

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday, 09 March 2018 at 10:00 am  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr N Morrissey (District Manager), Mr J Deane (District Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Walsh (Executive Technician), Ms A Burke (Executive Engineer), Mr B Martin, Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officers), Mr S Leahy (Building Control Officer), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

**Apologies:** Councillor R Cronin.

**MY01/0318**

**Presentation on the launch of Town Renewal Plan Preparation Process**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr O'Meara from Landscapes Architects to the meeting. Mr O'Meara informed the members that since 2010 he had been working in conjunction with the LEADER group in the designing and preparation of a number of Public Realm plans, one of the most recent projects was the Urban Design and Public Realm Study for the upgrading of Sallins town centre in 2015. He stated that there were a number of different stages involved in the delivery of the project plan, initial meetings with clients followed by site visits and consultation, desktop research, specific studies required for specific areas, town and village assessments, feedback from clients, compilation of a Draft Town Centre Plan, presentation of the plan to client/public/stakeholders, issuing of Draft Report Health check to the client followed by a Final Town Health Check. Mr O'Meara stated that he would be engaging with KFM radio, local press, Tidy Town Committees and communities with regard to the plan.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr O'Meara for his presentation.

Councillor McGinley noted there was no mention of the Local Area Plan (LAP). Mr O'Meara stated that the County Development Plan (CDP) and LAP involved formal consultation processes whereas the town renewal plan would be based on community led ideas to aggregate ideas leading to co-creation rather than consultation.

Councillor Ward asked if the finished product would be a report on the town. Mr O'Meara stated that the finished product would be a full report on the town. Councillor Ward asked how the timeframe for four plans would be managed. Mr O'Meara stated that there would be an eighteen week timeframe and currently there was no capital funding and stated these plans had a lifeline process with the responsibility of the community and participatory parties to drive them forward.

The District Manager thanked Mr O'Meara for his presentation and stated he was looking forward to working with him and Ms Hunt, Senior Executive Officer in relation to the town renewal plan. He thanked the elected members for allocating funding towards the plan and confirmed a press statement would be released shortly to advertise the plan. The Cathaoirleach requested that a copy of Mr O'Meara's presentation be circulated to the members.

### **MY02/0318**

#### **Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on 02 February 2018, together with the progress report.

The minutes of the monthly meeting were approved, subject to an amendment of item MY06/0318.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor O'Cearúil, that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District meeting held on 02 February 2018 be taken as read subject to the amendment below:

**Page 6 of Draft Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District, 02 February 2018, Item Ref: MY06/0218, Car Park in the amenity of the Harbour Field**

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

**MY03/0318**

**Matters Arising**

**Flooding in Straffan Village (MY05/0218)**

Councillor McGinley stated that he and some of the locals had looked at works which had been carried out on the footpath in Straffan Village and stated the kerb had not been extended as far as needed and asked if it could be extended by a further two metres.

The District Engineer stated that some works had been carried out and the reason further works had not been done was because they would block the pedestrian crossing and stated that an underground trench and gullies needed to be incorporated into the area in the future.

**Traffic Lights at Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth (MY02/02/18) (MY02/01/18) (MY02/1117) (MY17/0417)**

Councillor McGinley noted that the works due to commence on the traffic lights at Meadowbrook had not yet commenced.

The District Manager informed the members that the council were looking at some final details for the traffic lights before Storm Emma commenced and stated he would inform the elected members as soon as a commencement date for these works was confirmed.

**Speed control measures at Laraghbryan West (MY14/0218)**

Councillor Durkan stated that a large number of accidents were occurring in this area and noted that although the flooding issues had been resolved, cars speeding remained an issue.

The District Engineer informed the members the report provided to them confirmed no further works were planned for this area and stated if Councillor Durkan wanted to write to the council separately, the Maynooth Municipal District Office would revisit the matter.

### **Update on progress with the proposed Maynooth orbital routes (MY18/0218)**

Councillor Durkan noted that the members were to receive a briefing on the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and asked when they would receive an update.

The District Manager informed the members that the Planners were working with consultants and were not yet in a position to meet with the members. He stated it was hoped to bring the matter before a meeting of the full council in the future.

### **Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT) settings in Maynooth (MY02/02/18) (MY19/1217), (MY24/1610), (MY03/1703), (MY06/0517) and (MY02/0617), (02/0118) (MY09/1017)**

The District Manager informed the members that Mr Walsh; Executive Technician would be attending the meeting to circulate an update report on the SCOOT system to them.

