

Celbridge Area Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Friday 15 July 2011, held at 10.00 a.m.

in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.

Members Present: Councillors S Griffin, A. Larkin, F. O'Rourke, J. McGinley, K Byrne, C Purcell.

Apologies: Councillor Joe Neville.

Also Present: Ms A.Crofton (A/Director of Services) Mr G. Duff (A/S.E.O.), Mr. J. Doyle (S.S.O.) Ms A. Aspell, (Meetings Administrator), Ms S Rice (Area Secretary)

CE 01/0711

Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor McGinley was elected as Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Councillor Kevin Byrne and seconded by Councillor Colm Purcell. The members and meetings administrator congratulated Councillor McGinley on his appointment of Cathaoirleach for the coming year. An Cathaoirleach, members and the meetings administrator commended Councillor Griffin on his year as Cathaoirleach.

Resolved: Councillor McGinley was elected as Cathaoirleach.

CE02/0711

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting together with the progress report held on 22 June 2011.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Senan Griffin and seconded by Councillor O'Rourke that the minutes be confirmed and taken as read.

Matters arising from the Progress Report

Undergrounding of wires in Main Street, Celbridge

The members requested that this item remain on the Action Plan until funding be sought for the undergrounding of wires in Main Street, Celbridge.

Flooding at Maynooth Town FC and M4

An Cathaoirleach asked that the roads department re-investigate this item as they laid the pipe at fault and it would be in-expensive to re-lay the pipe.

Progress on funding for extension to bus routes 66 and 67

An Cathaoirleach asked if Dublin Bus were aware of the current plans of Kildare County Council regarding the implementation of the required infrastructure and if they will be extending the bus routes once the works had been completed.

Extension of public carpark, Maynooth

The members requested the current position on this matter and that they receive progress on this item at the September meeting.

Safety measures at Scoil Ui Dhalaigh, Leixlip

Councillor Purcell asked for a costing for the additional works at this location.

UD Leinster Park

An Cathaoirleach asked that this item be placed on the land register by the audit committee and that the council seek a High Court injunction to take ownership of the lands. The members requested that item be discussed further at the September meeting.

Process with receiver in Meadowbrook estate

That committee requested that an estimate of works be prepared by the planning department and that a member of staff from the building control section attend the September meeting to discuss this matter further.

Deputation from Confey G.A.A. Club

An Cathaoirleach asked that a letter be sent to the club acknowledging their visit and an update on their queries.

CE 03/0711

Proposals for Maynooth pay parking bye laws

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

That as part of the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws the proposed four parking bays at Maynooth Castle (Drawing E/3277/B) be removed and that the footpath be extended from Farrell Bridge to the Castle Gates in line with the wishes of the submission from Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee in May of this year. Furthermore that the two pedestrian crossings requested by Maynooth Tidy Town Committee be also put in place, all in the interest of public safety.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this submission could be considered in the context of the draft Maynooth Pay Parking Bye Laws.

The report was noted.

CE 04/0711

Distribution of gritting material for residents

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell:

That the council provide containers with a sand/salt mix at selected locations to help with icy road conditions during winter by members of the public.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this matter required further consideration as there were possible insurance implications and it would be preferable that a policy for the county be established to ensure consistency. Councillor Purcell welcomed the report and suggested that local businesses may be interested in sponsoring the required bins.

Resolved: that this item be referred to the next Transportation SPC to consider the formulation of a policy.

CE05/0711

Safety problems at the exit from Gleneaston Estate, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell:

That the council review safety at the exit from Gleneaston Estate, Leixlip (Spar shop) particularly for vehicles turning right towards the Kilmacreddock roundabout (although ramps are in place traffic is speeding over them).

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that in 2009/2010 a traffic calming scheme was installed at this location. The traffic management section was reviewing this location a further report would issue to the members. Councillor Purcell welcomed the report and added that oncoming cars were unable to see the ramps in question, that approximately five directional signs were missing from the island and asked that the missing signs be replaced as soon as possible. Councillors Griffin and Larkin agreed with Councillor Purcell's remarks.

