

## **Celbridge Area Meeting**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Friday 16 September 2011, held at 10.30 a.m.**

**in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.**

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

**Also Present:** Mr P. Minnock (Director of Services) Ms S. Kavanagh (S.E.O.), Ms Anne Rowan, ( S.E.O.) Mr. L.Dunne (S.E.O.) Ms E.Murray ( Area Enigneer), Mr D. Hodgins (S.E.E.) Ms A. Aspell,(Meetings Administrator),Ms P. Penny ( A.S.O.) Ms S Rice (Area Secretary)

### **CE 01/0911**

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

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15 July 2011 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Senan Griffin and seconded by Councillor C. Purcell 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.

##### **Progress on funding for extension to bus routes 66 and 67**

An Cathaoirleach said it was very disappointing that Dublin Bus may not be extending the bus routes, Councillor Griffin asked that the council proceed with the intended infrastructure regardless, in particular the footpath at the boys national school.

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

### **Missing directional signs at Gleneaston Estate, Leixlip**

It was reported that the missing signs had been replaced, however Councillor Larkin reported that one of the replaced signs had been since been removed again and asked that it be replaced, Councillor Griffin asked that the signs be fixed onto poles instead.

### **Damaged directional signs near St Wolstans School, Celbridge**

It was reported that the signs had been repaired, however Councillor O'Rourke reported that the "Yield" sign was still damaged and a directional sign had not been replaced and asked that it be investigated.

### **Relocation of bus stops at NUI Maynooth, Kilcock road, Maynooth**

The members asked that these bus stops be relocated as soon as possible and that the members be informed of any progress on this matter.

### **Playground at Leixlip amenities centre**

Councillor Purcell stated that the playground needed to be relocated as a matter of urgency as the current location was too small, Councillor Larkin reported that an ESB substation was currently being built beside the playground and stated that this was a bad location for the substation and also asked that the playground also be relocated.

**CE02/0911**

### **Appointment to the Twinning Committee**

To consider appointment to the Twinning Committee.

That Councillor O'Rourke be appointed to the Twinning Committee (on the proposal of Councillor Purcell and seconded by Councillor Griffin)

**Resolved:** That this item be considered at the next meeting of Kildare County Council.

**Appointment to Leixlip Amenities Centre**

To consider appointment to Leixlip Amenities Centre.

That Councillor McGinley be appointed to the Leixlip Amenities Centre (on the proposal of Councillor Purcell and seconded by Councillor O'Rourke)

**Resolved:** That this item be considered at the next meeting of Kildare County Council.

**CE04/0911**

**Upgrade works, Green Road to Louisa Bridge, Leixlip**

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

That a full report be done on the road from Green Lane to Louisa bridge as a vital commuter artery west Leixlip. That particular attention is paid to accessibility (wheelchairs/prams) overgrowth on path, public lighting deficiencies, and the potential of the provision of a cycle lane linking to existing cycle lanes on each end. We explore funding for this with the National Transportation Authority and involve both the community and Dublin Bus from a public consultation point of view.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that there was no funding available for this proposal at present. Road design staff were currently prioritising projects that had funding approved or conditional funding approval. It should be noted that the council was currently working with the National Transport Authority in developing a strategic cycle network in County Kildare. It was expected that this process would be completed in mid 2012. Furthermore, should there be any interim recommendations then a report would be brought to the relevant area committee(s).

Councillor Larkin added that the council should look at the whole road in conjunction with the extension to the 66 and 67 bus routes and that a design be done for the entire road.

**Resolved:** that a design be done for the entire road, from the Green Road to Louisa Bridge.

**CE05/0911**

**Turning point for bus terminus, Moyglare Hall**

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

In view of the difficulty finding an acceptable terminus and turning circle in Moyglare Hall, that we ask the VEC to initiate design of the proposed bus provision on their campus as a matter of urgency.

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A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that this was a matter for the committee. If the committee agreed the roads department could contact the VEC on their behalf with this request. Councillor Larkin asked that the roads department contact the VEC regarding this matter, An Cathaoirleach asked that the developer be contacted and asked to provide the necessary turning point as part of the planning permission, Councillor Neville added that this should have been considered during the planning process.

