

## **Celbridge Area Meeting**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Friday 17 February 2012, held at 10.00 a.m.**

**in the Castletown House, Celbridge.**

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

**Also Present:** Mr P. Minnock (Director of Services) Ms S. Kavanagh (S.E.O.) Ms E. Murray (Area Engineer) Mr M. Kane (Chief Technician) Mr J. Doyle (S.S.O.) Ms P. Penny ( A.S.O.) Ms A. Aspell (Meetings Administrator), Ms S. Rice (Area Secretary)

### **CE 01/1202**

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

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 20 January 2012 together with the progress report.

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

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

#### **Removal of Brown Tourist signs in North Kildare**

It was reported at the meeting that Kildare Failte had been contacted previously when this issue arose and that they had no objection to the signs being removed. The area office could remove the signage but this would be subject to funding being available. Councillor Purcell was unhappy with the report and added that funding was not required to remove the signs, he asked that the signs be removed on a phased basis.

#### **Multi Screen Cinema for Celbridge**

The members asked that they be informed if and when planning permission would be submitted for a cinema in Celbridge and that they be made aware of any pre-planning meetings regarding this matter.

**Illegal Car washing in retail car parks**

Councillor Purcell asked whether a warning letter had been sent to Tesco, Maynooth regarding the illegal car washing taking place on its premises, as this was the store he had made a complaint about at the January meeting.

**Letter to Minister Ring**

Councillor Purcell asked that a follow up letter be sent to Minister Ring's office regarding Leixlip amenities and the need for a swimming pool in North Kildare.

**CE02/1202**

**Deputation from Lyreen Residents Association**

A deputation was received from Elaine Bean, Melanie Oliver and Deirdre Cullen from Lyreen Residents Association regarding their observations on the proposed draft parking bye-laws for Maynooth, the residents association represented the residential areas of Maynooth's north town centre, Back Lane, Leinster Cottages, Pound Lane, Convent Lane, Dillons Row, Dunboyne Road and North Main Street. A detailed submission was received from the deputation outlining their views and requirements of the proposed amendments to the location of car parking spaces and the potential to increase the amount of current car parking spaces. The report, map and photos were sent to the roads department as part of the public consultation. Mr Minnock and Ms Kavanagh thanked the residents association for attending the meeting and added that the council would take on board all their suggestions and that they would be dealt with in conjunction with the entire draft parking bye-laws for Maynooth. Ms Kavanagh suggested that it may be possible that a second meeting take place to discuss this matter further.

**CE03/1202**

**Appointed Taxi Stand Bye Laws 2012 for Leixlip Town**

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

A report had been circulated to the member at the January meeting. Ms Kavanagh recommended that the appointed taxi stand bye-laws be adopted to see if it works first and that they would be reviewed in conjunction with the parking bye-laws at a later date, she also added that road markings, signage and machines still needed to be put in place and it was suggested that a meeting take place with the contract operators for a further discussion.

Councillor Purcell stated that he was not happy that four to five car parking spaces would be lost in order to install the taxi stand but he did agree to adopt it and review it again in nine months, Councillor Griffin asked that all the local businesses be contacted informing them of all the changes to the parking in Leixlip. It was proposed by Councillor Griffin and seconded by Councillor O'Rourke that the appointed taxi stand bye laws 2012 for Leixlip Town proceed to full council for adoption.

**Resolved:** that the appointed taxi stand bye laws 2012 for Leixlip Town proceed to full council for adoption.

### **CE04/1202**

#### **NTA Funding for Straffan to Moyglare roads**

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

That a report be given to the committee on why Maynooth did not get the expected National Transport Authority funding for the Straffan to Moyglare roads.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that no allocation of funding from the NTA for 2012 had been confirmed to date. The council was hopeful that announcements would be made in March 2012 in relation to projects to be designed and implemented. The National Cycle Network works on the Kilcock Road would form an application for funding. An Cathaoirleach stated that the council should have made a submission for funding on the basis of Maynooth being a university town, he asked for a report for the March meeting as to why a submission was not made.

**Resolved:** that a report be prepared for the March meeting on why the council did not apply for funding from the National Transport Authority for the Straffan to Moyglare roads.

