed there was €1,000,000,000 funding available for implementation of the Final Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) to cover the period 2018-2028 and full details of the plan could be found on www.floodinfo.ie. Ms O'Brien stated that the recommendations for the Maynooth Municipal District were split into four different sections, Johnstown Bridge and Kilcock were classed as low risk and were not included in the plans but that measures for Maynooth and Clane were included in the plans.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms O'Brien for her presentation.

Councillor McEvoy recommended that the plan go back before the full council for adoption. He stated that there was a recurring problem annually with blockage of the trash rack which runs to Butterstream and stated it would cost €1,000 to have the trash rack redesigned. He stated that the Office of Public Works (OPW) had written to local authorities to have steering groups set up and the intention was to deal with all matters which impact on flooding.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil asked what the process was in terms of drawing funds once the Flood Risk Management Plan was passed by the full council.

Ms O'Brien stated the idea was that steering groups would be set up and input from the councillors would be required in this regard.

Councillor McGinley stated that he had attempted to access the FRMPs on line and was unable to access via the link and noted that the overall plan for Maynooth seemed to be curtailed. He stated that Brookfields Avenue, Meadowbrook and Parsons Street were not included in the plans. Ms O'Brien stated that there were hard defences proposed in the plan for Parson Street. Councillor McGinley stated that a stream diversion was required due to the fact the culvert was not adequate to hold large volumes of water and was located underneath a section of road and houses and there would be little improvement without a stream diversion.

Ms O'Brien stated that the purpose of CFRAMs was not to protect lands for development but to protect existing properties and at present it was at the preliminary stage but there would be room for further input at the design stage.

Councillor McGinley asked if there was a timeframe for the implementation of the plans. Ms O'Brien stated there could be surface water issues and the council was aiming to progress as many schemes as possible, and it was hoped that all Kildare schemes would be completed by 2028.

MY34/0718

Strategic Housing Development at Mill Street, Maynooth

Ms O'Reilly A/Senior Executive Planner informed the members that the application for Mill Street, Maynooth had been lodged by Ladas Property Company Unlimited and it was a Strategic Housing Development application as it comprised of more than one hundred residential units. She stated that the proposed development would be on a site area of 1.05ha and included provision for 135 apartments, a crèche, a restaurant, 190 basement car parking spaces, 370 bicycle storage spaces, refuse storage areas at basement level, provision of open space areas and all associated site works. She stated that the proposed site layout would be three stories high and included provision for 13 units in compliance with Part V of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Ms O'Reilly stated that the timeline for the application was sixteen weeks from the date of lodgement and that the public were invited to make submissions directly to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) up until 10 July 2018. Ms O'Reilly stated that the deadline for submission of the Chief Executive's report to An Bord Pleanála was 31 July 2018 and the decision from An Bord Pleanála was due by 25 September 2018. Ms O'Brien 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, Ladas Property Company Unlimited had created a dedicated website for the application at [www.thelyreenviapartments .ie](http://www.thelyreenviapartments.ie).

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms O'Reilly for her presentation.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that in view of the deadline for submissions being 10 July and the Chief Executives report deadline being 31 July he did not feel sufficient time was given for the members to go through all the details at today's meeting.

Councillor McEvoy stated that legalisation states that all Strategic Housing applications must be brought before the next meeting of the Municipal District and that in this particular case today's meeting was such a meeting. Councillor McEvoy proposed the following in terms of amendments and related considerations by the Maynooth Municipal District Office in terms of the Strategic Housing application for Mill Street, Maynooth:

- Concern at the capacity of the site to absorb the scale and mass of the proposed development given the visual impacts that are illustrated from the available

photomontages. A desire for additional photomontages to assess the impact from the area of the public park proposed along the river - including the impact in conjunction with the permission granted by ABP for the Maria Villa development.

- Significant impact on the character to the adjacent church from the point of view of the scale and contrasting materials.
- While the flood risk assessment shows the response of the site to the proposed development, has the cumulative impact of the FRAM (not CFRAM works on the Meath side of Kilcock) been taken into account and asks if Kildare County Council could assess this.
- Concern about the impact on lighting within buildings due to shadowing within and around the site.
- Members of the public had concerns regards archaeology and ecology.

Councillor McGinley agreed with Councillor McEvoy's comments and proposed amendments in terms of the Strategic Housing application for Mill Street, Maynooth to reflect the existing historic character of the town, from a visual point of view and suggested the following changes to the development.

- To take the blunt and bare look off the apartment blocks, pitched roofs should be provided on each of the three blocks. The previous planning permission on this site (05/2420) included pitched roofs on the blocks of apartments.
- To reflect the unique character of Maynooth town centre, the blocks facing onto Mill Street, should be finished with a mixture of cut stone, plaster/dashing. Modern materials should not be used, and neither should stone cladding be used as on the Manor Mills Development.
- At the corner of the blocks, stone quoins should be incorporated to give a defined edge to the buildings.

Mr McLoughlin informed the members that the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) had been advised that the process for Strategic Housing applications was that they would be discussed at municipal district meetings. Councillor Ward asked if all reports in relation to the application had been submitted and Mr McLoughlin stated not all reports had yet been received.

Councillor Durkan noted that the deadline for submissions from the public was 10 July 2018 and the deadline for the Chief Executive's report was 31 July 2018 and suggested the matter be deferred to a further meeting. Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that as the matter had been discussed the members could get together to submit their submissions.

The District Manager informed the members that they were not expected to provide a full submission at today's meeting.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the public should rely on their own submissions noting formal submissions guaranteed no changes to the applications.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil proposed submissions from the members be emailed to the Cathaoirleach by 20 July and one composite document be drawn up for submission on behalf of the members to the Chief Executive.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Durkan and agreed by all members present that the report on the Strategic Housing Development application for Mill Street, Maynooth be noted and the report on behalf of the elected members be submitted to the Planning Department in advance of 20 July 2018 which would be attached as an appendix to these minutes and the Chief Executive's report.

MY35/0718

Drehid Waste Facility

Councillor McEvoy asked that the council respond to the letter that had been received from An Bord Pleanála in relation to the expansion of the Drehid Waste Facility site.

The meeting concluded.