**Resolved:** Councillor Larkin asked that the roads department contact the VEC regarding this matter, An Cathaoirleach asked that the developer be contacted and asked to provide the necessary turning point as part of the planning permission.

### **CE06/0911**

#### **Damaged wall, Old Abbey Hall, Celbridge**

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

That the council repair the damaged wall opposite the Old Abbey Hall on the Ardclough Road, Celbridge.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that these stones would be replaced as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

### **CE07/0911**

#### **Repair of footpath, St Patricks Park, Celbridge**

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

That the council repair the footpath outside house (details supplied) Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge which is in a dangerous condition.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that this footpath had been repaired.

The report was noted.

**Pruning of trees, Lashandra estate**

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

That the council cut the overhanging tree branches which are proving hazardous to pedestrians and motorists between Lashandra estate and the laneway on the approach into Ardclough.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that this area was cut by the hedge cutter during the summer. There were no plans to carry out any further hedge cutting at this location.

The report was noted.

**CE09/0911**

**Regulated parking times in Leixlip**

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

That all regulated parking areas in Leixlip are covered by the new time restrictions i.e.

10 am - 4 pm Monday to Friday, all day Saturday and a free week prior to Christmas.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that it had been agreed at the special meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee that “no enforcement from 10am to 4pm and all day on Saturdays” rule would not apply to all streets. This needed to be clarified by the committee. While this was a decision for the members, it was advised that to avoid traffic congestion at the busiest time of the year, enforcement should not be removed on Christmas week. It was proposed by Councillor Purcell and agreed by Councillor O'Rourke that parking restriction times be enforced from 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday in all regulated areas. Councillor Purcell asked that regulated parking be put in place in Pound Street and Dun Carrig. Councillor O'Rourke asked that the roads department clarify the parking times in Celbridge, he proposed that the regulated parking times of 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. , Monday to Saturday also be enforced on Main St, English Row, both council carparks and The Slip, Celbridge this was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

**Resolved:** That regulated parking times of 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. be enforced in regulated parking areas in Leixlip and Celbridge.

**Cost of works at Ryevale Lawns/ Cedar Park, Leixlip**

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

That the Celbridge Area Committee be informed of the costs and works at Rye Vale Lawns/Cedar Park, Leixlip, also the date contract was placed. Also my previous motion and councils reply on this important matter.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September for Motions 10 and question 27: An Allocation of €900,000 was confirmed by the National Transport Authority in early 2011. During the year no agreement was reached between Intel and the National Transport Authority with regard to the measures to be installed at Intel's three entrances.

The remaining junction at Ryevale Lawns were in need of complete refurbishment. The physical layout of the junction was installed in the early 1990s and did not conform to improvements in traffic management guidelines produced since their inception.

Kildare County Council designed a layout that would improve crossing facilities at the junctions by undertaking complete refurbishment of the junctions. Provision was to be made for future implementation of bus priority at the junction.

The improvement works at the junction beside the Leixlip Garda Station include the removal of the left-turn filter lane into Rye Vale Estate. The other left slip lane from Leixlip would be removed as part of these works

The scheme was designed to dramatically improve the pedestrian facilities at the location and improve the efficiency of the traffic signals. This would assist the school warden working at and close to the junction during school opening and closing times when there were significant numbers of pupils walking to the local school. A lot of the works were temporary at present and new kerb lines had not been installed fully to date. There had been difficulties for motorists turning left from the western direction into Ryevale Lawns but this problem would be resolved when construction works were complete. The National Transport Authority had asked that the design be refined and it had been necessary to suspend the works while this was being done. When the works were complete the junction would revert to a signalised crossroads and all kerb lines would reflect the type of vehicles expected to use the junction. It was hoped that the junction would be completed shortly. The total cost of the works could not be supplied at present as the delay in refining the design and associated changes to the workload would have an upward effect on costs.

