

**Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting  
held on Friday, 12 January 2018 at 10:00 am  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor P Ward (Cathaoirleach), Councillors R Cronin, T Durkan, P McEvoy, T Murray, and B Weld.

**Apologies:** Councillors D Fitzpatrick, J McGinley, N Ó' Cearúil.

**Officials Present:** Mr N Morrissey (District Manager), Mr J Deane (District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive, Parks Superintendent), Mr F Fenlon (Transition Manager ISP) Mr B Martin, Mr E Fagan, (Administrative Officers), Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

**MY01/0118**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District held on 13 December 2017, together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Weld, that the minutes of the monthly meeting of Maynooth Municipal District held on 13 December 2017 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**MY02/0118**

**Matters Arising**

**Alleviation of flooding issues throughout the Maynooth Municipal District (MY05/1217)**

The District Manager informed the members that a meeting was held on 11 January 2018 to discuss the flooding issues with representatives from the various departments in Kildare County Council in attendance. The District Manager stated that the heavy rainfall recently had identified new problems and as a result of the meeting on 11 January there was now a plan in place but it would take six to eight weeks to identify priorities and although there was some funding available from the Office of Public Works (OPW) additional funding was also

required. The District Manager stated he would report back to the members on the countywide plan to address the flooding issues.

**Item 19 - Lady Chapel, Maynooth**

Councillor Durkan noted the work at Lady Chapel, Maynooth had been completed.

**Item 41 - Rye Water River, Kilcock**

Councillor Durkan asked if there was any update on a survey being carried out to ascertain the flood risk on the Rye Water River, Kilcock. The District Manager stated there was currently no further update.

**Public lighting review for Broadford (MY15/1217)**

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Councillor Durkan asked if there was a timeframe for the public lighting review to be carried out in Broadford. The District Manager stated there was currently no further update.

**Purchasing a homeless outreach centre in North Kildare (MY36/1117) (MY10/1702) and (MY25/0717)**

Councillor Cronin asked if there was any update on the purchasing of a homeless outreach centre in North Kildare. The District Manager stated there was currently no further update.

**Alleviation of chronic traffic issues in Maynooth SCOOT System (MY09/1017)**

Councillor Murray stated that during the Christmas period in the mornings, the lights at the Garda Station in Maynooth were remaining green for seven seconds mainly because cars were not moving forward onto the sensor spot which operates the sequencing system. Councillor Murray stated that this was causing traffic congestion from the Rathcoffey side of Maynooth leading up to the Main Street or turning left. The District Manager informed the members he would speak to Mr J Walsh, Executive Technician regarding this issue.

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

Councillor Murray noted a roundabout had been installed on the Kilcock, Maynooth Road and stated that when a roundabout was requested for the Meadowbrook Link Road, it was refused by the council. The District Engineer stated that the council had examined the

possibility of installing a roundabout at the Meadowbrook Link Road and it was not a suitable location for a roundabout.

**CCTV Maynooth Playground and Operation of Maynooth Playground (MY02/0917)  
(MY38/0717)**

Councillor Cronin noted the opening and closing of the Maynooth Playground had been addressed and asked if the issue of vehicles parking on the footpath had been dealt with. The District Manager stated that this matter had been dealt with.

**MY03/0118**

**Surface water catchment study for Kilcock**

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged Councillor McEvoy's request to take item 23. All the members agreed to take item 23 next. Councillor McEvoy conveyed his apologies as he excused himself from the meeting.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McEvoy.  
That the council undertake a surface water catchment study for Kilcock, to inform the proper planning and development of the town and environs in terms of future flood protection measures and related capital expenditure.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was currently preparing a brief for tender for appointment of a consultant to carry out a preliminary study of the existing surface water network in Kilcock and to propose solutions where required in relation to deficiencies in the existing system. Risk to existing properties from fluvial or river based flooding is addressed in the Office of Public Works (OPW) Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) report which identifies three existing properties at risk in Kilcock within the county boundary. All new proposed developments were required to meet the Flood Risk Management Guidelines and Sustainable Drainage System (SUDS) requirements.

Councillor McEvoy outlined his concern that the bridge installed over the Rye River would not cope with the water flow identified in the 2016 CFRAMS report and stated that he felt

Meath County Council should take part in the assessment and requested that the council be mindful of this when the flood risk assessment was completed by the consultant.

