

## **Celbridge Area Meeting**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Friday 16 December 2011, held at 10.00 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.

**Apologies:** Councillor J. Neville.

**Also Present:** Mr P. Minnock (Director of Services) Mr G.Duff (A/S.E.O.) Ms E. Murray (Area Engineer) Ms E.Doyle (A/Meetings Administrator), Ms P. Penny ( A.S.O.) Ms S Rice (Area Secretary)

### **CE 01/1211**

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

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 18 November 2011 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Griffin and seconded by Councillor Purcell that the minutes be confirmed and taken as read.

#### **Matters arising from the Progress Report**

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

A full briefing regarding public lighting was given to the members at the budget meeting. The public lighting maintenance contractor had been given an instruction to carry out all the outstanding repairs within the next couple of weeks. An Cathaoirleach asked if the missing globes at The Square, Maynooth would also be replaced by the contractor.

##### **Raising of Kerb at Call-A-Cab, Celbridge**

Councillor O'Rourke thanked the area office for the work done at this location, however he added that the kerb may need to be raised further, he asked that this be monitored by the roads and environment department.

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### **Road safety problems exiting from Church of Our Ladys Nativity, Leixlip**

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It was reported that additional works would be carried out at this location to facilitate a wider exit from the car park. The exit would be widened by approx 2m and the works were scheduled to be completed prior to the Christmas holidays. Councillor Purcell welcomed the report and the proposed works.

### **U.D. Leinster Park**

It was reported at the meeting that arising from the meeting with the councils legal advisors, Counsel's opinion had been received. This was being examined by the enforcement officer who would recommend the appropriate next steps. The enforcement section was keeping the objectors informed and would do likewise for the members. An Cathoirleach asked that the enforcement officer contact himself and Councillor griffin regarding this item and also requested a copy of the Counsels opinion.

### **Removal of Ivy from Wall, Tea Lane graveyard**

It was reported that the wall would be examined to determine if its status was that of a monument and that monuments were protected structures, this would determine the next course of action in relation to any repairs that may be required. The members requested an update on this item for the next area meeting.

### **Undergrounding of Wires in Main Street, Celbridge**

The current position was that although the council had been advised that Leader could fund schemes under the village renewal and heritage conservation streams, Leader was aware of such proposals but was awaiting formal notice from the Department. Meanwhile they could engage with community groups to consider such a scheme. Much of Leader funding was "committed" and the risk was that no significant funds would be available by the time the Department formally notified Leader confirming sanction for the use of funding for such schemes by the council. It was recommended that Leader and council officials should meet with the committee to identify what options existed to access funding while the Department position was pending. The members asked that Leader be invited to attend the January area committee meeting to discuss this matter further.

**CE02/1112**

**Road Signage in Straffan**

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

That the following signage works identified by Straffan Tidy Towns Committee be attended to without any further delay:

- Erect Tidy Towns Award Signs for Silver Medal for 2009 and Bronze Medal for 2007,2008,2010 and 2011 in accordance with guidelines issue by the Department of the Environment.
- Replace the damaged "Bends" sign and the two missing signs on Back Road
- Replace the damaged "No passing" sign on Barberstown Road.
- Replace the burnt sign on Bawnogues Road the L5048
- Replace the damaged Stop sign at the top of New Road
- Replace the damaged Council "Straffan" sign on New Road
- Replace the damaged 50km/h Traffic Calming sign near the school on New Road
- Replace the damaged "School" Sign on New Road
- Replace the damaged "Ramp" Sign on New Road

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 November stating that the replacement of signs was ongoing by the area office depending on resources and manpower. Some of these signs listed had already been attended to and the others were on a list for attention. An Cathoirelach reported that Straffan had the potential to win the Tidy Towns and that the sooner the work was done the better.

**Resolved:** that remaining replacement and erection of signage in Straffan be done as soon as possible.

**CE03/1112**

**Removal of graffiti, Bond Bridge, Rathcoffey**

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

That the rude graffiti on the Rathcoffey road sign at Bond Bridge, Maynooth be removed, as soon as possible.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that the area office had removed this sign and it would be replaced as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

**Pedestrian crossing at English Row, Celbridge**

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

That a pedestrian crossing be provided at English Row, Celbridge on the town side of the entrance to The Mill and that funding be provided in the estimates for the work in 2012, if none is available in 2011.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that a meeting would be held in January with officials from the National Transport Authority to agree the scope and nature of 2012 projects for which funding could be applied for. An update would be circulated to all the elected members following any NTA decisions.

