

Celbridge Area Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Friday 16 March 2012, held at 10.00 a.m.

in Aras Chill Dara, Naas.

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 E. Doyle (Meetings Administrator), Ms C.Loughlin (Area Secretary), Ms S.Rice (Corporate Services)

CE 01/1203

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 17 February 2012 together with the progress report.

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

Matters arising from the Progress Report

CE 02/1203

Review pay parking arrangements for Celbridge and Leixlip.

Ms Kavanagh stated this was not a formal review of the pay parking arrangements for Celbridge and Leixlip. A long discussion ensued regarding this item. It was proposed by Councillor O Rourke and seconded by Councillor Purcell that a review would not be held until March 2013 and that the machines be programmed to reflect the current parking arrangements: 10.00.a.m to 4.00.p.m Monday to Friday and free parking at weekends in regulated areas. It was proposed by Councillor O Rourke and seconded by Councillor Purcell and agreed by Councillors Bryne and Larkin that traffic wardens would only enforce illegal and payparking between the hours 10.00.a.m to 4.00.p.m Monday to Friday. An Cathaoirleach and councillors Griffin and Neville did not agree that traffic wardens should not be present outside of the regulated hours. An Cathaoirleach asked that a letter be sent to the

local Gardai asking them to enforce illegal parking in the absence of traffic wardens. The members requested that pay parking in Maynooth be discussed at the May area meeting.

Banning of HGV's through Straffan Village

An Cathaoirleach asked if more could be done with this issue and that the traffic be diverted to M3 motorway.

Traffic survey on Captains Hill, Leixlip

Councillor Neville asked that a special speed limit of 30 mph be introduced to at Captains Hill, Leixlip.

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.

Unleashed dogs in Carton Avenue, Maynooth

An Cathaoirleach asked that the environment department write to Dublin City Council in relation to the signage that they use regarding the control of dogs.

Grass cutting, Ballyoulster, Celbridge

Councillor Byrne asked when would the grass cutting be done and he and asked for a date from the parks superintendent.

CE 03/1203

Warning lights, Scoile Bhride, Straffan

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

That warning lights be installed at Scoile Bhride, New Road, Straffan, to alert people that they are approaching a school.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that:roads design would examine this request with a view to adding this school to the waiting list for funding for such warning lights. An Cathaoirleach queried how many schools were on the waiting list? Ms Kavanagh reported that she would circulate the list of schools to each member.

The report was noted.

CE 04/1203

Collapse of the retaining wall at the rampart to the Ardclough bridge

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

That urgent action be taken to deal with the collapse of the retaining wall at the rampart to the Ardclough bridge over the canal.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that this was the boundary wall of the GAA lands and as such was their responsibility. There was a discussion over who owned the wall at the rampart to the Ardclough Bridge over the canal.

Resolved: Councillor Purcell if the land registry office could be contacted to check out who owned the land. Councillor O'Rourke suggested that the wall be repaired as a joint venture between Waterways Ireland, The G.A.A Club and the local authority.

CE 05/1203

Reduce traffic speed at Moyglare road as far as Moyglare Hall

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

That appropriate measures be taken to reduce traffic speed and improve public safety along the Moyglare road as far as Moyglare Hall. (This is much needed with the new GAA pitches on the right hand side of the road and now that the Department of Education and Science has approved the construction of two new secondary schools with 1000 pupils each at the entrance to Moyglare Hall).

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that applications for funding from the National Transport Agency (NTA) had been made for funding in 2012. When confirmation of what schemes were being funded it would be circulated to all local representatives when the information was to hand. There was no funding from council sources for the implementation of improvements along Moyglare road.

An Cathaoirleach queried if the entire road was included in the scheme. Councillor Griffin would like the roads design team to attend the next meeting to discuss their concerns.

An Cathaoirleach would like to know if the entire road was included in the scheme and if the area engineer could report back at the next meeting. Councillor Griffin would like the roads design team to attend the next Celbridge area meeting to discuss the two new secondary schools in the Moyglare area.

The report was noted.