### **CE05/1202**

#### **ESB Station, Castletown Lawns, Celbridge**

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

That the council provide a public light across the road from 1 Castletown Lawns, Castletown, Celbridge to help prevent regular assembly of youths who engage in anti-social activity in this area.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that there was no funding available to install new public lighting. If funding was provided from external financial sources then works can be progressed. However, there was a list already populated for new public lighting requests and there was no guarantee that any new lighting would be

installed in 2012. Councillor Byrne asked that the roads department write to the ESB asking them install gate at the ESB compound at this location which would eliminate anti-social behaviour in this location.

**Resolved:** that the roads department write to ESB asking them install gate at the ESB compound at this location which would eliminate anti-social behaviour in this location.

## **CE06/1202**

### **Disabled parking bay for Celbridge public library**

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

That a disabled parking space be provided at the public library in Saint Patrick's Park, Celbridge and that a bicycle parking area also be provided at this location.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that these parking spaces could only be changed with a review of the pay parking bye-laws. It was advised that this be done at the next pay parking review for Celbridge, however, it should be noted that people with valid disability badges could park in any designated parking bay without having to pay the appropriate fee.

In relation to the bicycle parking area, there was no budget in the roads maintenance budget for this type of project but perhaps if there was a surplus in the pay parking income this would be an appropriate project to progress.

The report was noted.

## **CE07/1202**

### **Speed limit sign at Young's Cross**

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

That the council install a reminder speed limit sign after Young's cross on the approach road to Celbridge.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that the area engineer would examine this with a view to erecting a sign. Ms Kavanagh reported that there was a national speed limit review and that members of the public could make submissions to the roads department in Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

**CE08/1202**

**Hedge in front of Newtown, Captains Hill, Leixlip**

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

That the council provide assistance in eliminating the vermin now occupying the hedge in front of Newtown on the Captains Hill, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that the area engineer would investigate this matter and revert to the committee with a report.

**Resolved:** that the area engineer would investigate the vermin problem at this location and revert to the committee with a report.

**CE09/1202**

**Funding for projects in Celbridge Electoral Area by outside agencies**

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

That the committee be informed of what projects within the Celbridge Electoral Area have been forwarded for funding to outside agencies such as the OPW and the NTA for 2012 funding. That the committee are routinely consulted in advance of any such proposals and how best to advance the case for projects in the future.

A report was received from the water services department dated the 19 of February that outlined the three year Capital Programme 2012 – 2014 which included details of funding sources for each project relevant to the Celbridge Area. It was noted that no Flood Alleviation schemes in the Celbridge Electoral Area had been forwarded to the OPW for funding, to date, in 2012. The Ardclough Flood Alleviation Scheme, however, was currently at construction stage and this scheme was being part funded by the Office of Public Works. A completion date of Q2 2012 was expected for this scheme.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that no allocation of funding from the NTA for 2012 had been confirmed to date and the council was continuing its discussions with the NTA. The council was hopeful that announcements would be made in March 2012 in relation to projects to be designed and implemented. As there are over 100 schemes being considered for funding, it was impractical to hold a consultation process in advance of discussions with the NTA. However, once confirmation had been received of funding arrangements officials can brief the elected representatives. Councillor Larkin complimented the water services section, as the bad odour in Leixlip seemed to have disappeared.

The report was noted.

**CE10/1202**

**Funding for works at the junction of Straffan road/Meadowbrook Link**

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

That be committee be informed when the council are likely to have confirmation or otherwise for the works put forward at the junction of Straffan road/Meadowbrook Link. That we have a report on the scheme as proposed by the council and an estimate of the cost of the works. A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that no allocation of funding from the NTA for 2012 had been confirmed to date and the council was continuing its discussions with the NTA. The council was hopeful that announcements would be made in March 2012 in relation to projects to be designed and implemented. The indicative cost of upgrading the junction was between €150,000 - €200,000.

The report was noted.

**CE11/1202**

**Car parking on Captains Hill and lower Main Street, Leixlip**

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

That we remove the car parking spaces on Captains Hill and Main Street Lower in the interests of traffic flows in Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that these spaces could be removed, however, this area would have to be designated a no parking zone and a Section 38 consultation process would need to be completed. The removal of these spaces would also reduce the already limited number of on street parking spaces in Leixlip.

The report was noted.

**CE12/1202**

**Traffic signals, Main Street Leixlip onto Captains Hill**

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

That we re-instate the left turning arrow from Main Street to Captains Hill traffic signals.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that the council had plans to upgrade the signal junction at the Main Street/Captain's Hill junction.