Resolved: That the roads department prepare a further report regarding the safety issues at Gleneaston estate.

CE06/0711

Damaged directional signs near St Wolstans School, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:

That the council repair or replace the damaged directional signs at the junction with Shackleton and Clane road near St. Wolstans School.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that the signs would be straightened as soon as possible. Councillor O'Rourke also reported that the "yield" sign at the same location had been damaged recently and asked that this be repaired as well.

Resolved: That all damaged directional signs be repaired at this location as soon as possible.

CE07/0711

Resurface the roads in Ryevale Lawns Estate, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:

That the council resurface the roads in Ryevale Lawns Estate, Leixlip where necessary.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that funding needed to be made available for these repairs to be carried out.

The report was noted.

CE08/0711

Repairs to the stone wall at the bridge in Ardclough

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:

That the council carry out the necessary repairs to the stone wall at the bridge in Ardclough.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this wall was the property of the GAA who owned the field at this location.

The report was noted.

CE09/0711

Ponding of water at the narrow bridge, Crodaun Forest Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne:

That the ponding of water at the narrow bridge over the stream near house (details supplied) Crodaun Forest Park be relieved as this is several feet over the stream, it will be easy and cheap to rectify and that this minor work be included in the current years programme.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this drainage work was carried out some months ago.

The report was noted.

CE10/0711

Trimming of hedge, Celbridge Abbey estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne:

That the hedge bounding Celbridge Abbey Estates in Celbridge and which runs along the public footpath on the Clane Road, Celbridge be trimmed as soon as the ban on hedge cutting allows as it is a danger to pedestrians.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this hedge would be trimmed when the hedge cutting machine was next in the area.

The report was noted.

CE11/0711

Road safety from Captains Hill to Cope bridge, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Griffin:

That the road engineers examine for safety reasons the road from Captains Hill to Cope Bridge with the view of making this section of road safer for all road users and for pedestrians.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that the road design section could review this area but could not progress with a design in the absence of funding being made available. Councillor Griffin asked if a preliminary examination could be carried out at the national school, Councillor Purcell agreed with Councillor Griffins request and added that some motorists were actually overtaking other cars on this road at the school.

Resolved: that a preliminary examination be carried out at this location regarding the road safety issues.

CE12/0711

Relocation of bus stops at NUI Maynooth, Kilcock road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Griffin:

In order to facilitate traffic safety/movement, that one of the bus stops be moved to the wider section of the Kilcock road.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that the works undertaken as part of the planning permission of NUIM would be checked during the compliance process. It would be inappropriate to make changes pending this process being completed. Councillor Griffin disagreed with the report and indicated that the current location of both bus stops was dangerous and asked that it be investigated and changed immediately, Ms Crofton said she was aware of the location and agreed with Councillor Griffins remarks.

Resolved: that this location be investigated immediately and that the location of the bus stops be moved so that they are not directly opposite each other.

CE13/0711

Repair of footpath, Highfield Park, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:

Can the council repair the isolated sections of footpath in Highfield Park, Leixlip as they are dangerous and pose a trip hazard.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that funding needed to be made available for these repairs. Councillor O'Rourke reported that approximately 30 metres of repairs was urgently required and that funding be sought to carry out these works.

Resolved: that the roads department source funding to carry out the required footpath repairs.

CE14/0711

Replacement of bin, Clane road, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:

Can the council resolve the situation that exists with the dustbin (R.H.S as you exit Celbridge) on the Clane road beside the bus stop.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this work was carried out by a contractor on behalf of Kildare County Council some time ago. The area office would endeavour to replace the bin as soon as possible. Councillor O'Rourke asked that this matter regarding the damage to the bin be investigated further.

Resolved: that this matter regarding the damage to the bin be investigated further.