It was expected that the costs of the upgrading of the signals would be no more than €200,000. The members were unhappy that they these works had not been discussed fully with the members and that the removal of the slip road had been a bad decision, Councillor

Neville asked that the Leixlip Town Council members be informed of any future works in Leixlip, Mr Hodgins apologised that members had not been consulted fully, he also added that members of the public could report faults with traffic signals at [trafficlights@coco.ie](mailto:trafficlights@coco.ie). Councillor Neville also asked that the roads department do an advertising regarding the intended diagonal pedestrian crossing as motorists and pedestrians alike would not be familiar to this kind of road layout.

**Resolved:** That the roads department ensure that they advertise the new crossing in local media and also endeavour to inform all members of future works.

### **CE11/09/11**

#### **Proposed Improvements, Moyglare Road**

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

That the proposed road and footpath improvements on the Moyglare Road be prioritised.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that it was presumed that the Councillor was referring to work that was proposed under the overall Kilcock Road, Maynooth project. As the Committee was aware this project had been allocated funding by the NTA in 2010. However, no National Transport Authority funding had yet been allocated for this work this year. It was hoped that funding could be secured in 2012 but this was a matter for the National Transport Authority.

The report was noted.

### **CE12/09/11**

#### **Replacement of public light, The Square, Maynooth**

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

That the top covers on the triple public light at The Square, Maynooth, be replaced before irreparable damage is caused to the unit.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that the council was operating a call-on/call-off maintenance contract pending the appointment of a contractor based on a new public lighting contract. The public lighting section was not in a position to repair all public lighting faults at present. A review of the council's public lighting spend was under way and only faults that were considered to contribute to a traffic hazard were being repaired. The fault identified would be investigated and the section would report

back to the committee if a repair was possible. An Cathaoirleach reported that this repair did not require the contractor to attend, and that all that was required was the replacement of the globe on the top of the lamp which was needed to protect the light, he asked that this repaired as soon as possible.

**Resolved:** that the roads department install a new globe on the triple public light at The Square, Maynooth.

#### **CE13/0911**

##### **Installation of pedestrian crossings, Celbridge**

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

That the council put in place pedestrian crossings on each of the following link roads, Clane, Ardclough, Newcastle and Leixlip as they approach Celbridge town as to encourage and facilitate safe pedestrian movement around Celbridge.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that there was no external funding available for these proposals at present. Road design staff were currently prioritising projects that have funding approved or conditional funding approval. However, the council would include the proposed installations on a list of schemes to be considered for 2012.

The report was noted.

#### **CE14/0911**

##### **Repair of public lighting, Grove Estate, Celbridge**

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

That the council carry out the necessary repairs to the public lighting on the footpath that connects The Grove Estate in Celbridge to the Ardclough road.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that the council was operating a call-on/call-off maintenance contract pending the appointment of a contractor based on a new public lighting contract. The public lighting section was not in a position to repair all public lighting faults at present. A review of the council's public lighting spend was under way and only faults that were considered to contribute to a traffic hazard were being repaired. The fault identified would be investigated and the section would report back to the committee if a repair was possible. Councillor O'Rourke asked that quiet,



vulnerable areas be prioritised for repair as to ensure that people would feel safe walking in the dark.

**Resolved:** that quiet, vulnerable areas be prioritised for repair as to ensure that people would feel safe walking in the dark.

**CE15/0911**

**Exit at Our Ladys Nativity Church, Leixlip**

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

That the council review once again the exit at Our Ladys Nativity Church, Leixlip. Some small modifications could make this exit much safer and would lessen the risk of an accident down the line.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that the traffic management engineer and chief technician had arranged a meeting on site to investigate what small modifications could be put in place to improve this junction. Councillor Purcell reported that there was an ongoing problem at this location and that improvements would be done pending funding.

The report was noted.

**CE16/0911**

**Traffic safety measures, Scoil Ui Dhalaigh, Leixlip**

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

That we have an update as to plans for traffic safety measures to be put in place outside Scoil Ui Dhalaigh primary school and the three schools along the Green Lane.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that work was underway outside Colaiste Chiaran. The roads design section was looking at the additional work but this report was not yet complete.

The report was noted.

**CE17/0911**

**Upgrade of Junction, Glen Easton/Easton Road area**

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

That the council give us an update on the review of the dangerous junction and other traffic safety issues that pertains to the Glen Easton/Easton Road area.