CE 06/1203

Survey the link road that connects the Lucan road with the Hazelhatch road

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

That the council survey the link road that connects the Lucan road with the Hazelhatch road with a view to installing a pedestrian crossing on this road.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that there was no funding available to install new crossings for pedestrians in 2012. Once funding is confirmed from the NTA then priority would be given to projects with confirmed funding.

Councillor O'Rourke requested that the installation of a pedestrian crossing be put on the list for future funding.

Resolved: That the area office put the Lucan road with the Hazelhatch road with a view to installing a pedestrian crossing on this road on the list for future funding.

CE 07/1203

Pot holes in Buckleys Lane, Leixlip

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

That the council repair the pot holes in Buckleys Lane, Leixlip and assess the over signage with a view to reducing same.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that these repairs would be carried out as soon as possible and signage would be removed as part of the Leixlip Parking Bye-Laws Review.

The report was noted.

CE 08/1203

Designated no parking areas in Leixlip village

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

That the council ensure that the designated areas are cleared for no parking in the village.

As per the meeting last month, there is a question over a parking space on the Captains Hill that blocks the left hand turn coming down the hill and also a parking space outside the Indian take-away near the AIB bank on Main Street that blocks straight-through traffic

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that the area in question contains parking spaces perpendicular to the footpath on Captains Hill and had been adopted by the members in the pay parking review. If these spaces were to be removed, it would involve a review of the pay parking bye-laws and would further decrease

the limited spaced in the town. With regards to the parking spaces outside the Indian take-away near the AIB on Main Street, Leixlip, these spaces had been removed and replaced with double yellow lines from Leixlip Road to the bus bay on Main Street and again from after the bus bay and continuing down Main Street. This change was adopted by the members in the revised Pay Parking Bye-Laws.

The report was noted.

CE 09/1203

Clear bushes from the paths at Barnhall Rugby Club and New bridge

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

That the council clear the bushes from the paths around the entrance to Barnhall Rugby Club and the new bridge.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that the area office would employ a hedgecutter later in the spring and this hedge would be attended to then.

The report was noted.

CE 10/1203

Installing a bin near the bus-stop on the Green Lane near Rinawade estate , Leixlip

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

That the council look at installing a bin near the new bus-stop on the Green Lane near Rinawade estate in Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that there was no funding available for extra bins and the bin lorry was at full capacity so no extra bins could be serviced. Notwithstanding this, Leixlip had approximately 70 bins already in place so was well serviced with bins. Councillor Neville requested a review of the bins as he queried if the existing Bins were situated in the correct places as the town has grown over the number of years with bus stops, housing developments.

Resolved: The area office do a review of where the bins are situated in Leixlip and if a bin could be moved near the new bus-stop.

CE 11/1203

Update on public lighting contract

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

That we have a update on the public lighting contract.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that: All public lighting faults reported before the 1st March 2012 were being repaired at present. Faults after the 1st March were being considered under the new public lighting maintenance contract.

Resolved: Councillor Larkin requested statistics on how many lights were faulty in the area and Councillor Griffin asked for details of the public lighting contract.

CE 12/1203

Shackelton road sign be erected on the Clane/Maynooth link road

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

That the Shackelton road sign be erected on the Clane/Maynooth link road in Celbridge and furthermore that this information be passed onto the Ordnance Survey for mapping.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that signage would be erected as soon as funding had been identified. The roads department would also write to the Ordnance Survey Office asking them to amend their records. Councillor Griffin was under the impression that the signage for the Shackelton road was already in the area office and just required to be installed.

Resolved: That the area office check if they already had signs for the Shackelton Road in stock.

CE 13/1203

Resolve the ongoing parking problems on the Kilcock road, Maynooth

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

In order to resolve the ongoing parking problems on the Kilcock road, Maynooth, the road traffic management team arrange a meeting with NUI, Maynooth with a view to resolving the car parking around the college.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that both the roads and planning departments were in regular discussion with NUI Maynooth. A meeting could be arranged on site and the appropriate personnel would be made available to attend. The committee would like to invite NUI Maynooth to the area meeting to try and resolve the ongoing issue with students parking, and that the onus should be on the college.