Councillor McEvoy thanked Mr F Fenlon for all his hard work and commitment on the Integrated Services Programme (ISP), Kilcock and wished him good luck for the future.

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

### **MY04/0118**

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

The District Engineer presented a detailed review of Local Property Tax (LPT) projects undertaken by the Maynooth Municipal District Office during 2017. The District Engineer informed the members that the 2017 spend of Local Property Tax (LPT) was €7.577 million (compared to €6.566 million in 2016 and €4.882 million in 2015), the highest amount spent annually to date. The District Engineer informed the members that regional restoration improvement works had been carried out on Prosperous Main Street, Courtown Great, Kilcock, Butterstream and Firmount Cross, Clane and localised works had been completed on Mucklon Road, Knockanally, Millicent Road, Barry's Boreen, Tirmoghan, Alpacas Road, Windmill Cross to Ticknevin and Downings Cross Roads to Healy's Bridge. The District Engineer stated that €522,000 funding was allocated from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to carry out phase three and four of the roadworks on the North South Corridor Maynooth, he confirmed that phase three had been completed and phase four was scheduled to be completed in March 2018. The District Engineer stated that a number of LPT Schemes had been completed and the largest project undertaken during 2017 was in Chambers Park, Kilcock which included the resurfacing of estate roads, parking areas and roundabout construction. The District Engineer informed the members that there were a number of LPT Schemes scheduled to be completed during January and February 2018, these schemes included, the Cycle Strategy, Clane, drainage works at the Maws, Kilcock, kerbing at the M4 Interchange, Kilcock, footpaths at Ballinagappa Road, Clane, the Courtown Roundabout, Kilcock and works on the footpaths in Kingsbury, Maynooth. He stated that LPT projects scheduled for 2018 included phase four and five of the North South Corridor, Maynooth, completion of the Royal Canal Greenway, surfacing of back lanes in Maynooth, flood relief schemes, refurbishing of the Square, Maynooth, footpath rehabilitation schemes in the Maynooth Municipal District and the commencement of the Prosperous Town Park project.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillor Weld thanked the District Engineer, the staff of the Maynooth Municipal District Office and staff in Kildare County Council for their hard work throughout the year. Councillor Weld raised his concerns regarding dog fouling on the Royal Canal Greenway and stated it was becoming a major problem and asked if there was a time frame for the completion of the Prosperous Town Park. He also asked if Richardstown Lane could be listed on the schedule of road works for 2018.

Councillor Durkan thanked the District Engineer, the staff of the Maynooth Municipal District Office and staff in Kildare County Council for their hard work throughout the year. Councillor Durkan asked if there was a timeframe for the completion of the Royal Canal Greenway, a timeframe for completion of the North South Corridor, Maynooth, and noted the great work that had been carried out at Chambers Park, Kilcock.

The District Manager noted Councillor Weld's comments on the dog fouling issue on the Royal Canal Greenway and stated that it was an environmental issue and he would inform the Environment Department of Councillor Weld's comments. The District Manager stated that the Prosperous Town Park would be addressed later on the agenda today and with regard to the North South Corridor, Maynooth, the National Transport Authority (NTA) was not funding the project and currently no timeframe was known. He stated that although challenging for Kildare County Council, they were committed to carrying out this work.

The District Engineer confirmed that Richardstown Lane was already listed on the list of road works scheduled for 2018 and stated that once phase four of the Royal Canal Greenway was completed, works for a cycle lane and picnic area would be scheduled to commence.

Councillor Durkan asked if Castlebrown, Clane could be listed on the schedule of road works for 2018.

Councillor Murray thanked the elected members, the District Engineer, the staff of the Maynooth Municipal District Office and staff in Kildare County Council for their hard work throughout the year and noted the efficient use of the LPT funding for the Maynooth Municipal District. Councillor Murray raised her concerns regarding the cycle lanes on the Moyglare Road being completed on time for the opening of the schools.

The District Manager congratulated the staff of the Maynooth Municipal District Office for the huge amount of work they had undertaken throughout 2017.