The report was noted.

**CE05/1112**

**Repair of footpath, Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge**

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

That the council restore the footpath outside house (detail supplied) Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge which was dug up by utilities and filled in with tarmacadam and is now dangerous. A report was received from the water services department dated the 15 November stating that the waterworks section had carried out a temporary reinstatement of the footpath outside (detail supplied) St Patricks Park, Celbridge following the installation of two service control units at this location. Waterworks would carry out the permanent restoration of the footpath in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

**CE06/1112**

**Directional sign, Ardclough Road, Celbridge**

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

That a directional sign be provided on the Ardclough Road, Celbridge indicating the route to the Dublin Road via the inner relief road, rather than by the bridge junction which is badly congested at peak traffic times.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that this would be carried out as part of the Regional Road Signage Scheme.

The report was noted.

**CE07/1112**

**Repair of footpath, Lucan Road, Celbridge**

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

That the council repair sections of the footpath surface on the left hand side of the Lucan road past the entrance to McNamees car park opposite the detached bungalows.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that there was no funding available, in the area office's budget, to attend to this work. Councillor O'Rourke reported that people with pushchairs and wheelchairs were unable to use the path due to the bad state of repair and he asked that the roads department reconsider and carry out the necessary repairs, which are approximately 6 to 7 metres of footpath.

**Resolved:** that the roads department reconsider and carry out the necessary repairs, which are approximately 6 to 7 metres of footpath.

#### **CE08/1112**

##### **Yellow box on Shackleton road**

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

That the council paint a yellow box on Shackleton road (both lanes) at the junction with Aghards road to assist traffic exiting from Aghards road.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that there was no funding available, in the area office's budget, to attend to this work. Councillor O'Rourke asked that the council re-consider should funding become available as a yellow box was needed at this location.

**Resolved:** that the council re-consider should funding become available as a yellow box was needed at this location.

#### **CE09/1112**

##### **Footpath repairs, Coarse Moore**

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

That the council undertake to carry out the repairs to the footpaths in Coarse Moore as identified with the area engineers office and has this work been included in the 2012 works programme.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that if funding was available for these repairs in 2012 the work would be carried out.

The report was noted.

#### **CE10/1112**

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

That the council impress on the Gardai the abuse of the one way system which operates on Accommodation Road, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads department dated on the 15 November stating that if the committee were in agreement a letter would be sent to the Gardai.

**Resolved:** that the roads department write to the Gardai regarding the abuse of the one way system on Accommodation Road, Leixlip.

**CE11/1112**

**Road safety issues at exit of Dun Carraig estate, Captains Hill, Leixlip**

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

That the council examine the exit from Dun Carraig estate, Captains Hill, Leixlip in the interest of road safety.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that the road design staff would be happy to meet Councillor Purcell on site.

The report was noted.

**CE12/1112**

**Road safety, Old Carton, Dunboyne Road**

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

That in view of the number of accidents occurring at Old Carton, (Dunboyne Road), the road engineers devise a system to reduce the number of accidents.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that the area engineer had this road tested in the recent past and the skidding resistance was found to be adequate. These tests would be carried out again in the near future. Councillor Griffin reported that there had been three accidents in one day recently; he also added that speeding was a major factor of some of the incidents, he asked that the road design section and the road safety officer investigate this stretch of road with the intention of reducing the amount of accidents on it.

**Resolved:** that the road design section and the road safety officer investigate this stretch of road with the intention of reducing the amount of accidents on it.

**CE13/1112**

**Uncontrolled crossing at The Mill, Celbridge**

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

That the uncontrolled crossing at The Mill, Celbridge be controlled in the interest of pedestrian safety.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that a meeting would be held in January with officials from the National Transport Authority to agree the scope and nature of 2012 projects for which funding could be applied for. An update to all elected members would be circulated following any NTA decisions.

The report was noted.

**CE14/1112**

**Staffing in Maynooth Area Office**

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

How many outdoor staff are employed in the Maynooth engineering area and will there be any further reductions by the end of February next that will impact on street cleaning and bin emptying?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that there were sixteen outdoor staff in the Maynooth engineering area which included three general services supervisors. The area engineer was aware of one person retiring in February and, subject to the street cleaning budget being adequate, there should be no impact on the street cleaning. The members welcomed the report.

