

Celbridge Area Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Friday 20 January 2012, 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 and J. Neville.

Also Present: Ms A. Crofton (A/Director of Services) Ms S. Kavanagh (S.E.O.) Ms E. Murray (Area Engineer) Mr J. Doyle (S.S.O.) Ms P. Penny (A.S.O.) Ms A. Aspell (Meetings Administrator), Ms S Rice (Area Secretary)

CE 01/1201

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 16 December 2011 together with the progress report.

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

Matters arising from the Progress Report

Road Signage in Straffan

The roads department reported that the Cathaoirleach's comments at the December meeting had been noted. Signs were on a list for attention and would be attended to if funding and manpower was made available. An Cathaoirleach was unhappy with the report as it had been agreed at the previous meeting of Kildare County Council that the signs would be repaired or replaced were necessary, if this could not be done he asked that the broken signs and poles be removed as there was no cost involved in this.

Repair of footpath, Lucan Road, Celbridge

The roads department reported that this footpath was on a list for attention and would be attended to when resources were made available. Councillor O'Rourke asked that these works be prioritised as the condition of the footpath was very dangerous and unusable for people with buggies and wheelchairs.

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Yellow box on Shackleton road

Councillor O'Rourke's request at the December meeting had been noted; the roads department reported that should funding be identified then this request could be reviewed. Councillor O'Rourke requested that this be done as soon as possible.

U.D. Leinster Park

The members requested that Mary Foley, from the planning department contact the members regarding this item as soon as possible.

Multi Screen Cinema for North Kildare

The members requested that this item be discussed at the February meeting; it was proposed by Councillor Griffin and seconded by An Cathaoirleach that this item be forwarded to the full council for discussion.

CE02/1201

Taxi Stand Bye Laws 2012 for Leixlip Town

To consider Appointed Taxi Stand Bye Laws 2012 for Leixlip Town.

The roads department circulated a report and a map of Leixlip Town dated the 10 of January to each member, outlining the proposed area for an appointed taxi rank, Councillor Purcell was unhappy that four parking bays would be lost in order to implement the taxi rank. It was agreed that this item would be discussed in conjunction with the Leixlip Town pay parking bye-laws review in February.

Resolved: that this item would be discussed in conjunction with the Leixlip Town pay parking bye-laws review in February.

CE03/1201

Taxi Stand Bye Laws 2012 for Celbridge Town

To consider Appointed Taxi Stand Bye Laws 2012 for Celbridge Town

The roads department circulated a report and a map of Celbridge Town dated the 10 of January to each member, outlining the proposed area for an appointed taxi rank. It was proposed by Councillor O'Rourke and seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Taxi Stand Bye Laws 2012 for Celbridge town be adopted at the next meeting of Kildare County Council.

Resolved: that the Taxi Stand Bye Laws 2012 for Celbridge town be adopted at the next meeting of Kildare County Council.

CE04/1201

Cleaning of storm drains, Thornhill Meadows, Celbridge

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

That the storm drains be cleaned out in Thornhill Meadows estate, Celbridge to prevent ponding in the area.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that this work would be carried out in the near future.

The report was noted.

CE05/1201

Footpath repairs, Vanessa Close, Celbridge

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

That the repairs recently carried out on the footpath near houses (details supplied) Vanessa Close, Celbridge be examined with a view to eliminate the ponding of water that now occurs there.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that some minor work was required here and this would be carried out as soon as manpower was available.

The report was noted.

CE06/1201

Trench reinstatement at The Mill, English Row

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

That the cutting made for service laying in the roadway at The Mill, English Row, Celbridge which has now subsided be replaced and that this work be included in the road programme for 2012.

A report was received from the water services department dated the 19 of January stating that the issue in question related to trench reinstatement following the laying of 100m of foul sewer as part of the Lower Liffey Valley Regional Sewerage Scheme Network Contract 3A. The necessary remedial works appeared on the snag list for this contract agreed with the contractor. Water services were currently in the process of programming this urgent work with the contractor.

The report was noted.

CE07/1201

Repairs to road surface, L2008, Ardclough

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

That the council carry out repairs to the pot-holed surface on road L 2008 on the approach lane to Ardclough village and this road to be included in the 2012 road surfacing maintenance programme.