Councillor Cronin thanked the elected members, the District Engineer, the staff of the Maynooth Municipal District Office and staff in Kildare County Council for their hard work throughout the year. Councillor Ward stated that the residents of Chambers Park, Kilcock were delighted with the works carried out on the estate and he thanked the Maynooth Municipal District Office staff and the team for their hard work.

### **MY05/0118**

#### **Update on the Integrated Services Programme in Kilcock**

Mr Fenlon informed the members of the latest update on the Integrated Services Programme in Kilcock. Mr Fenlon stated that the closing date for the tender competition for the full design team to progress the community facility was the 15 December 2017. He stated that a decision in regard to this tender completion would be made by the end of January 2018 and it was expected that a contract would be signed with the preferred tenderer in late January or early February 2018. Mr Fenlon informed the members that he would be finishing up in his position as ISP Co-ordinator on 12 January 2018 and he thanked the elected members and all staff for their support over the past four and a half years, and stated that it had been a pleasure working with the elected members and the staff in Kildare County Council. Mr Fenlon wished the elected members and all the community of Kilcock the best for the future.

Councillor Ward stated that it was with sadness he received the news of Mr Fenlon's departure and he thanked Mr Fenlon for all his hard work which had been immense. Councillor Ward stated that it had been an absolute pleasure working with Mr Fenlon and he wished him good luck with his new role in the Health Service Executive (HSE).

Councillor Weld wished Mr Fenlon good luck in his new role on his own behalf and on behalf of the community of Kilcock who acknowledged the huge commitment and excellent work Mr Fenlon had undertaken in the Kilcock area. Councillor Murray, Councillor Durkan and Councillor Cronin wished to be associated with all the good wishes and appreciation conveyed to Mr Fenlon.

The District Manager conveyed his best wishes to Mr Fenlon and acknowledged the dedication and great work carried out by him especially in relation to the Bawnogues, Kilcock. The District Manager informed the members that the position of Transition Manager for the Integrated Services Programme (ISP) was being advertised and it would take a few months before a replacement was in situ.

**MY06/0118**

**Adoption of revised Standing Orders for the Maynooth Municipal District**

The members considered the revised Standing Orders for the Maynooth Municipal District, whereby ordinary meetings of the Maynooth Municipal District shall be held on the first Friday of each month at 10.00 a.m. in accordance with Standing Orders, for The Regulation of Business and Proceedings at Meetings of the Municipal District of Maynooth (number one) “Unless upon any occasion when it is otherwise fixed by statute or by resolution of the municipal district members, ordinary meetings of the municipal district shall be held on the first Friday of each month at 10.00 a.m.”

**Resolved** On the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Ward, and agreed by all members in accordance with Standing Orders, for The Regulation of Business and Proceedings at Meetings of the Municipal District of Maynooth (number one) be revised to read “Unless upon any occasion when it is otherwise fixed by statute or by resolution of the municipal district members, ordinary meetings of the municipal district shall be held on the first Friday of each month at 10.00 a.m.”

**MY07/0118**

**Update from the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG)**

The District Manager informed the members that a progress report from the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) had been circulated to the members before the meeting and if they had any questions to contact the Roads Department with their queries.

**MY08/0118**

**Section 38 Church View, Straffan**

The members considered the draft Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, double yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Church View, Straffan, Co. Kildare.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Weld, that the Section 38 for double yellow lines/parking restrictions at Church View, Straffan, Co. Kildare be approved.

**MY09/0118**

**Section 38, proposed works at the junction of the R-407**

The members considered the draft Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, works to include the widening of the footpath and provision of associated road markings, tactile paving and bollards at the junction of the R-407 (Main Street) and the L-1023 (Ballynagappagh Road) Clane.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Ward that the Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, works to include the widening of the footpath and provision of associated road markings, tactile paving and bollards at the junction of the R-407 (Main Street) and the L-1023 (Ballynagappagh Road) Clane be approved.

**MY10/0118**

**Double yellow lines in the Ottomy housing estate**

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

That double yellow lines be provided along the main road of the Ottomy housing estate in Clane.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the council would only consider installing double yellow lines when the extent of parking would potentially prevent access by emergency services. As far as the Maynooth Municipal District Office understood, this was not the case as the access road was wider than average.

Councillor Weld stated that because of parking restrictions in other housing estates in the area vehicles were being parked in the Ottomy housing estate and the residents were requesting some form of action to be taken to prevent this from happening. Councillor Weld suggested that some form of signage be erected to prevent non-residents from parking in the Ottomy housing estate.