## **MY04/0318**

### **Municipal District Road Works**

The District Engineer informed the members that since the Maynooth Municipal District meeting held in February 2018 works on the Kilcock Road and Ballinagappa Road had been completed. He stated the Schedule of Municipal District Roadworks for 2018 had yet to be finalised.

Councillor Weld commended the District Manager, District Engineer, Maynooth Municipal District Office staff and all staff at Kildare County Council for their commitment and great work they carried out during Storm Emma. He asked what impact the cost of these works, together with repair works now required, would have on the council's overall budget and asked if the council had any plans as to how these costs would be covered.

The District Manager thanked the Maynooth Municipal District Office staff and all staff of Kildare County Council for the tremendous round the clock commitment and great work

carried out in such challenging circumstances during Storm Emma. He stated that the council were calculating the costs incurred and were hopeful funds would be made available to assist the council to recuperate finances spent during the storm and help with covering the cost of the cleanup of the aftermath.

**MY05/0318**

**Integrated Services Programme in Kilcock (ISP)**

The District Manager informed the elected members that in relation to the Bawnogues Community Centre, Cooney Architects had been appointed as the design consultants and were meeting with the Steering Group on 13 March 2018 to outline their plans.

Councillor Ward welcomed the news and congratulated the District Manager and the Integrated Services team for their commitment to the project. Councillor McGinley agreed with Councillor Ward but noted the overall cost of the project was €5,000,000 and the council only had funding of €2,000,000 and asked whether Cooney Architects were aware of the budget.

The District Manager stated that Cooney Architects were aware of the council's budget of €2,000,000 and they would be working within this budget and stated the council could only construct to the value of the budget currently available.

Councillor Weld stated Meath County Council had substantial development which utilises the infrastructure as Kilcock town and asked if the council could request that Meath Council help fund the Bawnogues Project.

The District Manager stated that he and Mr Carey, Chief Executive Officer had discussions with Meath County Council requesting funding and stated he was hopeful some funding would be secured.

**MY06/0318**

**Presentation from the Local Authority Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO)**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms McGrath of the Local Authorities Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO) to the meeting. Ms McGrath gave an overview in respect of LAWCO and stated their main role was to work with local authorities in co-ordinating water quality activities across regions and to encourage public bodies, sectoral interests, national government organisations and local communities to share knowledge and work together to protect and manage natural water bodies. Ms McGrath stated that there were three stages to the implementation of the water framework directive in Ireland via the River Basin Management Plan and the first cycle had been completed. Ms McGrath asked the members for their help and asked them to contact her for an expression of interest form and encouraged them to submit requests for the Maynooth Municipal District.

Councillor Ward stated that there was a community water fund available to local groups and Tidy Town Committees and asked what the closing date for receipt of applications.

Ms McGrath stated that the community water fund was a new initiative and LAWCO would be providing further information regarding the application process over the next month.

Councillor Ward requested that a copy of Ms McGrath's presentation be circulated to the members.

Councillor Weld thanked Ms McGrath for her presentation and stated that a number of waste water treatment plants in rural housing estates were not maintained and were causing problems. He asked if Ms McGrath could look at seeking funding to help residents in these situations.

Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked Ms McGrath for her presentation and asked if canals would be included in the LAWCO River Basement Management Plan. Ms McGrath stated that the same approach for rivers would be applied to canals.

Councillor Durkan thanked Ms McGrath for her presentation and asked for her opinion of where the pollution in the rivers was coming from. Ms McGrath stated that there was no one size fits all and Kildare County Council were looking at detailed assessments to be carried

out and it was hoped over the next twelve to twenty four months to have more of an idea of the causes for pollutions.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms McGrath and stated he would encourage the elected members to complete expression of interest forms and submit them to her.

**MY07/0318**

**Part 8 report for the proposed Royal Canal Greenway - Cloncurry to Ferrans Lock**

The members considered the Part 8 report for the proposed Royal Canal Greenway - Cloncurry to Ferrans Lock.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by all the members that the Part 8 report for the proposed Royal Canal Greenway - Cloncurry to Ferrans Lock be approved.

**MY08/0318**

**Potholed stretch of the Laragh cul de sac road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley. That the forty metre potholed stretch of the Laragh cul de sac road be tarmacadamed.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that there were no plans to resurface this section of road but it would be a suitable project for Local Property Tax (LPT) or Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) funding.