The current equipment was reaching the end of its useful life and would be deemed obsolete. The introduction of new signalling equipment and the use of MOVA technology (as per Ryevale Lawns Signals) would result in a more efficient junction operation. The council would review the use of left turn filters and capacity at the junction as part of this work.

However, if the provision of left turn filter arrows affected the capacity of the junction from a vulnerable road users point of view, it was unlikely to be reinstated.

The report was noted.

**CE13/1202**

**Parking on Kilcock road, outside NUI Maynooth**

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

That NUI, Maynooth be asked to re-landscape the grass area along their boundary from the Mill Centre to the new roundabout on the Kilcock road and that they erect wooden bollards to prevent parking on the grass in future.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that this item had been forwarded to the planning section for compliance. However, if the erection of bollards along this area was not included as a condition of planning it could not be enforced.

An Cathaoirleach reported that cars were parking on both sides of the road from the shopping centre all the way up to Laraghbryan Cemetery and that the grass area on both sides of the road was in a terrible state because of this. Councillor Griffin agreed with An Cathaoirleachs remarks and reported that there was inadequate parking in the university which lead people to park outside, he asked that the new president of NUI Maynooth be written to regarding this.

**Resolved:** That the planning section investigate if the erection of bollards along the Kilcock road was included as a condition of planning permission and that a letter be written to the President of NUI Maynooth regarding the parking issues.

**CE14/1202**

**Survey on non return valve on surface water drain, Little Grove, Celbridge**

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

That the council install a non return valve on the surface water drain from the Little Grove that enters the Liffey to prevent flooding as a result of a back flow when water levels are high.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that in order to carry out such work a detailed survey would need to be undertaken to determine the exact layout of the surface water system. This would not fall within the remit of roads maintenance. Councillor O'Rourke asked if a detailed survey could be done.

**Resolved:** That a detailed survey be carried out by the water services section to determine the exact layout of the surface water system drain from the Little Grove, Celbridge that enters the Liffey to prevent flooding as a result of a back flow when water levels are high.

**CE15/1202**

**Road repairs, The Large Grove, Celbridge**

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

To ask the council if the pot holes on the main drive through The Large Grove estate in Celbridge could be included in the early part of maintenance in 2012?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that this work was carried out recently.

The report was noted.

**CE16/1202**

**Yellow box for St. Raphaels Manor and Abbey Farm on the Clane road, Celbridge**

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

To ask that a yellow box be put in place at the junction of St. Raphaels Manor and Abbey Farm on the Clane road, Celbridge to relieve traffic movements at busy times.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that there was no funding for these yellow boxes at present.

The report was noted.

**CE17/1202**

**Road repairs, English Row to Footbridge, Celbridge**

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

Can the council carry out repairs to the street surface that connects English Row with the pedestrian footbridge in Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that this work was carried out last week.

The report was noted.



**CE18/1202**

**Repair/replacement of sign, Ardclough, on approach road L2008**

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

Can the council replace\repair the sign for 'Ardclough' on approach road L2008 before the village?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that the area engineer would look at this with a view to repairing/replacing the sign.

**Resolved:** that the area engineer would look at this with a view to repairing/replacing the sign.

**CE19/1202**

**Update on parking meters, Leixlip**

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

Can we have an update on parking meters in Leixlip as to when they will be activated and is it possible to ask the providers to put not in use socks/covers over them until they are activated?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that the delay in activating the parking meters was very much regretted, however, the meters could not come into operation until the signing and lining works had been completed.

As the pay parking machines were solar powered, placing socks over the machines would cause the batteries to go flat and incur costs on the council to replace the batteries when the machines were activated. The machines at present have clear signage on each machine stating "Not in Service". At present the roads department were unable to give a certain date as yet, when the machines would be switched on, but it was hoped that this would be done in the very near future.

This item was adjourned until the next meeting.

**CE20/1202**

**Banning of HGV's through Straffan Village**

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

Has there been a response from the Gardai to the two letters that we sent them asking for their views on banning HGV's through Straffan village?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that

no further response had been received. The correspondence to date on this matter had been circulated to each member. Ms Kavanagh stated that she would make contact with the Chief Superintendent regarding this matter and would revert to the members with a reply.

**Resolved:** that Ms Kavanagh would make contact with the Chief Superintendent regarding this matter and would revert to the members with a reply.