The District Engineer asked if Councillor Weld was suggesting the introduction of parking permits. Councillor Weld asked if signage could be erected. The District Manager stated that the council would not be in a position to erect signage in the Ottomy housing estate. The District Engineer stated that in cases where a road leading into a housing estate can facilitate speeding motorists the council were not opposed to vehicles being parked on such roads as it slowed the traffic. The District Manager stated he agreed with the District Engineer's comments and suggested the matter be referred to the Housing Department, Estate Management for further consultation with the Estate Management Section.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Weld, seconded by Councillor Durakan that issue with non residents parking in the Ottomy housing estate be referred for further consultation to the Housing Department, Estate Management Section for further consideration.

### MY11/0118

#### **Repairs to the road surface on the Courtown Road**

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

That the council carry out repairs to the road surface on the Courtown Road, Kilcock where a number of potholes etc. have emerged, most notably the section of road just after the Shaw Bridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that localised repairs were listed for attention.

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

**MY12/0118**

**Road surface repairs in the Courtown Estate, Kilcock**

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

That road surface repairs be undertaken in the Courtown Estate, Kilcock especially around the entrance to the estate.

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 localised repairs were listed for attention.

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

**MY13/0118**

It was agreed by the members to consider items 12 and 14 on the agenda together.

**Item 12 – Motion**

**Review of footpaths on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth (R405)**

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

That a review is carried out on improving the width of footpaths and inclusion of a cycle lane on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth (R405) to ensure safe access to the two primary schools.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Murray 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 Office shares the Councillor's concern with regard to the lack of adequate cycle facilities along the Celbridge Road, the provision of such an 'off-road' cycle-path would require the acquisition of a number of small sections of land and would be considerably expensive. Without identifying a source of funds for this work, it would not be sensible to progress a design. However, for minimal cost, the council would be able to construct a cycle/pedestrian connection to the fence at the end of

Laurence Avenue to facilitate access to the entrance of the Gaelscoil. This would allow cyclists to access the Gaelscoil via the roads within local estates and avoid the R405. Councillor Murray stated that there were two schools on the Celbridge Road resulting in a large number of parents and children travelling on this road. Councillor Murray stated that the access through Laurence Avenue would facilitate children and parents going to school. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Weld, that the council construct a cycle/pedestrian connection to the fence at the end of Laurence Avenue to facilitate access to the entrance of the Gaelscoil. This would allow cyclists to access the Gaelscoil via the roads within local estates and avoid the R405.

### Item 14 – Motion

#### **Cycle lane on the R405 to Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin. That a cycle lane on the R405 to Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich with a cycle crossing to Maynooth Educate Together be provided to encourage children to cycle to school.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirms that a toucan crossing has been included as a condition of the new Educate Together School. The provision of a cycle lane on the R405 to Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich with a cycle crossing to Maynooth Educate Together would require the acquisition of a number of small sections of land and would be considerably expensive. Without identifying a source of funds for this work, it would not be sensible to progress a design. However, for minimal cost, the council would be able to construct a cycle/pedestrian connection to the fence at the end of Laurence Avenue to facilitate access to the entrance of the Gaelscoil. This would allow cyclists to access the Gaelscoil via the roads within local estates and avoid the R405.

Councillor Cronin asked what the minimal cost plan involved and where the new cycle lane would be installed. The District Engineer stated that the minimal cost would deliver a quick solution to improve access from the hammerhead by breaking a hole in the fence and providing a cycle lane to the access point of the school.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the council construct a cycle/pedestrian connection to the fence at the end of Laurence Avenue to facilitate access to the entrance of the Gaelscoil. This would allow cyclists to access the Gaelscoil via the roads within local estates and avoid the R405.

**MY14/0118**

**Motorway interchange for Maynooth**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Durkan.  
That the council outline the progress made to date on a second motorway interchange for Maynooth and the upgrading of the current one.

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

The District Manager stated that the National Transport Authority (NTA) had issued funding of €25,000 for 2018 for a preliminary appraisal study that would look at the M4 Maynooth to Celbridge Scheme and examine the possibility of a second Interchange at Maynooth and look at the upgrading of the existing Motorway interchange in Maynooth.