Councillor McGinley stated that most of the cul de sac was tarmacadamed a couple of years ago from central funding and asked if it could be funded in the same way for the completion of the work. Councillor Weld asked if there was special funding from the Local Infrastructure Scheme (LIS) that could fund these works.

The District Engineer stated there was such funding from the LIS but this would be an appropriate project for the CIS and stated substantial work had been carried out on the Laragh cul de sac road in 2016 and over €170,000 was spent on the road.

Councillor McGinley asked if the community had to fund the CIS themselves. The District Engineer informed the members that local authorities funded 80% of the cost and the remaining 20% required funding from the community.

Councillor Weld asked if the council had applied for funding under the LIS scheme and the District Manager informed the members that the council's application for funding was currently being prepared.

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

### **MY09/0318**

#### **Parking at the Greenfield Estate, Maynooth**

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

That the council examine what can be done to stop cars from parking on the green verge between the footpath and roadway at the start of Greenfield Estate, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that there were no plans to erect bollards at this section. This would be a suitable project for Local Property Tax (LPT) funding.

Councillor McGinley stated that he was hoping for an alternative solution other than bollards to be offered and asked the District Engineer to revisit the area to look at the possibility of removing some of the green verge.

The District Engineer stated that if the green space was removed and replaced by tarmac it would facilitate cars parking in the area, thus narrowing the road and making it more difficult for drivers using it. He stated bollards were the only solution to prevent parking on the green verge.

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



**MY10/0318**

**Repairs out on the R408**

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

That urgent repairs be carried out on the R408 with particular attention to putting pipes in part of the ditch where the road verge has disappeared.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that there was a road grant for this section of the R408 - Boherhole Cross Roads to Prosperous village, works were scheduled for summer 2018.

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

**MY11/0318**

**Repairs on the lane at Gilltown, Staplestown**

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

That urgent repairs be carried out on the lane at Gilltown, Staplestown (location provided).

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that there were no plans to carry out the requested work. This would be a suitable project for Local Property Tax (LPT) or Local Infrastructure Scheme (LIS) funding.

Councillor Weld stated he was not happy with the report and asked what the cost of these works would be if funded by LPT.

The District Engineer stated that repairs to cover a 250 meter area would cost approximately €15,000. Councillor Weld asked if it would be a suitable project for the LIS scheme and the District Engineer stated that if the constituent applied for the LIS scheme the council would consider their application. The District Manager asked how many residents were living on

the lane. Councillor Weld stated there was one other farmer living on the lane and stated the council were responsible for the upkeep of the lane as it had been taken in charge by Kildare County Council and he recommended an application should be made under the LIS scheme. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durkan that the report be noted.

**MY12/0318**

**Development of the Harbour Field, Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ó'Cearúil. That the council enters into public consultation regarding the future development of the Harbour Field, Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that this principle was agreed at previous meetings held in January and February this year.

Councillor Ó'Cearúil stated that his motion was in relation to the overall development of the Harbour Field and not in relation to the temporary car park and asked if it would be included as part of the Town Renewal Plan for Maynooth.

The District Manager informed the members that the overall development of the Harbour Field Maynooth would be included as part of the Town Renewal Plan for Maynooth and public consultation would be part of the process.

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

**MY13/0318**

**Resurfacing of side-lanes off Main Street, Maynooth**

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

That the side-lanes off Main Street, Maynooth are re-surfaced due to their poor condition.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that works on the side lanes could now be scheduled as the contractor for Irish Water had now completed their work. Works were planned for May/June 2018.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil asked who would be covering the cost of the resurfacing work on the side lanes and the District Engineer confirmed that Irish Water would be making a contribution towards the overall cost of the works. Councillor McGinley asked if all six lanes would be resurfaced and the District Engineer stated that only the lanes needing works would be resurfaced.

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

**MY14/0318**

**Commercial units in Chambers Park, Kilcock**

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

That the council work to progress the sale of the commercial units in Chambers Park, Kilcock and also provide an update to members regarding the work completed on this issue to date.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Building Control and Development staff had engaged with Capita Asset Services (Ireland) Ltd. who was acting for and on behalf of ACC Loan Management Ltd. in relation to the proposed sale of the commercial properties on the open market. The council had agreed to withdraw the Enforcement Notice to facilitate the sale of the commercial units, provided a financial contribution was paid to the council towards the

cost of the completion of the road network from proceeds of the sales of the commercial units.