**CE21/1202**

**Consultation with members for road/footpath repairs/openings**

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

When will councillors be informed in advance of all road and footpath works?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that a meeting between the councillors, the area engineer and the senior engineer was being organised and should take place before the full Council meeting. Ms Kavanagh stated that it was not always possible to notify members of road/footpath openings as not all works were carried out by this authority, however she could provide the members with a copy of the programme of works for the year, Ms Kavanagh offered to meet with the members on the morning of the next full council meeting to brief them further on this.

The report was noted.

**CE22/1202**

**Traffic survey on Captains Hill, Leixlip**

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

When can we carry out a speed count on Captains Hill to Cope Bridge, Leixlip in particular from Saints Mary's Park junction to Glendale estate junction.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of February stating that the roads design section would carry out a traffic survey and the results would be circulated at the March Celbridge Area Meeting.

**Resolved:** that the roads design section carry out a traffic survey and the results be circulated at the March Celbridge Area Meeting.

**CE23/1202**

**Unleashed dogs in Carton Avenue, Maynooth**

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

That steps be taken to enforce the leashing of dogs using Carton Avenue and that a campaign be mounted to get dog owners to clean up after dog fouling.

A report was received from the environmental department dated the 19 of February stating that the Control of Dogs Act did not make provision for the leashing of dogs. It stated that owners must have "effectual control" over their dog but did not place an onus on them to ensure their dog was on a leash. The dog wardens had been asked to patrol the area more regularly to remind owners of their obligations under the act. It was council policy to inform owners of their obligations through appropriate signage in the area. The environmental awareness officer would examine the area to identify suitable locations for these signs. An Cathaoirleach asked that the environmental department write to the Minister for Environment asking that a national advertising campaign be put in place regarding dogs fouling in public places and unleashed dogs and reminding pet owners of the legislation already in place. Councillor Griffin asked if special bins could be installed for the disposal of dog foul.

**Resolved:** that the environmental department write to the Minister for Environment asking that a national advertising campaign be put in place regarding dogs fouling in public places and unleashed dogs and reminding pet owners of the legislation already in place. Councillor Griffin asked if special bins could be installed for the disposal of dog foul.

### **CE24/1202**

#### **Provision of graveyard at rear of church, Ardclough**

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

That the council be informed of the present state of the project to provide a graveyard at the rear of the Catholic Church in Ardclough and if the council will pro-actively pursue this project to a positive solution.

A report was received from the planning department dated the 19 of February stating Planning permission (06/2925) was granted to the developer for a housing scheme with condition 5 providing for the requirement of a land transfer by way of Section 47 agreement for use as a graveyard. This development had not commenced and the planning authority could not therefore enforce condition 5. Planning permission was due to expire in 2013. Councillor Byrne stated they he would meet with the director of services of the environment section to discuss this matter further.

The report was noted.

**CE25/1202**

**Odour from sewer pipe, Kellytown Lane**

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

The odour smell emanating from the venting sewer pipe at Kellytown Lane junction is causing a sickening situation for the local residents. It should be possible for the council to eliminate odour.

A report was received from the water services department dated the 19 of February stating that they had recently investigated a reported incident of odour at Carton View, Kellytown Lane. It transpired to be a problem with an internal soil vent pipe. The householder was aware of an apparent restriction of airflow to a mushroom shaped vent on the housetop roof. It appeared that moss and frost on the vent, which was on the private side of the property, may have contributed to an internal odour for the resident. The water services section was not aware of any vent in the public foul line in this area. Councillor Griffin reported that the same bad odour had been noticed from the vent in Leixlip town at the same time as this area and asked if the problem was related.

**Resolved:** Councillor Griffin reported that the same bad odour had been noticed from the vent in Leixlip town at the same time as this area and asked if the problem was related.

**CE26/1202**

**Replacement S.V marker, Castle Village**

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

Can the S.V (sluice valve) marker be re-installed at the entrance to Castle Village estate in Celbridge?

A report was received from the water services department dated the 19 of February stating that the broken sluice valve marker has been removed and a new marker will be put in place in the next few weeks.

The report was noted.

**CE27/1202**

**Flooding problems in Dun Carraig, Leixlip**

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

Can we have an update on the application which was being compiled by the council to be sent to the OPW in relation to a resolution to the flooding problem in Dun-Carraig, Leixlip?