A report was received from the Clane Area Office dated the 17 of January stating that the potholes would be filled on this section of the L 2008 within the Clane area in the coming days. This road was not listed for on the three year plan (2011-2013) for NRA funding, so it was unlikely to be overlaid this year. Councillor O'Rourke welcomed the report regarding the repair of the potholes; however he did ask that this road be added to the list for resurfacing and that it be done with a different surface to make it skid resistant.

Resolved: that the Clane area engineer add this road to the list for resurfacing and that it be done with a different surface to make it skid resistant.

CE08/1201

Footpath repairs at eircom box in Wheatfield, Ardclough

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

That the council carry out repairs to the footpath surface around the manhole\eircom box in Wheatfield, Ardclough opposite house number (details supplied) as it poses a health and safety concern.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that this would be checked out by the area office staff but may need to be referred to Eircom for repairs. Councillor O'Rourke asked that if necessary that Eircom be contacted regarding this as soon as possible.

Resolved: that Eircom be contacted regarding the footpath surface around the manhole\eircom box in Wheatfield, Ardclough opposite house number (details supplied) as it posed a health and safety concern.

CE09/1201

Footpath repairs, Wheatfield, Ardclough

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

That the council carry out repairs to the footpath in Wheatfield, Ardclough opposite house number (details supplied) as appropriate.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that this footpath was on a list for attention and when resources were available it would be repaired. The report was noted.

CE10/1201

Removal of Brown Tourist signs in North Kildare

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

That the council remove the brown coloured tourist trail signs which have been in place for many years but are ineffective and an eyesore.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January asking that Councillor Purcell advise the area engineer as to which signs he was referring to and their locations. The area office would then have the signs removed. Councillor Purcell asked that all brown tourist signs be removed throughout North Kildare asked was requested and agreed at a previous meeting, Councillor Griffin suggested that Kildare Failte be contacted regarding these signs, it was suggested that all the signs be removed and that the poles remain in place for future signage.

Resolved: that Kildare Failte be contacted regarding these signs, it was suggested that all the signs be removed and that the poles remain in place for future signage.

CE11/1201

Speed ramp for Maynooth Road, Celbridge

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

That the council put speed cushions in place along the Maynooth road, Celbridge to enable residents living in nearby estates to exit in relative safety.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that the roads design section were currently preparing a traffic management scheme for the Maynooth Road, Celbridge. When the design was completed it would be presented to the Area Committee.

The report was noted.

CE12/1201

Double white line markings for Celbridge west motorway to Maynooth Road

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

That the road markings be revised on the road from the Celbridge west motorway exit to the Maynooth road roundabout, a double white centre continuous line be put in place to make this road into a no passing zone in the interest of safety.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that having regard to the findings of a recent traffic survey a continuous white line would not be warranted at this location. Councillor Larkin did not agree with the report and stated that motorists were taking dangerous chances when overtaking on this stretch of road, he added as there was a school going at the end of this road it was important that a continuous white line be put on this road, all members agreed with Councillor Larkins remarks and also requested same.

Resolved: due to dangerous driving and overtaking that a double centre continuous white line be placed on the above road as soon as possible.

CE13/1201

Traffic calming in Crodaun Forest Park, Celbridge

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

To ask if the council could examine the provision of traffic calming in the vicinity of 140 Crodaun Forest Park, Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that having examined this location, traffic calming was not necessary from a technical point of view as the road was narrow and did not encourage speeding. Councillor Byrne asked if road signage could be placed on the road in replace of traffic calming measures.

Resolved: Councillor Byrne asked if road signage could be placed on the road in replace of traffic calming measures.

CE14/1201

Provision of footpath at entrance to Ballyoulster

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

Can the following be included in the roadworks programme for 2012: the provision of a footpath at the entrance to Ballyoulster to the utility installation on the Celbridge side of the entrance?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that the roads design section would have a look at this location. However, works could not be progressed in the absence of funding being identified.

The report was noted.

CE15/1201

Replacement of Speed ramps on Barberstown road, Straffan

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

To ask the council what is their intention concerning the anti-speed ramp that was removed on the Barberstown road, Straffan?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that this ramp had been replaced.

The report was noted.