CE15/0711

Relocation of "Welcome to Celbridge" sign

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:

Can the council prune the tree and relocate the "Welcome to Celbridge" sign on Maynooth road as it reduces the site distance for traffic exiting Crodaun phase 1.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this sign was erected by Celbridge Tidy Towns. Perhaps the Tidy Town committee could be approached regarding relocating the sign. In the meantime the area office would remove some branches from the tree to improve the sightlines. Councillor O'Rourke asked that the Tidy Town Committee be contacted regarding the relocation of the sign.

Resolved: that the Tidy Town Committee be contacted regarding the relocation of the sign.

CE16/0711

Ponding of water on the Dublin Road, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne:

To ask if the ponding of water on the Dublin Road, Celbridge outside (details supplied) house and near Donaghcomper cemetery could be relieved.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that the drainage problem was rectified by Bord Gais some months ago.

The report was noted.

CE17/0711

Provision of right turning, Church Road, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne:

To ask if the council would consider providing (right turn refuge) road marking to facilitate right turning off Church Road into Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge and to eliminate the danger of rear ending while waiting to turn right.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that any works to facilitate a right turn refuge at the location would require land acquisition and that there was no funding available for such work.

The report was noted.

CE18/0711

Footpath, Hawthorn View, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne:

To ask if the footpath at the entrance to Hawthorn View, Celbridge could be examined as it has subsidence and is dangerous to pedestrians and if the works required could be included in next years work programme.

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that while there was some cracking of the path at this location, the area office would not consider it a priority for repairs. It should also be noted that the trees in the householder's garden were causing cracking to the boundary wall and should be removed.

The report was noted.

CE19/0711

Improvements to entrance of Riverdale estate, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Griffin:

What is the up to date position on the improvements to the entrance to Riverdale estate, Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that this matter had been referred to the Planning Department for consideration.

The report was noted.

CE20/0711

Status of project for the Kilcock/Moyglare

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Griffin:

What is the status of the one million euro project for the Kilcock/Moyglare project?

A report was received from the roads department dated 14 July stating that the National Transport Authority had allocated €250,000 for this project for 2011. Discussions were ongoing between technical staff from the NTA and the traffic management section to agree what works could be completed in 2011 with this allocation.

The report was noted.

CE21/0711

Playground at Leixlip amenities centre

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell:

That the council would extend the playground at Leixlip amenity centre.

A report was received from the parks department dated 14 July stating that proposals existed within the redevelopment of Leixlip Amenities Centre to relocate the playground within the complex therefore it was not proposed to extend the playground at present.

Additionally there was no provision in the current Capital Works Programme to extend the playground. Councillor Purcell reported that the playground was widely used and asked that it be relocated to a larger site in order to accommodate the large number of people who use the facility.

Resolved: That the playground in the Leixlip amenities centre be relocated to a larger site in order to accommodate the large number of people who use the facility.

CE22/0711

Pruning of trees, The Oaks, Castletown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne:

That the trees beside light standard number one, The Oaks, Castletown be pruned to allow some light in the cul-de-sac.

A report was received from the parks department dated 14 July stating that this location would be considered for inclusion in any future proposed tree works for the Celbridge Area. The budget allocated for tree works had been fully allocated for 2011, therefore the number of requests for pruning or tree removals that maybe carried out before the end of the current year would be very small scale and limited.

The report was noted.

CE23/0711

Draft Pay Parking Bye Laws for Celbridge

A short discussion took place regarding the need to hold a special meeting to discuss the draft Pay Parking Bye Laws for Celbridge. Councillor Pucell proposed that a special meeting take place, this was seconded by An Cathaoirleach. Councillors O'Rourke and Larkin strongly disagreed with this decision as they felt that the committee could resolve any outstanding issues or amendments to the bye laws today.

Resolved: It was agreed that a special meeting take place on Monday 25 July at 9.30 a.m.

The meeting concluded.