

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday, 07 September 2018 at 10:00 am  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

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

**Officials Present:** Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Ms Evelyn Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Deane (District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officer), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

**MY01/0918**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting and the annual meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on Friday, 06 July 2018 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Weld that the minutes of the monthly meeting and the annual meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on Friday, 06 July 2018, be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**MY02/0918**

**Matters Arising**

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

Councillor Ward asked if there was any update in relation to progress with the sale of the commercial units in Chambers Park, Kilcock. Ms Wright stated that there was no one present at the meeting to provide an update and she would revert back to the members with an update.

**Progress Report on the Wall at Donadea Forest Park (30/0718) (27/0218) (MY27/12/18), (MY35/0917)**

Councillor Weld asked if there was any update from Coillte with regard to the wall at Donadea Forest Park and stated that local residents were frustrated as the matter had been ongoing for two years. He stated that the condition of the wall had deteriorated further and he was concerned that the wall would eventually fall down. The District Manager stated there was currently no update on this matter and stated she would follow up on the matter with the Planning and Strategic Development Department. Councillor Weld asked if a report could be provided for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting on 05 October 2018 given the fact a commitment had been given to the members that the work would be carried out. The District Manager stated that the council would follow the matter up with Coillte.

**Proposed park and playground in Prosperous (MY29/0618)**

Councillor Weld asked if he could have an update on the proposed drainage works within Prosperous village and an overall comprehensive report on the progress with the proposed park and playground in Prosperous. He stated that €100,000 funding had been allocated under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for the playground. The District Manager informed the members that drainage works needed to be carried out before any other works could commence and stated works were scheduled to commence in Quarter 2, 2019. She also stated that a request had been sent to the Department of Rural and Community Development to authorise funding.

Councillor Weld stated that a commitment had previously been given to the members that works would commence in 2018 and stated Local Property Tax (LPT) funding had been allocated and asked if this money was still allocated. He stated that rescheduling works from Quarter 4, 2018 to Quarter 2, 2019 was not acceptable and he asked the elected members to support his proposal that works commence in 2018. Councillor Weld requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

**Balyna Group Water Scheme, Carbury (0207/18) (MY03/0418) (MY02/0917) (MY20/0417) and (MY03/0517)**

Councillor Weld asked if there was any update regarding a reply from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. Mr Fagan informed the members that the Director of Service for Environment and Water Services had contacted the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government recently and stated he would follow up on the matter and revert back to the members.

**Taking in charge of Castle Dawson and Meadowbrook Estate (0207/18) (06/0418) (MY05/0418) (MY25/0118)**

Councillor Murray stated she was at a meeting recently with the Newtown Hall Residents Association and noted that this matter had been ongoing for eleven to twelve months. She asked if the report on the CCTV footage could be provided to the members and stated that the snag list was scheduled to be completed in spring 2018. She requested that this item remain on the progress report and a report be provided for the next meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District on 05 October 2018.

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

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil stated that he had requested the item in relation to the proposed orbital routes for Maynooth to remain on the progress report in order that monthly updates other than the Local Area Plan (LAP) amendments could be provided. The District Engineer informed the members that the Roads Design Section would provide a brief to the members. Ms Wright stated that she would request that the Roads Design Section provide an update report for the next meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District on 05 October 2018. Councillor Ó'Ceairúil stated that given the fact the item was listed on the progress report it was expected monthly updates would be provided to the members.

**Taking in charge of Fanagh Green, Tirmoghan Donadea (MY19/0318)**

Councillor Weld stated the report provided on Fanagh Green was not acceptable as the reason he had requested the item to remain on the progress report was to receive monthly updates and the report received did not either provide an update or answer the question.

### **Bye-laws and signage on the Greenway (MY21/0618)**

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update in relation to the bye-laws and signage on the Greenway. The District Manager informed the members that a code of conduct had been adopted by the council which was agreed at the full council and the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and stated it was now a matter for the Environment Department to erect signage. Councillor McEvoy asked if these details could be displayed on the website. Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress for monthly updates to be provided to the members.