Councillor Durkan thanked the District Manager for the report and stated that the Motorway interchange was urgently needed.

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

**MY15/0118**

**Reporting system for dead or potentially dangerous trees**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Cronin.  
That a reporting system be put in place to identify dead or potentially dangerous trees on roadsides so that landowners can be directed to tree surgeons to assist with the removal of these trees before they risk endangering road users.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that resources were not available in the Maynooth Municipal District for such a system.

Councillor Cronin stated that she was disappointed with the report and asked that Kildare County Council incur the cost of the removal of dead and dangerous trees. The District Manager stated that it was not a case that the council did not want to do something about the trees but confirmed it was the landowner's responsibility to remove trees where they were located within 50 metres of the roadside. The District Manager stated that in order for Kildare County Council to address the issue it would be a lengthy process whereby the owners of various land would have to be identified and the council do not have the resources to facilitate such a process.

Councillor Cronin asked if the council could write to landowners. The District Manager stated that the same process would be involved as owners would need to be formally identified before the council could contact them. The District Manager stated that it was incumbent that landowners remove fallen trees and that it should not be the responsibility of local authorities to remove such trees.

Councillor Murray asked if an advertisement could be published to alert people to the responsibility of landowners. The District Manager stated an advertisement was published annually. Councillor Weld confirmed this noting an advertisement was published in this week's paper.

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

**MY16/0118**

**Town Park, Prosperous**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Weld.  
Now that the Part 8 has been approved for the Town Park, Prosperous, can the council give a timeline for the work to be carried out?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that it was intended to tender the first phase of this project in April 2018.

Councillor Weld asked if an estimated timeframe was known following the tendering for the and where the funding would come from. The District Engineer stated that the plan was to start the detailed design in the coming month, tender for contract in April and commence work in the summer with the intention to finish the work in autumn of 2018, followed by the planting and landscaping of the area.

The report was noted.

**MY17/0118**

**Update on the Royal Canal Greenway**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ward.  
Will the council provide a comprehensive update regarding the Royal Canal Greenway, detailing outstanding works to be completed and a timeframe for these works and the current position in relation to the Maynooth to Dublin section?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed the following progress on the Royal Canal Greenway:

Section 1 – In Meath – completed.

Section 2 – Moyvalley – partially complete but will require a bridge section at Moyvalley – design ongoing, funding was in place and works were expected to be completed in quarter 4, 2018.

Section 3 – In Meath (Enfield) – completed.

Section 4 – In Meath and Kildare (Cloncurry to Ferns Lock) – Consultation on Part VIII has just completed and the Chief Executive’s report was to be produced for the Maynooth Municipal District meeting in March 2018.

Section 5 – Fernslock to Spin Bridge – 80% completed, due to finish by mid February 2018.

Section 6 – Spin Bridge to Chambers Bridge – completed.

Section 7 – Maynooth – Chambers Bridge to Maynooth – completed excepted for the underpass at Baileys Bridge, which will start on 08 January 2018 – work expected to be completed by the end of January 2018.

The report was noted.

**MY18/0118**

**Repair works on Crinstown Road (L5042)**

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

Can repair works be carried out on the edges of the Crinstown Road (L5042) approaching the Newtown Road (R408)?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that this location had been listed for the Low Cost Accident Scheme 2018.

Councillor Murray noted her concerns that this road was a very busy road and asked when would the Low Cost Accident Scheme work commence. The District Engineer informed the members that provisionally, the timetable for these works would be Quarter 3 of 2018.

Councillor Murray asked if any repair works would be carried out on the road edges in the interim and the District Engineer confirmed some maintenance works would be carried out on the road edges.

The report was noted.

**MY19/0118**

**Car parking spaces in close proximity to Maynooth train station**

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

What progress has been made in identifying further car parking spaces in close proximity to Maynooth train station?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office has identified the potential for a temporary surface car park on the site of the current contractor compound within the Harbour Field. A draft layout has been prepared and if the members agreed that the proposal has merit, the council can fully develop the design of the car park and prepare it for public consultation. The cost of the car park would be below the threshold values for mandatory Part 8 planning procedures, but the council would commit to conducting public consultation on the plans, should the members so direct.