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A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that there was no funding available for this project. Roads design staff were currently prioritising projects that had funding approved or conditional funding approval to ensure that funding for 2011 could be fully drawn down. This request can be reviewed in 2012. The members asked that this item remain on the Progress report with the intention of funding be sought.

**Resolved:** that this item remain on the Progress report with the intention of funding be sought.

### **CE18/0911**

#### **Removal of Smart public phone boxes in Leixlip/Celbridge**

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

Would the council remove the smart phone kiosks from Leixlip/Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that they would contact the Smart Phone providers and ask that they be removed.

**Resolved:** that the roads department contact Smart telecom and request them to remove all derelict phone boxes in the Celbridge electoral area.

### **CE19/0911**

#### **Pedestrian crossing, Celbridge Mill**

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

What is the status of the pedestrian crossing at Celbridge Mill and what road design standards does it conform to?

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that the installation in question was an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing. There was no control of traffic or pedestrians at the location.

The report was noted.

### **CE20/0911**

#### **Repainting of road markings, junction of Avondale/Newtown Park**

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

Can the council repaint the road markings and install a stop sign at the junction of Avondale/Newtown Park?

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A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that the area office generally did not install road markings in housing estates as the cost of maintaining them would be prohibitive. Councillor Larkin asked if a “Stop” could be installed. **Resolved:** that the roads department investigate the possibility of installing a “Stop” sign at this location.

### **CE21/0911**

#### **Installation of bollards, Clane Road, near St Wolstans school**

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

To ask the council to place bollards on the Clane Road footpath close to Saint Wolstans secondary school where there have been several cases of illegal parking in the past years? A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that there was no funding available to install bollards at this location. Councillor Byrne asked that the area engineer meet him on site to discuss this matter further.

**Resolved:** that the area engineer meet with Councillor Byrne on site to discuss this matter further.

### **CE22/0911**

#### **Survey of pier, entrance to Celbridge Abbey Estate**

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

To ask the council to survey the pier at the entrance to Celbridge Abbey Estate, Celbridge? A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that this pillar had been repaired recently.

The report was noted.

### **CE23/0911**

#### **Status of regulated parking, Doctors Lane, Maynooth**

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

What is the status of the proposed car parking facility at Doctor`s Lane, Maynooth?

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that a meeting with the land owner would take place within the next two weeks with the intention of coming to an agreement regarding the proposed car park. Councillor Griffin asked that the council take the lead regarding the negotiations and proceed without the landowner.

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**Resolved:** that the council take the lead regarding the negotiations and proceed without the landowner.

**CE24/0911**

**Hedge cutting and tree pruning, Adrclough road, Celbridge**

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

Can the council carry out hedge cutting and pruning on the footpath that links the Grove Estate to the Ardclough road in Celbridge?

A report was received from the parks department dated on the 15 of September stating that this location would be considered for pruning however the budget available to carry out tree pruning was limited and works would have to be prioritised. Therefore the work at this location may have to be deferred until 2012.

The report was noted.

**CE25/0911**

**Repair to advance warning signs at school, Straffan**

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

Can the council carry out the repairs to the advance warning signs for the school in Straffan (Clane road)?

A report was received from the roads department on the dated 15 of September stating that this sign would be repaired as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

**CE26/0911**

**Hedgecutting on footpath at exit to Confey train station**

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

Can the hedge be cut along the footpath as you exit from Confey train station in Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating that work at this location had been undertaken. Councillor O'Rourke acknowledged that the work had been done and thanked the staff involved.

The report was noted.

**Delays with ongoing works at Ryevale Lawns**

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

Can the council give a clear understanding as to what exactly has been happening at the entrance to Ryevale Lawns at the intersection with the Garda Station. There seems to be severe delays with the on-going work.

**Resolved:** See **CE10/0911**

**CE28/09/11**

**Ponding at footpath at bus stop at Castletown, Leixlip**

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

Can the council review the Castletown bus stop in Leixlip as you are going towards the village. Since work was done at the bus stop last year, when it rains a large pool of water forms on the footpath causing issues for passing pedestrians.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 of September stating the area office would endeavour to remove this ponding by installing drainage to the green area. The report was noted.