The Cathaoirleach with the agreement of the members present requested that the following items be removed from the progress report:

- Traffic Lights at Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth (MY02/0718) (MY02/0618) (MY02/0518) (MY03/0418) (MY02/0218) (MY02/0118) (MY02/1117) (MY17/0418) (03/04/2018)
- Sight lines at the entrance to the Baltracey cul de sac (MY07/0618)
- Sight lines at the entrance to the Moyglare Hall Estate (MY08/0618)
- *Resurfacing of the road near Church Street and the Summerhill Road, Kilcock (MY12/0618)*
- Upgrade of the Moyglare Road in preparation for the Education Campus (MY09/0518)
- Bus stops serving the 139 route through Clane (MY14/0418)
- Flooding and footpath linkages at the Entrance to the Back of St. Bridget's Terrace (MY09/0917)
- Works at Mooretown Drive (fence) (MY22/0617)
- Water supply issues in Kilcock (MY28/0718)

### **MY03/0918**

#### **Municipal District Road Works**

The District Engineer informed the members that a number of the Local Property (LPT) works had been completed in the last few months and the remaining projects were due to go to tender in a single contract later this month. He stated that there were issues that required further consultation with residents on the Rathcoffey Road before works on the footpaths could be progressed, works on the Millicent Road were due to go for public consultation in the coming weeks which may delay the delivery of this project into 2019. Councillor McEvoy

asked if the District Engineer had received a draft of the Public Realm Plan and the District Engineer confirmed he had but further consideration was required in relation to the proposed works at Millicent Bridge.

**MY04/0918**

**30kph Slow Zone signs**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 6 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed to take item 6 next.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley. That 30kph Slow Zone signs be erected at the entrances to Parklands, Castlebridge, Silken Vale and The Arches estates, similar to those already erected in other housing estates in Maynooth.

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 it was proposed to include all housing estates, in charge, in the forthcoming Draft County Wide Speed Limit review. Subject to funding, slow zone signs would be erected in all housing estates on a phased basis. The members would be updated on the Draft County Wide Speed Limit review at a meeting scheduled to take place on 05 October 2018, in advance of the municipal district meeting.

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

**MY05/0918**

**Draft County Speed Limit Review process**

The members considered holding an in committee meeting on 05 October 2018 in respect of the Draft County Speed Limit Review process. Ms Wright informed the members that the Speed Limit Review team were hoping to have an hour to discuss the Speed Limit Review process.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan seconded by Councillor McGinley and agreed by all members present that an in committee meeting be held on 05 October 2018 at 09:00 am in respect of the Draft County Speed Limit Review process.

**MY06/0918**

**HGV limitation bye-laws for Maynooth Town**

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Murray. That an update is given on the progress of the publication of the HGV limitation bye-laws for Maynooth Town.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Road Traffic (Control of Traffic) Regulations 2006 provide for the application of regulatory provisions which included the imposition of prohibitions and restrictions on the entry to a specified public road by certain non-passenger vehicles e.g. goods vehicles (by reference to total number of axles) with provision to provide for operative periods and exemptions through issue of a permit. The introduction of a permit system would require an on-line permit application system, incurring significant IT costs to Kildare County Council and additional costs to commercial vehicle owners. A review of the current HGV signage in place had been carried out by the Maynooth Municipal District Office. It was noted that this signage pre-dates the extension of the M4 to Kilcock and the current Maynooth interchange. Signage was not in place or partially complete on a number of roads in the vicinity of Maynooth, i.e., L1012, R418, R408, R405. The preparation of a HGV strategy for Maynooth would require engagement with An Garda Síochána, TII, Eurolink, Irish Road Hauliers Association, Kildare Chamber and other key stakeholders, and ultimately a public consultation process. Notwithstanding the considerable resources that the preparation of this strategy would require, the identification of an alternative HGV route remains a constraint in Maynooth at this time.