Ms Burke informed the members that a financial figure had yet to be agreed between the council and Capita Asset Services (Ireland) Ltd. Councillor Ward stated that he thought a financial figure had been agreed and he would like to see the Enforcement Notice withdrawn to facilitate the sale of the commercial units as the residents were keen to see the estate completed. Councillor Ward requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

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

**MY15/0318**

**Roadside drains in and around Kilcock**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ward.  
That the council undertake to clean the roadside drains in and around Kilcock.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the roads crew had been working on drain cleaning and roadside cuttings for the past three weeks. If the councillor had any specific areas of concern he was welcome to contact the Municipal District Office with the details.

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

**MY16/0318**

**Bus stops at Maynooth University**

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

That an update is given in relation to setting back the two bus stops at Maynooth University.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that there were plans to upgrade these bus stops and the design work would commence in the summer 2018.

Councillor Durkan asked if the bus stops would be upgraded by the end of 2018. The District Engineer stated that the works were dependant on funding being received from the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the completion date depended on this.

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

**M17/0318**

**Replacement of public lights**

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

When will the council replace the existing inefficient sodium public lights in Rockfield Estate, Greenfield Estate and other estates in Maynooth with modern white light units?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was awaiting the finalisation of a business case (including funding clarification) for a proposed National Public Lighting Upgrade Project, which would retrofit existing public lights to high efficiency LED lights. This project would ultimately significantly reduce public lighting costs and reduce local authority carbon emissions.

Councillor McGinley stated that the policy for replacement of inefficient sodium public lights was prepared by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee and agreed by the full council two years ago.

The District Manager informed the members that the cost of the National Public Lighting Upgrade for Kildare County Council was €9,000,000 and stated that once the business case was approved by the County and City Management Association (CCMA), funding would be sought in tandem with other counties and then the tender process would commence. He stated the case would be brought before the full council to consider if the funding could be borrowed.

The report was noted.

### **MY18/0318**

#### **Noise reduction barriers**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley. When will the council start installing noise reduction barriers (where they are necessary and effective) along the M4 Motorway between Leixlip and Kilcock?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that discussions were underway with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in relation to this issue with regard to design type, estimated costs etc.

The District Manager informed the members that it was included in the three year Capital Plan for the installation of noise reduction barriers and Kildare County Council would have to fund these works and stated currently there was an engineering resource problem.

The report was noted.

### **MY19/0318**

#### **Taking in charge of Fanagh Green, Tirmoghan Donadea**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld. Can a progress report be provided to members of this municipal district on the taking in charge of Fanagh Green, Tirmoghan Donadea?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Section 180 documentation was received in 2015 however, there were no CCTV or as Constructed Drawings on file. There was no protocol currently in place for the taking in charge of developer provided infrastructure - Waste Water Treatment Plants not connected to the public sewer.

Councillor Weld stated that he was disappointed with the report and thought this site had been taken in charge in 2015 and stated he was going to meet with council staff on the site shortly. He asked if the minutes for the Maynooth Municipal District meetings for 2015 could be checked to confirm if this site was taken in charge in 2015 and he requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates. The Meetings Administrator agreed to check the minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District for 2015 to check if the members had previously agreed that Fanagh Green, Tirmoghan Donadea be taken in charge. The report was noted.

### **MY20/0318**

#### **Provision of a pedestrian footbridge, Mill Street, Maynooth**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ó'Ceairúil. With the vast increase in pedestrians on Mill Street, Maynooth when will we the council progress on the provision of a pedestrian footbridge as envisaged in the Maynooth Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that a pedestrian foot bridge was approved as part of the Part 8 proposals for Phase 5 of the North-South Corridor. A detailed design of this phase would commence in the summer 2018. Funding from the National Transportation Authority (NTA) was required for the construction of this phase of the North-South Corridor.

The District Manager informed the members that funding of €400,000 had been allocated by the National Transport Authority (NTA) to carry out this work.

The report was noted.

**MY21/0318**

**Planning the road through the Harbour Field**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O’Cearúil.

What consultation was carried out with members of the Fire Service when planning the road through the Harbour Field?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that statutory consultation was undertaken with the Fire Services during the Part 8 consultation for this project. There had also been ongoing consultation about emergency access to the Fire Station.

The report was noted.

**MY22/0318**

**Flooding in Courtown Little and the surrounding areas of Kilcock**

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

Can a comprehensive update be provided to this municipal district regarding the current position in respect of the planned works to alleviate the flooding in Courtown Little and the surrounding areas of Kilcock?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this matter was currently being investigated and the members would be updated when the investigation was completed.