**CE29/09/11**

**Proposed Celbridge Recycling Centre**

To receive an update on the Celbridge Recycling Centre.

Mr Aidan Sullivan of Fehily Timony Consultants and Liam Dunne, Senior Executive Officer of the environmental department attended the meeting to brief members on the proposed Celbridge Recycling Centre, it was reported that the recycling centre would be located a one hectare site on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge near the Salesian College, when open, the site would accept recycling waste, household waste, hazardous waste and electrical waste products, the site would include a staff building and a bailing shed. The members were unhappy with the location as they believed that the proposed entrance would cause health and safety issues for road users entering and exiting the amenity, Councillor Byrne suggested that it be located further down the road on lands near the filling station on the new road, all members also disagreed with the proposal to accept household waste and asked the council review this option. Mr Dunne said that members and locals could make proposals and observations during the public consultation period of Part VIII of the planning process and that the council would take on board and consider all proposals received.

The report was noted.

**CE30/0911**

**Barrier and ongoing dumping at Black Avenue, Leixlip**

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

In order to assist in the elimination of dumping in Black Avenue, Leixlip that the barrier which is already in place be reactivated.

A report was received from the parks department dated on the 15 of September stating that some damage was caused to the barrier at this location. Repairs to the barrier would be carried out in the next two weeks and once done it would be operated according to the park opening and closing times again. Councillor Purcell thanked Mr Wallace, senior executive parks superintendent and asked that the council be notified if the barrier was not working and that it would be repaired as soon as possible as to eliminate any further dumping at this location.

**Resolved:** That the council be notified if the barrier was not working and that it would be repaired as soon as possible as to eliminate any further dumping at this location.

**CE31/0911**

**Civic amenity site, Celbridge**

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

That the area committee submit suggestions/ recommendations on the proposed civic amenity site at Moortown, Celbridge.

**Resolved:** See **CE29/09/11**

**CE32/0911**

**Illegal dumping on Killadoon Lane, Celbridge**

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

That the council looks at what measures it needs to take to prevent the illegal dumping on Killadoon Lane, Celbridge.

A report was received from the environmental department dated on the 15 of September stating that the environmental crew had removed some material recently from this location. The Lane would be monitored to establish the level of dumping taking place. Use of CCTV

would be considered (if appropriate). Councillor O'Rourke welcomed the report and the subsequent clean up that took place.

The report was noted.

**CE33/09/11**

**Odour from Rye River, Leixlip**

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

When will the sewage smell be eliminated at Rye Bridge, Leixlip?

A report was received from the water services department dated on the 15 of September stating that although the odour in the area had significantly improved by the work to date, some residual odour issues remained. The engineering consultants for the Lower Liffey Valley Regional Sewerage Scheme were currently formulating an improved chemical dosing strategy to deal with these residual odour issues.

The report was noted.

**CE34/0911**

**Purchase of Water butts**

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

Can the council arrange to offer water butts for sale from the Maynooth Area Office?

A report was received from the water services department dated on the 15 of September stating that water butts could be purchased on line via Kildare County Council's website or can be paid for at the cash office in the finance section in Aras Chill Dara. The water butts could then be collected from the waterworks department in Newbridge.

Unfortunately, there was no facility for payment at the waterworks or Maynooth area office. For stock control purposes, collection of the water butts could not be offered from another site other than waterworks.

The report was noted.

**CE35/09/11**

**High road, Old Greenfield, Maynooth**

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

That a report be given to the area committee on the progress made with the developer, (details supplied), on getting safe entrances to the houses off the "High Road" at Old Greenfield, Maynooth. (See An Bord Pleanála Conditions for 06/424).

Ms Anne Rowan, Senior Executive Officer of the planning department attended the meeting to address this matter and reported that following complaints from residents regarding flooding the site was inspected by an executive engineer who reported that the developer had complied with the planning permission granted. An Cathaoirleach said that planning should not have been granted in the first instance. Ms Kavanagh reported that as far as she was aware that the developer had intended meeting with the residents and had hoped to reach some agreement with them regarding the flooding, Ms Kavanagh said she would contact the developer regarding this and inform the members of any progress on this matter.