CE16/1201

Salt bins at the bridge in Celbridge (Ardclough road side)

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

Can the council put in place a salt bin at the bridge in Celbridge (Ardclough road side) to assist with winter maintenance in that area when required?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that this had not been council policy to leave salt bins at various locations in the event that they may be needed. Moreover, the overseers were usually aware of areas that required attention and they would make provision for these areas in the event of a severe weather episode.

Councillor O'Rourke queried why other local authorities could provide this service but this council couldn't, Ms Kavanagh stated that each local authority would differ in size, funding, resources, and the amount of roadways in their charge and Kildare County Council in particular had a large amount of motorways and National roads within its boundaries.

The report was noted.

CE17/1201

Review of Pay parking bye-laws in Celbridge and Leixlip

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

Can a date be confirmed for the February review of the pay parking enforcement times in Celbridge and Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that this was a matter for the members. Officials from the roads department would make themselves available as required. An Cathaoirleach stated that he had not been in favour of the free parking at Christmas as it had only encouraged illegal parking in both towns and asked that the roads department make contact with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council with regard to their policy of only one hour free parking during the Christmas period, he also queried if the meeting would be in an open or closed session.

Resolved: that a meeting be arranged to discuss the review of the pay parking enforcement times in Celbridge and Leixlip and that a decision be made on whether it would be held in a closed or open session.

CE18/1201

Traffic congestion on road at Rye Bridge, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell:
In order to ease traffic congestion in Leixlip, when will the white line on the road at Rye Bridge (Rye Vale tavern) be moved to allow for two lanes of traffic entering from Maynooth?
A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that a scheme had been prepared but no work could be progressed in the absence of funding.
The report was noted.

CE19/1201

Entrance improvements at Riverdale, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell:
Could we have a report on the proposed entrance improvements at Riverdale, Leixlip?
A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that a report was being prepared by the architects department and would be available for the February meeting.

Resolved: that the architects department prepare a report for the February meeting regarding the improvements to the entrance at Riverdale estate.

CE20/1201

Public lighting repairs

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell:
What are the arrangements now for public lighting repairs such as inspection times and follow up repairs?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that a new public lighting contract had not been signed by the council yet. The current contractor AUS continued to work on a call-on call-off basis. A list of outstanding faults was collated from August 2010 and all 139 lanterns on the list were repaired in December 2011. A new list of outstanding faults was currently being compiled by the public lighting section. Councillor Purcell queried as to when a new contract would be signed, Ms Kavanagh reported that she hoped that an update would be available to members at the next meeting of Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

CE21/01201

Maintenance programme on road signs

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

Is there a maintenance programme on road signs?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 17 of January stating that signs were replaced by the area office staff on an ongoing basis as resources and manpower would allow.

The report was noted.

CE22/01201

Pedestrian gate entrance to the Wonderful Barn

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

That a pedestrian gate entrance be installed at the Celbridge road entrance to the Wonderful Barn.

A report was received from the parks department dated the 18 of January stating that a pedestrian gate would be installed before the Summer to facilitate easier pedestrian access to the site.

The report was noted.

CE23/1201

Public access to the Wonderful Barn

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

What is the official council position in relation to the Wonderful Barn and parklands, are they officially open to the public?

A report was received from the parks department dated the 18 of January stating that the lands at the Wonderful Barn were accessed by many members of the public particularly walkers and allotment holders at present however official public access including greater vehicular access to the lands were not proposed until the facility and privately owned land surrounding the site were developed to a standard that would allow greater numbers of the public to use the facility in a safe and controlled way.

The report was noted.

CE24/1201

Letter to Minister Michael Ring TD

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

That this committee, together with Leixlip Town Council and Leixlip Amenities Group, formally invite Minister Michael Ring TD to view the facilities at Leixlip Amenities Centre in order to further the objective of the provision of a swimming pool for north Kildare.

Resolved: That a letter be written to Minister Michael Ring TD inviting him to view the facilities at Leixlip Amenities Centre in order to further the objective of the provision of a swimming pool for north Kildare.

CE25/1201

Other business

Illegal Car washing in retail car parks

Councillor Purcell reported that illegal car washing was taking place in some supermarket car parks and he asked that the planning department write to the supermarkets regarding this.

The meeting concluded.