Councillor Durkan stated that this was an ongoing issue and additional car parking spaces were needed and requested the support of his fellow elected members to support Kildare County Council to fully develop the prepared design for the car park and prepare it for public consultation. All members agreed to support Kildare County Council in the development of a car park and prepare it for public consultation.

The report was noted.

**MY20/0118**

**Cycle lanes to the new Maynooth Schools Campus on the Moyglare**

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

When is work for the cycle lanes to the new Maynooth Schools Campus on the Moyglare Road commencing?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the design process was ongoing with a projected completion date for the scheme being in August 2018.

Councillor Cronin asked if August 2018 was the accurate timeframe for the installation of the cycle lanes. The District Engineer stated that August 2018 was the council's target completion date for the scheme.

The report was noted.

**MY21/0118**

**Applicants on the housing list who have a site available to them**

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

What progress has been made for applicants on the housing list who have a site available to them and are requesting that the council develop same?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing members that the priority for the Housing Department was to work to meet targets for delivery of multiple units under Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness. All technical resources currently available within the Housing/Architects Department were fully engaged in this regard at present and there was no capacity, at this time, to take on projects for delivery of one-off units on sites identified by housing applicants. This position can be reviewed subject to availability of additional resources and/or reduction in targets for delivery by the Government.

Councillor Durkan stated he was disappointed with the reply due to the fact application forms include the question which asks applicants who have a site available to them if they were requesting that the council develop the site. Councillor Durkan requested that this item remain on the progress report for monthly updates.

The report was noted.

**MY22/0118**

**Survey on the remaining trees in Staplestown Cemetery**

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

That a survey be carried out on the remaining trees in Staplestown Cemetery.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that arrangements would be put in place to examine the remaining trees in the cemetery to establish if attention was required.

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

### **MY23/0118**

#### **Fly tipping**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Murray. That extra measures are taken to prevent the level of fly tipping presently happening throughout the district.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this matter was raised in 2017 and the matter was discussed at a Special Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meeting (with an invite issued to all councillors) on 25 May 2017. The following actions from the meeting were being assessed by the relevant sections of the council:

#### 1. Enforcement

##### (a) Waste Management

- Dealing decisively with litter black spots (waste attracts waste) through covert cameras
- Extending the definition of an 'unfit person'- (requires legislative change)
- Strengthening legislation for serious offences (particularly unauthorised collections)
- Placing the onus on developers for construction and demolition waste and possible collaboration with the Building Control Section - (The Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) have identified targeting this area in 2018)
- More intensive enforcement of litter black spots

##### (b) Litter Pollution

- Naming and shaming - (requires National agreement due to data protection issues)

- Introduce an Information Graphics initiative
- Consider review of the Litter Management Plan

### 2. Community Engagement

- Strengthening interaction with community groups
- Building on the collaboration which existed with community groups in the area of local clean-ups
- Build on the Lily White Clean up Day(Held at Easter in 2017)
- Monitor outcome of new Kildare Green Kilometre initiative (7 locations participated in the pilot project in 2017 (Athy Municipal District). It is proposed to roll this out to further districts in 2018.
- Examine the feasibility of extending the hazardous waste collection pilot project.

### 3. Interaction with internal and external agencies

- Ensure a greater focus on illegal signage in conjunction with the Planning Department
- Greater collaboration with the An Garda Síochána Surveillance Unit regarding 'Man in a Van'

Councillor Murray noted the report and stated that she had received an update following the Special Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meeting held on 25 May 2017.

Councillor Murray stated that there was a problem with rubbish being dumped on the Meadowbrook Link Road and Oldtown Road and around Bond Bridge and she asked if CCTV was being used to capture offenders and if so, had any prosecutions been taken. Councillor Murray stated that the clearing of rubbish throughout the North Kildare area was costing the council a fortune and asked if there was any positive reinforcement the council could use to prevent people throwing their rubbish on the roadsides. Mr Fagan stated that he would request statistics in terms of CCTV footage and prosecutions from the Environment Department. Councillor Murray asked if a meeting regarding waste was scheduled to be held with the Directors of Kildare County Council.

The District Manager informed the members that a meeting would be arranged with Mr Dunne, of the Environment Department regarding enforcement of waste management.