**Resolved:** That Ms Kavanagh make contact with the developer regarding making an agreement with the residents.

#### **CE36/09/11**

##### **Repair of road, Carton Square**

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

That the developers, (details supplied), be asked to properly re-instate the road from Carton Square to their new development beyond Lyreen Park and that they also be asked to repair the cable to public lighting pole number 11 (opposite the entrance to Pebble Hill) which they damaged during their road openings.

An Cathaoirleach reported that these works had been completed and that the works carried out were very well done.

The report was noted.

#### **CE37/0911**

##### **Unauthorised developments in Celbridge electoral area**

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

Can we have a meeting as soon as possible to discuss unauthorised developments in the Celbridge Electoral Area?

A report was received from the planning department dated on the 15 of September stating there were currently over 350 unauthorised development cases in the Celbridge electoral



area. These files were confidential on the advice of our solicitors on the basis that any of them can end up in court. Warning letters and enforcement notices could be made available and were entered on the planning register when they apply to planning applications.

The planning department do not have the resources to meet the members to discuss UD's but were more than willing to provide as much information as allowable on individual specific cases when requested, resources permitting.

The report was noted.

### **CE38/0911**

#### **Celbridge Local Area Plan**

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

To ask the council to inform members when the Celbridge Local Area Plan (review) will take place?

A report was received from the planning department dated on the 15 of September stating that at a recent council meeting the members agreed the first phase of the forward planning work programme for 2011/2012. The forward planning team were currently working on the preparation of new LAPs for Maynooth, Newbridge and Kildare Town and the variation of the County Plan to bring the small town plans in line with the Core Strategy. The amendment of the Celbridge LAP would form part of the second phase of the work programme early in 2012. Councillor Byrne asked when in 2012 this would take place, Ms Rowan said that she would hope that it would be within the first quarter of 2012.

The report was noted.

### **CE39/0911**

#### **Part VIII proposal, Castletown Demesne**

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

That the part 8 proposal at Castletown Demesne which relates to the fence at Castletown and Hawthorn housing estates is returned for discussion at area committee level in advance of being included on the county council agenda.

Mr Minnock reported that it was hoped to hold a special meeting in Castletown house to discuss this matter further.

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**Resolved:** that a special meeting be arranged in Castletown House to discuss the proposed Part VIII at Castletown Demesne.

### **CE40/0911**

#### **Tree pruning, Castletown Green, Easton Road**

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

Can the large tree on the Castletown green on Easton Road, Leixlip be considered for pruning or for it to be taken away. A number of residents have expressed concerns at its size and proximity to houses nearby.

A report was received from the parks department dated on the 15 of September stating that the tree in question was a mature Popular tree and was in good condition. It was not considered to pose any threat to the nearby houses and therefore it was not proposed to carry out any work to the tree at present. However if the condition of the tree deteriorated, further consideration would be given to carrying out works to it. Councillor Byrne disagreed with the report and said that the residents were afraid of the tree either breaking or falling down during windy conditions; he asked that the parks department make contact with the residents association regarding this.

**Resolved:** that the parks department make contact with the residents association regarding their fears regarding the size of the tree and the proximity of it to their homes.

### **CE41/0911**

#### **Other business**

##### **Maynooth Road, Celbridge**

Ms Kavanagh gave an update on the status of proposed works on the Maynooth Road in Celbridge.

It was acknowledged that historically this road had exercised the minds of members with several motions / questions being put forward to address speed, access, safety concerns, etc. Unfortunately, heretofore funding, or more specifically the lack of it, had prevented any major works being carried out. Of late, since the establishment of the NTA, a new avenue of potential funding had opened up, however to tap into this funding a number of criteria had to be satisfied including inter alia satisfactory completion of any statutory processes. To this end the council's road design section had prepared preliminary design drawings for

improvements to the Maynooth Road and it was intended to progress the scheme to the Part 8 planning process before the end of the year. Successful completion of the Part 8 process would allow the council to include in its 'wish list' of schemes to be submitted to the NTA for funding in 2012. It should be noted however that there was no guarantee that such funding would be forthcoming. Ms Kavanagh thanked the members for their continued input and support in this regard.