Councillor Murray stated that she accepted the report and stated measures needed to be put in place to limit the amount of HGV's driving through Maynooth town and stated she had spoken to the Superintendent in Maynooth who had confirmed there were currently no bye-laws to enforce on the HGV drivers. She asked if the council could look at the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for Maynooth to identify how many HGV users were not using alternative routes to the town. She stated that she accepted the trucks needed to come into Maynooth town and stated she thought there was an agreement whereby HGV's should enter the town before 06:00 am. Councillor Murray stated that HGV drivers were entering

the town at Parsons Street causing traffic congestion and representations were being received from the public regarding the problem. She asked if another report could be provided to help address the ongoing problem.

Ms Wright stated that a HGV strategy would not work with the current road infrastructure and housing developments in Maynooth Town. She stated that the council would look at the TMP for Maynooth but could not commit to any HGV strategy at the moment. Councillor Murray asked if it would be possible to have signage displayed as a temporary measure. Ms Wright stated that the District Engineer had done a considerable amount of work already and stated she was not sure if displaying signage would be of any benefit.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and the Roads Transport and Public Safety Department examine the TMP for Maynooth.

### MY07/0918

#### **Footpath from the new footpath/cycle path at the bottom of The Harbour Field**

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

That a footpath be constructed from the new footpath/cycle path at the bottom of The Harbour Field to where the footpath ends at the adult exercise equipment, so that parents do not have to push buggies through the grass.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no current plans to do further works in the Harbour field until agreement was reached on an overall vision and direction for improvements to this amenity facility.

Councillor McGinley stated that the report was disappointing given this was an area which was regularly used by the public. He requested that funding be allocated in the 2019 Capital Programme or alternatively if he could allocate some of his Local Property Tax (LPT) monies from 2019 to have the work carried out. Councillor McGinley requested that this item remain on the progress reports for monthly updates to be provided.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ó'Cearúil that the report be noted and that this item remain on the progress reports for monthly updates to be provided.

**MY08/0918**

**Funding for repair of bog roads following dry spell**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Weld.  
That extra funding be provided for bog roads in this municipal district for urgent repair following the recent very dry spell, as these roads are breaking up.

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 shared the councillor's views on the need for increased maintenance on a number of bog roads which were in serious distress due to the drought conditions experienced over the summer. Unfortunately, the council had been advised that no additional funding would be made available from Central Government or from the local authority's financial resources for this purpose.

Councillor Weld stated that he was disappointed with the reply stating there were serious issues in North West Kildare in areas where the drought conditions had dried out the bogs impacting on the roads splitting which would cause serious problems on these roads during the winter months. He asked if the senior management in Kildare County Council could seek urgent funding for the repair of these roads and asked the members to support his request.

Councillor McEvoy asked if the matter could be raised with the Climate Action Team. The District Manager informed the members that the council would request funding from Central Government but it was unlikely funding would be secured. She stated that there were no additional council resources available and any additional funding for road repairs would have to be taken from another area.

Councillor Weld asked why Central Government could not cover the cost for additional resources required. Councillor Durkan and Councillor Ó'Cearúil agreed with Councillor McEvoy's suggestion that the matter be referred to the Climate Action Team.

Ms Wright stated that the council had made a submission for €500,000 to Central Government to help with repairing roads affected by bad weather. She agreed that this particular case should be referred to the Climate Action Team.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted and that the case be referred to the Climate Action Team.

**MY09/0918**

**Bus stop at the junction of Windmill Cross (Derrinturn) L5022**

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

That the bus stop at the junction of Windmill Cross (Derrinturn) L5022 be relocated so that passengers enter and exit the bus onto an existing footpath.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this had been examined and accepted as a good solution with little or no cost implication. The council would further liaise with Bus Éireann on this issue.

Councillor Weld asked if there was a timeframe for the relocation of the bus stop. The District Engineer stated that the council had contacted Bus Éireann and stated he would revert to the members once a reply had been received.