A report was received from the water services department dated the 19 of February stating that in July 2011 Kildare County Council made an application to the OPW for funding for the

Dun Carraig Surface Water Scheme. This application was not successful. It however should be noted that significant flood relief works in the Leixlip area had been completed in recent years and that these works were funded entirely by the Office of Public Works. While it remains an objective to complete the required surface water works at the Captains Hill area of Dun Carraig it should be noted that the completed works had significantly reduced the risk of flooding in the Leixlip area and this reduced risk was evident during the storm events since the works were completed. This item was adjourned until the March meeting.

### **CE28/1202**

#### **Entrance to Loughnamona estate**

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

That the council provide low level planting at the entrance to Loughnamona estate (30 sq. metres approximately).

A report was received from the housing department dated the 18 of February stating that planting was carried out last year along the boundary of Loughnamona but was vandalised and therefore it was not proposed to carry out any further planting at the location at present. Councillor Griffin asked at the very least that the nettles be sprayed to improve the overall appearance.

**Resolved:** Councillor Griffin asked at the very least that the nettles be sprayed to improve the overall appearance.

### **CE29/1202**

#### **Tourism in North Kildare**

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

That we encourage the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Straffan and Ardclough to combine their efforts in tourism for north Kildare.

A report was received from community and enterprise section dated the 19 of February stating that the new restructured Kildare Failte was presently drawing up a strategy for tourism in Kildare. They would welcome submissions from towns who had identified and packaged their tourism products/attractions to take advantage of the county, regional and international tourism opportunities available. Councillor Purcell welcomed the report added that there was a natural connection between the north Kildare towns.

The report was noted.

**Proposed Athletics Club Development at Leixlip Amenities Complex**

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

Now that Le Cheile Athletic Club have been granted funding for the laying of a new running track at the Amenities Centre, Leixlip, is the council funding ring fenced to support the completion of the laying of the track?

A report was received from the leisure services section dated the 19 of February stating that the proposed athletics club development at Leixlip Amenities Complex was due to commence in the later part of March 2012 pending official sign off from the department and contract signing. The total cost of the project was in the region of €580,000 with the Department of Sport funding €300k and council development funds from the north of the county contributing €200,000 with Le Cheile Athletics Club also financing the balance. The project would consist of an eight lane tartan track with associated field disciplines included. It was envisaged that the entire project would take 14-16 weeks to complete, with the result of an excellent track and field facility to serve the people in the north of the county and its surrounds. Kildare County Council are committed to part funding phase 2 and 3 of the Leixlip Amenities Complex and the establishment of the North Kildare swimming pool. The report was noted.

**CE31/1202**

**Leim an Bhreadain Voluntary Housing Association**

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

What funding has the Leim an Bhreadain Voluntary Housing Association (sli an canal), if any, received to date from the council?

A report was received from the housing section dated the 19 of February stating that Leim an Bhreadain Housing Association received funding of €3,484,000 under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme for the development of 32 semi-detached units in 2001. Under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme, an annual management and maintenance subsidy was available for each unit, however no subsidy had been paid to date.

This item has been adjourned until the March meeting.

**Grass cutting, Ballyoulster, Celbridge**

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

To ask the council to include in the 2012 contract for the cutting of grass in Ballyoulster estate, Celbridge the roadside grass from the entrance to Ballyoulster to the Loughlinstown road on the left hand side towards Lucan.

A report was received from the parks department dated the 18 of February stating that the grass maintenance schedule was currently out to tender. The inclusion of any additional areas including this one to the contract would be dependent on what the final cost of the grass maintenance tender would be and the finance available within the parks improvements budget to carry out this work. Councillor Byrne asked that the parks department ensure that this location be included in the grass maintenance programme.

**Resolved:** That the parks department ensure that the grass in Ballyoulster estate, Celbridge, the roadside grass from the entrance to Ballyoulster to the Loughlinstown road on the left hand side towards Lucan be included in the grass maintenance programme.

**CE33/1202**

**Letter to Bord Gais**

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

In light of the serious gas incident at Riverforest, Leixlip we ask that Bord Gas give a full report to this committee.

This item was adjourned until the March meeting

**CE34/1202**

**Other business**

**Review of Pay parking arrangements for Celbridge and Leixlip**

It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the next area meeting, it was also agreed that the pay parking contractors would be invited to meet with the members prior to the meeting in a closed session.

The meeting concluded.