The report was noted.

**MY23/0318**

**Traffic calming measures at Kilcock Road, Clane**

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

What progress has been made in identifying/installing traffic calming measures at Kilcock Road, Clane?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that road markings for cycle lanes on this section of road were scheduled for March/April 2018.



Councillor Durkan asked if there were any plans to install speed cameras on the Kilcock Road and the District Engineer stated that following completion of the cycle lanes speed would be recorded.

The report was noted.

**MY24/0318**

**Installation of electric charges**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 29 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed to take item 29 next.

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.  
In view of the recent government announcement regarding banning of diesel and petrol cars in the future, are Kildare County Council going to insist on the installation of electric charges in planning applications for houses and apartments?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that there was no provision in the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 to insist on the provision of electric charging points nor does the planning authority have the power to impose such a condition on applicants.

Councillor Weld asked for the support of the elected members to refer this item to the Planning and Strategic Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), all members agreed.

The report was noted.

**MY25/0318**

**Turnkey Social and affordable housing**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That all land suitable for housing development within the Maynooth Municipal District in the ownership of Kildare County Council be put out to tender for design and development within the next eight weeks for the provision of turnkey social and affordable housing.

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

## **Kildare County Council**

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A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that based on a survey of Kildare County Council housing lands completed in mid 2016 and reported by Municipal District area, the following sites in the Maynooth Municipal District zoned for residential purposes were not developed:

### **Butterstream (Nancy's Lane), Clane**

This site was in the ownership of the Housing Agency and is proposed for development under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract. The Part 8 for this site was launched on 20 February 2018. The site would transfer to Kildare County Council once the Part 8 was secured.

### **Clogherinkoe**

This site was the site of the existing Ard Carraig Estate completed in the mid 2000's and 20 no. affordable sites which remained undeveloped. Kildare County Council was preparing a proposal to develop 14 of these sites for social housing. The remaining 6 sites would remain available as affordable sites.

### **The Paddocks Kilcock**

19 units had been completed recently. No further land was available for development at this location.

### **Anne Street, Prosperous**

This site was the remaining undeveloped land within the existing Anne Street estate. Kildare County Council was currently completing tender documents for the award of the main contract for the development of 12 units at this site. No further land was available for development at this location.

### **Downings Prosperous (2 Ha)**

This land was only partly zoned for residential use. Kildare County Council were currently considering a 2 unit infill scheme at this site.

### **Greenfields Maynooth**

This was a recently acquired site. Kildare County Council has received Stage 1 approval for a Rapid Delivery Scheme of 50 units at this site.

With the exception of the small in-fill site in Prosperous, all the available lands in the Maynooth Municipal District had been recently developed or were in the process of being developed through the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government's approval process. There were 6 undeveloped affordable sites in Clogherinkoe but there was currently no affordable scheme supported by the Department available for Kildare County Council to administer. Kildare County Council had advertised on two occasions for expressions of interest from private entities to develop turnkey proposals on behalf of Kildare County Council. Two expressions of interest were received from within the Maynooth Municipal District. One was in relation to the completion of 16 units in Kilmeague, a turnkey proposal which was now completed, all of these units were social units. The second expression of interest received relating to a turnkey option in the Maynooth Municipal District came in under the December advertisement and was currently being assessed. Kildare County Council had proposed a joint venture arrangement with a private entity for the development of a number of sites in the ownership of Kildare County Council identified in the Rebuilding Ireland Land Map. The development of these sites was subject to public procurement rules and would not be tendered within the eight week period suggested in this motion. Kildare County Council would consider a % of affordable housing as part of these contracts subject to an affordable housing scheme proposal being prepared by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for administration by Kildare County Council.

Councillor Durkan thanked the Housing Department for the detailed report and asked if this item could be listed on the Progress Report for monthly updates.

The District Manager stated that because of the volume of work ongoing in the Housing Department it would be reasonable to leave the item on the progress report for quarterly updates.

Councillor McGinley noted that a Rapid Delivery Scheme had been approved in relation to the development of the Greenfields Maynooth and he asked if an alternative word other than rapid could be used when referring to housing developments as it suggested inferior quality houses.

The District Manager stated he would refer Councillor McGinley's comment to the Housing Department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Weld that the report be noted and this item remains on the Progress Report for quarterly updates.