Councillor Ward stated he had requested statistics previously and the report confirmed there had been three dog fouling offence convictions over the last three years. Councillor Weld supported the motion and asked if the possibility of allocating Local Property Tax (LPT) for 2019 to be considered to cover the cost of hiring a company or purchasing CCTV cameras for the Maynooth Municipal District and stated that fines needed to be implemented and offenders prosecuted.

Councillor Cronin supported the motion and stated in rural areas community engagement is required and educating children at school around the importance of recycling would help. Councillor Durkan stated that CCTV cameras were not expensive and suggested they were purchased and installed to ensure offenders were prosecuted. Councillor Murray thanked the elected members for their support and stated she would like the Environment Department to provide statistics on prosecutions of previous offenders found illegally dumping waste.

Councillor Ward asked if the members could be informed of what further progress had been made since the report was issued and requested that this item remain on the progress report until a further update is received.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Ward, that the Environment Department provide statistics on prosecutions for previous offenders found illegally dumping waste, an up to date report on waste management since the previous report which was issued on 25 May 2017, an up to date report on the collection of hazardous waste for North Kildare, a further meeting to be arranged regarding waste management with Mr Dunne of the Environment Department and that this item remain on the progress report.

### **MY24/0118**

#### **Caretaker for Cloncurry Cemetery**

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

Now that it has been established that Cloncurry Cemetery is in the ownership of Kildare County Council, are there any plans to appoint a caretaker?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the appointment of a keyholder would be examined.

The report was noted.

**MY25/0118**

**Taking in charge of Castledawson Estate**

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

Can the Municipal District members have an update on the taking in charge of Castledawson Estate?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was currently compiling a snag list for Newtown Hall, once these works have been completed satisfactorily the council would be looking at taking both Castledawson and Newtown estates in charge.

Councillor Murray stated that she was disappointed with the report. She stated she was involved with the Residents Association of Newtown Hall which is situated behind the Castledawson Estate and stated she was hoping for an update report on the CCTV survey carried out on Newtown Hall Estate. The District Manager stated he would follow up on the results of the CCTV report.

The report was noted.

**MY26/0118**

**Swimming pool in Maynooth**

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

That the council outline what progress has been made in relation to the delivery of a swimming pool in Maynooth.

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

A report was received from the District Manager informing the members that with regard to the provision of a new Swimming Pool in North Kildare, the key challenge at present was to locate an appropriate site which would represent value for money in respect of both site cost and commercial viability. One of the options being pursued by Kildare County Council's Management Team was the possibility of a joint venture with Maynooth University. He stated that discussions had taken place on a number of occasions between senior management of both organisations and options continue to be explored. A key issue in these discussions was the fact that Kildare County Council must have ownership of the

selected site in order to qualify for capital funding from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

Councillor Durkan stated that since the swimming pool closed down in Saint Patrick's College there was an ongoing need for a swimming pool in Maynooth and noted the possibility of a joint venture being pursued between Kildare County Council and Maynooth University. Councillor Durkan asked if any other sites had been explored for this purpose.

The District Manager stated that Kildare County Council were firmly focused on the option with Maynooth University and were in continuous discussions with them on this. Councillor Durkan asked if there was a timeframe for the building of the swimming pool. The District Manager stated there was currently no timeframe but the council were pursuing the matter.

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

### **MY27/0118**

#### **Ringbuoy adjacent to Alexandra Walk**

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

Can the ringbuoy adjacent to Alexandra Walk, Clane along the River Liffey be moved back a short distance or another ringbuoy be positioned a hundred metres back towards the Alexandra Bridge?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Section informing the members that this stretch of river was well populated with lifebuoys - 11 ringbuoys in total - and it should also be noted that there are lifebuoys adjacent to the bridge on each side - one approximately 10 metres from the bridge and the other 50 metres from the bridge. Lifebuoys have been carefully positioned to ensure availability at a maximum distance of 150 metres.

Councillor Cronin stated one gap had been measured and it was found there was a 250 metre gap between lifebuoys but she noted the remaining lifebuoys had the recommended spacing between them.

The report was noted.

**MY28/0118**

**Vote of Sympathy**

The Cathaoirleach extended his sympathy on behalf of himself and the elected members to Henry Bauress, reporter for the Leinster Leader following the recent death of his mother Bridget Bauress.

The meeting concluded.