Councillor McEvoy stated that there would be a change in the operator of the bus service for the R403 and the public were concerned that there may be a reduction in the service and asked if the council should raise the matter with the National Transport Authority (NTA). Ms Wright stated Bus Connects would generally engage with the NTA in relation to the operation of services.

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

**MY10/0918**

**Signage for the R407 Clane/Kilcock Road near the L5078 junction at Capdoo**

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

That signage and other options are considered on the R407 Clane/Kilcock Road near the L5078 junction at Capdoo following several reports of speeding cars colliding with nearby boundaries.

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 work was ongoing with regard to this issue.

Councillor McEvoy stated that there had been two collisions that he knew of recently in this area and residents believed seven vehicles had collided with the boundary before the junction. He asked if the cycle lane could be marked with a continuous white line to encourage vehicles to slow down.

The District Engineer stated that there was 1.5 metre area of cycle lane and the council were considering the possibility of installing a solid white line and he was awaiting confirmation from the contractor in relation to same.

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

**MY11/0918**

**Road signs in and around Kilcock**

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

That the council examine the numerous road signs in and around Kilcock that are in a very poor state of repair and replace accordingly.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would endeavour to address this when their Road Works Programme was completed.

Councillor Ward asked if there was a timeframe for the repairing of the road sign at the Courtown Roundabout and also asked if the two damaged signs on the Clane slip road entering Kilcock could be repaired. Councillor Murray stated that the sign at the Straffan Road Roundabout in Maynooth and signage coming into Kilcock and exiting onto the motorway was damaged.

The District Engineer stated that the council were currently completing two contracts and scheduled to complete three additional contracts by the end of 2018 and stated it was hoped to review the road signs in Kilcock in mid October 2018.

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

### **MY12/0918**

#### **Design of the Newtown Road**

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

That a detailed design is carried out of the Newtown Road to address the lack of adequate footpaths and that no traffic re-routing is part of such a process.

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 the council was currently in negotiation with a number of residents on this road and hoped to commence on site in October. No re-routing of traffic was planned.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that he appreciated that the District Engineer was currently engaging with the residents in relation to this matter and stated residents in Beaufield Estate had been in contact with him in relation to the road and stated he had previously requested an LED speed display and he asked if this could also be done when works were being completed.

Councillor McGinley stated that land take would be required for the work to be carried out on the north side and stated most residents were in agreement. He asked if the council could send a letter to the residents outlining the requirements. Councillor Murray stated that this

was a controversial issue which was ongoing and stated it was important to carry out a review and include all residents.

The District Engineer stated it was a complex matter with the residents on the north side and stated the council were also working on the footpaths on the south side and he would keep the members informed of any updates.

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

### MY13/0918

#### Signage for Leinster Street

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

That clearer markings or signage be erected to indicate to drivers that Leinster Street is now a shared space.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the issues raised would be discussed with the designer.

Councillor Cronin stated that the whole idea of the shared space involved the removal of the footpath and stated the upgrade was not what had been expected and had not been successful. She asked if she could be kept updated on any progress.

The District Engineer stated that the council's overall concept was that they did not wish to include a footpath and stated 2,000 pedestrians availed of the area on a daily basis and the idea was to have the area 100% accessible for pedestrians to walk on the road area. He stated that the design had not worked and even though traffic had slowed down signage was needed to communicate to cyclists and pedestrians that they had the right of way on the road. Councillor Murray stated vehicles were slowing down because they were confused and additional signage would help all road users.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor McGinley that the report be noted and that the issues raised would be discussed with the designer.

**MY14/0918**

**Straightening part of the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth near Pebble Hill House**

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

In light of the decision by An Bord Pleanála to grant planning permission for 462 dwellings and student accommodation at Mariavilla/Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, and given the increased traffic that the development will generate on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, what plans do the council have to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth near Pebble Hill House, as it constitutes a serious traffic hazard if the road is not straightened at this point?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as part of the planning process, Kildare County Council requested that An Bord Pleanála included a condition that the applicant make a financial provision for road safety improvements. This request was not included on the conditions.