The report was noted.

**CE15/1112**

**Traffic calming, Tea Lane/Saint Patricks Park junction, Celbridge**

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

To ask the roads design section if they would examine the Tea Lane/Saint Patricks Park junction, Celbridge to see if some traffic calming could be designed to reduce the danger at this blind junction.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that the roads design section could prepare a preliminary design but that there was no funding identified for this work.

The report was noted.

**CE16/1112**

**Cleaning of storm drains at Ballymakealy estate,**

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

To request the council to clean out the storm drains at Ballymakealy estate, Celbridge some of which are badly silted and causing ponding during rain fall periods.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that the the area office had confirmed that these gullies were cleaned out about three weeks ago.

The report was noted.

**CE17/1112**

**Repair of speed ramp junction of Aghards road/Maynooth road, Celbridge**

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

To ask the council if the ramp at the junction of Aghards road/Maynooth road, Celbridge, which is in a dangerous condition, be repaired in a similar manner to the repairs carried out at the second exit to Crodaun estate as requested by Councillor Colm Purcell.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that funding would need to be identified for these repairs as there was no funding available in the area office budget.

The report was noted.

**CE18/1112**

**Repair of ramp at the entrance to Aghards**

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

Can the ramp at the entrance to Aghards road be repaired as its surface is becoming very dangerous for all road users?

See item: CE17/1112

**CE19/1112**

**Damaged wooden bollards**

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

Can the damaged timber bollards be replaced along the slip road entering Celbridge from the motorway?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that this was on a list for attention and would be attended to as soon as possible.



The report was noted.

**CE20/1112**

**Roads and footpath repairs in Celbridge electoral area**

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

Will there be special meetings with the area engineer to deal with road and footpath repairs in the absence of the previous arrangements of discretionary funding and will this be done on a formal basis?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that this matter had been discussed at the Budget Meeting. The director of services undertook to meet the members early in the New Year to agree the arrangements for 2012.

The report was noted.

**CE21/1112**

**Double yellow lines at Riverdale, Leixlip**

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

Can we have an update on the progress in providing double yellow lines at Riverdale, Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that this work would be carried out as part of the pay parking review works. These works should commence early in the New Year. This work was weather dependent. Councillor Griffin asked that these works be commenced and completed as soon as possible.

**Resolved:** that these works be commenced and completed as soon as possible.

**CE22/1112**

**Provision of public light be put in place at the bus terminal in Riverforest**

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

Can a public light be put in place at the bus terminal in Riverforest?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 November stating that there was no funding available for new lights in 2012. Councillor Larkin stated that this location

was in urgent need of a public light for the safety and well being of bus users and asked that the roads department re-consider and install a public light in Riverforest.

**Resolved:** that this location was in urgent need of a public light for the safety and well being of bus users and asked that the roads department re-consider and install a public light in Riverforest.

**CE23/1112**

**The backlots, Castletown**

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

That the council, in compliance with the wishes of Castletown residents, facilitate the closing off the 6 backlots described below and the issuing of gardening licences to those residents in adjoining properties:

Backlot 5: area behind (details supplied) The Elms and (details supplied) The Drive

Backlot 7: area with entrances adjacent to (details supplied) The Avenue and (details supplied) Cedarwood

Backlot 8: area behind (details supplied) The Coppins and (detail supplied) The Oaks

Backlot 9: area behind (details supplied) The Oaks and (details supplied) The Drive

Backlot 10: area behind / adjacent to (details supplied) The Drive, (details supplied) The Avenue, and (details supplied) The Willows

Backlot 11: area behind/adjacent to (details supplied) The Woodlands, (details supplied) The Avenue, (details supplied) Cherrywood

A report was received from the housing and architectural services department dated on the 15 November stating that in conjunction with ongoing discussions with the Office of Public Works regarding the protection of Castletown House and estate, discussions were also opened with nominees of residents relating to the backlots.

The common issue was dealing with anti social behaviour, the threat to property and the negative impact on the quality of life, especially for those close to open space areas. Given the complexity of issues and number of households involved, the strategy suggested and agreed was that a representative of Castletown would work on behalf of residents to progress agreement towards a complete solution. Staff were assigned to tease through the legal, planning, water services and other issues in conjunction with a nominee from Castetown Estate.