**MY26/0318**

**Nomination of elected representative to the Twinning Liaison Committee**

The members considered the nomination of one elected representative to the Twinning Liaison Committee.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members that Councillor Ó' Cearúil be appointed as the Maynooth Municipal District representative to the Twinning Liaison Committee.

**MY27/0318**

**Community garden in Kilcock**

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

Can an update be provided to this municipal district regarding the timescale and dates for the completion of the community garden in Kilcock?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that completion of the reinstatement of the community garden was underway. The planting of a hedgerow between the adjoining housing estate would be carried out in March - April 2018. Pruning of the trees and remaining hedgerow would be carried out as part of trees works in the Maynooth Municipal District Area. This would be done in March - April 2018. Quotations were being sought for the reinstatement of the railing and entrance piers at present and it was hoped to have this completed by June 2018.

The report was noted.

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**Road closure from Kilmeague to Allenwood**

Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that the road closure scheduled from Kilmeague to Allenwood which would divert traffic from Kilmeague via Prosperous to allow Irish Water to carry out works should not go ahead and stated the matter should have been brought before the Maynooth Municipal District elected members before a decision was made.

Councillor Weld supported Councillor Fitzpatrick stating numerous businesses opposed the decision as their livelihood depended on the road being open. Councillor Weld stated the matter should have been discussed with the elected members first and stated they could not allow the road to be closed for six months.

Councillor Ward noted that the timeframe for consultation for the road closure included the Storm Emma period.

The District Manager stated that he accepted the work had to be done and stated he had made his concerns known to the Director of Environment and Water Services. He stated the Irish Water manager and contractor should be meeting with relevant parties involved to discuss a local road Traffic Management Plan.

### **MY29/0318**

#### **Storm Emma**

The Cathaoirleach commended the District Manager, the Maynooth Municipal District Office staff and all Kildare County Council staff and communities for their commitment and hard work throughout the storm and aftermath. He asked if the council could consider holding a reception to acknowledge the hard work and commitment in particular to the Municipal District Engineers who had carried out exemplary work.

Councillor Weld commended the District Manager and all Kildare County Council staff for their commitment and hard work during the storm, in particular the staff who worked late into the night and he suggested a special reception be held to acknowledge their contribution during such a difficult time. He stated that even in the treacherous conditions where roads were limited to one lane because of the snowfall cars continued to speed. Councillor Weld stated that during snowfall where severe weather red alerts were in place, the national speed limit should be reduced to allow for the conditions of the roads. Councillor Weld asked the District Manager if he could liaise with Senior Management to clarify the situation in relation to insurance cover for members of the community who helped out using their own vehicles during the storm.

Councillor McGinley commended the District Manager and all Kildare County Council staff, An Garda Síochána, the Army, the Civil Defence, nurses and the farming community for their

commitment and hard work during the storm. He stated that cars were speeding along the Straffan Road during the treacherous conditions.

Councillor Durkan commended the District Manager, Kildare County Council staff and communities for their commitment and hard work during the storm and stated if communities were willing to help out they should be covered by the council's insurance. He stated that cars on the Clane to Kilcock Road were speeding in treacherous conditions giving no leeway to other drivers or pedestrians.

Councillor Ó'Ceairúil commended the District Manager and all Kildare County Council staff for their commitment and hard work during the storm. He noted that communities came together which highlighted the strength within communities.

Councillor Fitzpatrick commended the District Manager and all Kildare County Council staff, for their commitment and hard work during the storm. He conveyed a sincere thanks to Patricia McNeela, Civil Defence Officer and her team who saved a man's life, as he needed urgent medical attention.

Councillor Murray commended the District Manager and all Kildare County Council staff for their commitment and hard work during the storm and thanked the District Manager for the constant clear updates provided by him on the television and radio.

The District Manager informed the members that all their comments were appreciated and stated he would ensure they were passed to the relevant parties. He stated that the elected members, the Army, the Civil Defence, Red Cross, the Fire Brigade and the Coast Guard all came together to help out at the front line during the storm. The District Manager informed the members that a full scale review would be carried out next week to ascertain the level of the works carried out during the storm and noted the involvement of communities was phenomenal.

Councillor Ward asked if a reception to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all involved in the work during the storm could be arranged following the completion of the review next week.

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**Motion to Full Council regarding reduction of speed limits**

The following motion was agreed unanimously by the elected members to go forward to the next the full council meeting on behalf of the Maynooth Municipal District.

“In the event of a red weather alert warning that all speed limits be reduced by half on all roads in Kildare.”

The meeting concluded.