Councillor McGinley stated he had specifically asked what plans the council had to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road.

The District Engineer informed the members that the council had confirmed they had no plans to remove the bad corner as it was an unfunded scheme. Councillor McGinley stated clause 28 of An Bord Pleanála's decision specifically stated that development contributions should contribute towards such works and contributions should be paid to the council before any works commenced or were phased.

The Cathaoirleach asked if this question could be forwarded to the Planning Department. Councillor McGinley stated that development contributions received by the council should be used in this area and asked if the Planning Department could confirm for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting on 05 October 2018 if development contributions had been received.

The District Manager informed the members that she would have a look at condition 28 of An Bord Pleanála's decision in relation to the Strategic Development for Mariavilla and if it was a special condition the council could investigate and if not works would be subject to funding from the general Roads, Transportation and Public Safety funding. She stated that when the

Capital Programme for 2019 was drawn up roads funding would be allocated for the entire county and stated she would provide a report to the members for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting on 05 October 2018.

The report was noted.

**MY15/0918**

**Sight line at Kilkaskin (Carbury) junction L5022 - L50222**

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

Can the sight line be improved at Kilkaskin (Carbury) junction L5022 - L50222 or a concealed entrance sign be erected?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would take this on board and order signage.

Councillor Weld asked when signage would be erected and the District Engineer stated signage would be erected within four weeks.

The report was noted.

**MY16/0918**

**Footpath from Ward's Shop, Cooleragh towards the village of Coill Dubh**

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

Can the footpath from Ward's Shop, Cooleragh towards the village of Coill Dubh be repaired and improved and the hedge cut?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council had previously undertaken to repair this path, however funding and time to deliver it in 2018 were challenging, so the council would re-list the scheme for 2019.

The report was noted.

**MY17/0918**

**Plans to improve sight lines along the R148 at the junction in Killeighter**

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

Can this municipal district committee be updated on plans to improve sight lines along the R148 at the junction in Killeighter?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council would examine this and take this on board and order signage.

The District Engineer confirmed signs had been ordered last week and would be erected by the end of September 2018 along with anti-skid surfacing works.

The report was noted.

**MY18/0918**

**Lighting outside the schools at Millicent, Clane and Newtown, Kilcock**

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

Can this municipal district committee be updated on the plans to install and commission lighting outside the schools at Millicent, Clane and Newtown, Kilcock and if this will be completed before November?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that ESB advised that the timeline for the commissioning of the lights at Hewstson National School, Millicent was approximately four weeks. At Newtown Primary School, the lanterns have been installed and Airtricity would be submitting the RECI certificate this week. It was anticipated that ESB would connect the lights in mid October 2018.

The report was noted.

**MY19/0918**

**Road resurfacing work at the Back Lanes in Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó' Cearúil. What notice was given to residents of the Back Lanes in Maynooth regarding the road resurfacing work?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this work commenced on 20 August 2018 and finished on the 23 August 2018, one day ahead of schedule. Advanced notice was delivered on the 18 August 2018.

Councillor Ó' Cearúil stated two car parking spaces had been removed at Moulin Rouge and the District Engineer stated the spaces had been marked yesterday and stated he would check the spaces outside Moulin Rouge.

The report was noted.

**MY20/0918**

**Illegal parking in housing estates**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó' Cearúil. What measures can be taken by the council to stop illegal parking in housing estates such as Silken Vale during match days?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that within the bye law areas of Maynooth, pay parking was not regulated after 6.30pm on Saturdays and there was no regulation on Sundays. Outside of the bye law area, illegal parking was enforced by An Garda Síochána.

Councillor Ó' Cearúil asked if the council could send a letter to An Garda Síochána requesting housing estates such as Silken Vale to be patrolled during match days. The District Manager stated the matter could be raised at the next Joint Policing Committee (JPC) meeting.