Working towards a consistent solution for the protection of Castletown House and estate lands and incorporation of the same benefits for certain householders within Castletown Housing Estate, must now await a clear and comprehensive strategy from the elected

members and the necessary resources to complete the process. The members and Mr Minnock discussed this issue and the need for a resolution that was appropriate for all parties involved, it was suggested and agreed that a special meeting would take place at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 12 January in Castletown House with the Office of Public Works, Mr Minnock, staff from the planning department and the area committee members.

**Resolved:** that a special meeting would take place at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 12 January in Castletown House with the Office of Public Works, Mr Minnock, staff from the planning department and the area committee members.

### **CE24/1112**

#### **Internal Backlots, Castletown**

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

That the area committee are provided with a report on the internal backlots in Castletown Estate, Celbridge to include; the process followed to date; who is dealing with the issue within the council; given that the internal and external backlot issues were dealt with by separate process the details of why they are now being linked and what those linkages are; and what engagement has taken place with the residents representatives.

Report: See item 23/1112

### **CE25/1112**

#### **Canal Toll House**

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

How soon will the Canal Toll House near Louisa Bridge be completed and what will be its intended use?

A report was received from the parks department dated the 15 November stating that the initial phase of work on the Canal Toll House was scheduled to be completed by the end of the week. This involved carrying out works to ensure that the structural integrity of the building was improved and ensure the conservation of the building. The rendering of the exterior of the building would be carried out in April as frost free weather was required to ensure the lime render adheres properly.

The remaining works to be carried out include the reinstatement of the roof, window openings and internal floors in the building. This work was contingent on identifying a use and tenant to provide passive surveillance for the building and finance to carry out the work.

The intended use of the building would be limited due to the fact that it was not feasible to provide sanitary facilities in the building due to its location within a designated special area of conservation. One proposed use for the building was as a viewing point over the Rye Valley and Leixlip Spa. However there were no staff resources within Kildare County Council to manage such a facility and therefore the council would like to identify further additional / complimentary uses or organisations who would use the building within the constraints outlined. Councillor Purcell congratulated and thanked all those that worked on this project and that it was a great achievement for Leixlip, he added that he hoped that an appropriate tenant could be found for the Toll House and that it would get the attention that it deserved. The report was noted.

### **CE26/1112**

#### **Civic Amenity Centre planned for Moortown, Celbridge**

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

That this council locate the Civic Amenity Centre planned for Moortown, Celbridge to the Celbridge Interchange on lands owned by the council and will the council remove 'residual waste' from the proposal.

A report was received from the environmental department dated the 15 November stating that Kildare County Council had embarked on a part VIII process to construct a recycling centre at Moortown, Celbridge. This process (involving public consultation) was ongoing and it would be inappropriate to consider this new motion at this time. The members would be kept informed on progress on this matter.

The report was noted.

### **CE27/1112**

#### **Forward Planning, Ardclough**

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

That the forward planners examine how best to promote growth in the village of Ardclough (population).

A report was received from the planning department dated the 15 November stating that the framework for the future development of the settlement had been established in the County Development Plan. Ardclough was designated as a settlement in the County Development Strategy and provides for 20% growth over the period of the CDP. Rural settlement objectives were contained in section 17.6 of the County Development Plan which would direct future growth of the settlement. A significant proportion of land within the settlement

would require the submission of a site specific flood risk assessment appropriate to the type and scale of development proposed. The SEA of the CDP identified that the settlement had serious environmental constraints. Councillor Griffin reported that young people who had grown up in the community were forced to move away from Ardclough because of planning laws, Councillor O'Rourke agreed with Councillor Griffin's remarks and added that there was a great community spirit in the village, but because local people were unable to build in the area they were moving away to other towns.

The report was noted.

### **CE28/1112**

#### **Provision of a multi screen cinema, Celbridge**

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

Will planners assist potential developers in the provision of a multi screen cinema at the Celbridge Interchange or at some other location to serve the residents of north Kildare?

A report was received from the planning department dated the 15 November stating that all potential applicants could be facilitated with a pre-planning meeting in advance of submitting an application to the planning authority. Mr. Pat Whelan, Economic Development was also available for consultation. Councillor Purcell stated that there was a huge demand for a cinema in the North Kildare area, and people were now going to the cinema more often, and requested that this item remain on the progress report for further discussion in January, he also added that he was delighted to see Mr Pat Whelan back in work and wished him well, all committee members welcomed Mr Whelan back to work.

**Resolved:** that this item be discussed further at the January area meeting.

The meeting concluded.