The report was noted.

**MY21/0918**

**Upgrade of footpaths and cycle lanes on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth**

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

Has a decision been made as to the best design for the upgrade of footpaths and cycle lanes on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue was still being discussed and no decision had yet been made.

The District Engineer stated he had met with the residents and stated that the assistance of the members with this matter would be appreciated.

The report was noted.

**MY22/0918**

**Footbridge and cycle lanes over the Lyreen River at Manor Mills**

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

What is the timeline for the construction of the footbridge and cycle lanes over the Lyreen River at Manor Mills?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the designs of some of the elements of this scheme were still being evaluated and the council hoped to have a draft general arrangement for the end of September which could be shown to the members at the October meeting.

The report was noted.

**MY23/0918**

**Report on the recent accessibility walkabout conducted in Maynooth**

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

Has the council issued a report on the recent accessibility walkabout conducted in Maynooth Community Council or is one being prepared?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a general walkabout was carried out with members of the Maynooth Community Council. A number of issues were discussed and the outcome of the recent Health Check was awaited to determine what issues could be addressed and where the Accessibility Officer could assist.

The report was noted.

**MY24/0918**

**Cleanup of the vacant site in Ballyshannon Manor, Derrinturn**

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Murray. That immediate action is taken to allow for the cleanup of the vacant site in Ballyshannon Manor, Derrinturn.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this site was the subject of a court action by the council under the Waste Management Act.

Councillor Murray stated she would like an explanation in relation to the court action and how long the process would take. She stated that following a request from her the council had cleaned the area last Halloween. Mr Fagan stated that a Section 5 enforcement notice had been served and no response had been received and legal action had now been taken by the council. He stated he would discuss the matter with the Director of Service for Environment and Water Services and revert to the members with a timeframe. Councillor Murray stated she was anxious about the Halloween period and Mr Fagan stated he would highlight her concern to the Environment Department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and that the Environment and Water Services Department confirm the timeframe of the court action.

**MY25/0918**

**Lane way at the rear of the houses located at the Paddocks, Kilcock**

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

That the lane way at the rear of the houses located at the Paddocks, Kilcock be cleared of large amounts of rubbish/debris and made good.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Section had examined the area. The Area Community Warden would assist local residents with the removal of collected materials. It was noted that improvements with boundary fencing (private property) was required to deter illegal dumping/litter in this area. Reports of illegal dumping should be made to the council's Litter Report Freephone 1800 243 143.

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

**MY26/0918**

**An Bord Pleanála oral hearing on the Drehid Waste Facility**

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

That the Maynooth Municipal District committee make a submission to the An Bord Pleanála oral hearing on the Drehid Waste Facility in order to highlight issues of traffic, speed and noise for communities along the haul routes, and the need for technology to monitor compliance with the haul routes.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that An Bord Pleanála's guidelines on procedures for oral hearings indicated who may speak/make Submissions at the Oral Hearing, i.e.

- 1) Parties and other persons who have made submissions in relation to the appeal, referral or application and/or other persons representing them, and
- 2) Persons other than the above, where the Inspector considers this appropriate in the interests of justice and subject to payment of the appropriate fee for making submissions or observations

There was some scope for the Inspector to decide, at his/her discretion, to allow submissions at the hearing involving issues which had not been raised already in written submissions. A public representative looking to speak at the hearing may also be facilitated at the Inspector's discretion.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the oral hearing was scheduled to start on Monday but he understood it would commence and then be suspended. He stated that he had submitted a representation and stated there would be an opportunity for the public to speak on the matter. He stated he was preparing a draft submission and proposed one composite submission on behalf of the members be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Councillor Weld supported Councillor McEvoy and stated that the members had attended a number of meetings with residents living on haul routes who were concerned about the road conditions due to the speed of trucks travelling on them, particularly in the Drehid area. He suggested that Bord Na Móna be responsible for operating a clean up of the area on a quarterly basis given they were benefiting from the profits from the facility. He stated the council should also be seeking funding from Bord Na Móna.

Councillor Durkan supported Councillor Weld and stated numerous emails had been sent and the tonnage levy had not been approved. He stated the council were currently footing the bill for the damage to the roads caused by Bord Na Móna and he proposed a submission on behalf of the members of the Maynooth Municipal District be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Councillor McGinley stated it was costing €13,500,000 annually to maintain the routes and Councillor Cronin stated that the council were only receiving €500,000 annually from Bord Na Móna.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Murray that the report be noted and that the elected members of the Maynooth Municipal District make a submission on the Drehid Waste Facility on behalf of the Maynooth Municipal District to An Bord Pleanála.

**MY27/0918**

**Developments in Maynooth failing to provide crèches**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley. What developments in Maynooth in the past ten years have failed to provide crèches as per their planning permission and what enforcement action are the council going to take on the matter?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Planning Authority would review the various planning permissions for these developments and provide a detailed report for the October Municipal District Meeting.

Councillor McGinley stated that the parents of children living in Maynooth had to send their children to crèches in Kilcock as there was limited availability in Maynooth. He asked if a report could be provided for the next Maynooth Municipal District meeting on 05 October 2018.

The report was noted.

**MY28/0918**

**Equipment in the adult gym and the playground in Maynooth Harbour**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó'Cearúil. That a full review is carried out on the equipment in the adult gym and the playground in Maynooth Harbour and that a schedule of cleaning works is provided.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the equipment in the adult gym required replacement. The works would be considered for the 2019 Capital works programme but this would depend on the funding required and the need to fund other capital projects in the municipal district area.

The playground was cleaned three times a week from March to October and once a week from November to February.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil stated he appreciated the schedule of cleaning works provided and asked if the schedule involved a deep clean of the area. He stated the watch tower had algae growing on the outside of it and it needed a deep clean to remove it. He stated equipment in the adult gym which was no longer working should be removed and that if the members wanted to maintain the adult gym and the playground in Maynooth Harbour they should ensure it was included in the Capital Works Programme for 2019. Councillor McGinley supported Councillor Ó'Ceairúil and agreed it should appear on the Capital Works Programme for 2019.

Mr Wallace informed the members that a tender would be issued next week and the work would involve removing algae, painting and replacing equipment. Councillor Ó'Ceairúil asked if a deep clean was something that was part of the cleaning programme and Mr Wallace stated that to date a deep clean had not taken place and stated power washing would be carried out as part of the cleaning exercise. Councillor Ó'Ceairúil asked if it was possible to schedule deep cleaning as part of the work and Mr Wallace stated that the maintenance works were currently being retendered.

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

### **MY29/0918**

#### **Community garden in Kilcock**

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

When will the community garden in Kilcock be finished?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the only remaining work in the garden was to complete the boundary rail. This was scheduled to be done by the end of September.

Councillor Ward asked if there would be a formal opening of the community garden once the works had been completed.

Mr Wallace informed the members that the railing works had been completed yesterday but nothing had yet been planted as involvement from the community was required to maintain the area. He stated that a meadow was chosen as opposed to ornamental shrubs to minimise resources needed for the upkeep of the garden. He stated that it was hoped the garden would be officially opened in spring or summer 2019 and suggested once the Bawnogues works were completed there could be a joint official opening of the new Bawnogues perimeter walking track and the community garden.

Councillor Ward asked if the perimeter walking track was currently open and Mr Wallace confirmed the walking track was open.

The report was noted.

**MY30/0918**

**Upgrade of the Maynooth playground**

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

Can the upgrade of the Maynooth playground include special needs outdoor equipment making it suitable for all users?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the playground in Maynooth already contained equipment which was accessible. These were the basket swing, interactive play unit, multi units with transfer platforms, four way-springer, talk phones and play panels. The accessibility of the swings could be improved as part of the upgrade. However there was no scope to provide additional equipment due to the need to preserve safety zones around existing equipment. The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.