Resolved: The committee would like to invite NUI Maynooth in to the area meeting to parking issues in NUI Maynooth and the Kilcock Rd.

CE 14/1203

Update on parking meters in 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 15 of March stating that the intention was to have the signing and lining ready by the end of April with the meters being turned on shortly after. Information regarding the “turning on” date would be advertised locally, i.e. in shop windows, and in the local media.

The report was noted.

CE 15/1203

Public lighting at The Abbey car park on the Clane road, Celbridge

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

Can the public lighting at The Abbey car park on the Clane road, Celbridge be repaired?

This car park is leased by the council from the Saint John of God Order.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that according to the conditions of the lease, maintenance of the public lights was the responsibility of the St John of God Order. Councillor Byrne requested the roads department to ask Saint John of God Order to repair the lights at The Abbey car park.

Resolved: To ask Saint John of Gods to repair the light at The Abbey car park.

CE 16/1203

Repair of footpath Wheatfield to Arclough Village

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

Can the council repair the section of footpath which runs parallel to the main road and which links Wheatfield to Ardclough Village?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that these repairs had been undertaken recently.

The report was noted.

CE 17/1203

Loose tree branches Aghards road

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

Can the loose tree branches, etc., be removed from the hedge area that runs along the Aghards road opposite Willowbrook estates?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that this area was cleaned up recently.

The report was noted.

CE 18/1203

Foothpath repairs in Celbridge

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

Can repairs be carried out to the footpath in Celbridge opposite the entrance to the Bank of Ireland?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that these potholes had been repaired recently.

The report was noted.

CE 19/1203

Broken bollard at Saint Marys Park, Leixlip

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

Will the council repair the broken bollard at the Saint Marys Park section of Silkeachain Lane and repair the water leak at the Mill Lane end, Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 13 of March stating that: waterworks section had recently repaired a leak at Mill Lane, Leixlip.

The report was noted.

CE 20/1203

Restriction of HGV's in Castletown Estate, Leixlip

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

Can the council start the process for the restriction of HGV's access in Castletown estate in Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that Article 17 of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 (S.I. 182) provides that where traffic sign number RUS 015 was provided at the entrance to a road, the driver of a vehicle,

the unladen weight of which exceeds the weight specified on the sign, should not proceed beyond the sign. This article should not apply where it was necessary for a vehicle to enter a road solely for the purpose of gaining access to or egress from premises accessible only from that road.

Traffic sign RUS 015 could be erected following consultation with An Garda Síochána as enforcement of parking prohibitions of this nature was a matter for the Gardai. The imposition of such weight restrictions is an executive function.

In order to commence the process in Castletown Estate in Leixlip, roads design section must prepare a drawing showing the proposed location of the signs. The drawings must then be sent to the Gardai for their feedback.

The report was noted.

CE 21/1203

Review traffic Situation at Confey College in Leixlip

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

That the council review the traffic situation at Confey College in Leixlip. With the increased numbers in the school and the fact that this school is serving many students from Lucan and Celbridge, could the council redesign the area outside the school to make it safer for turning traffic?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that roads design section could meet with the school authorities to have a look at this area. However, all parties would need to understand that the council did not have any funding available to carry out any works at this location at the present time. Councillor Neville expressed his concern as there would be a lot of students attending the school and the area would need to be made safer in relation to the traffic. Councillor Neville asked to meet with the school authorities.

Resolved: That the roads design team meet with Councillor Neville and the school authorities.

CE 22/1203

Road sweeper Leixlip

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

Can the council let Leixlip Town Council know when the road sweeper is coming into town?

If it was known a day ahead of time when the road-sweeper is coming in and

what areas they are coming into, the Leixlip Town Council in conjunction with the tidy towns could better co-ordinate their activities.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that The sweeper goes to Leixlip on Tuesdays and Fridays. However, some of it's work was unplanned and reactive to various situations that may arise. The general services supervisor may have to prioritise the work assigned to the sweeper. Any sweepings pushed onto the road may not be attended to. Councillor Neville felt it would be better for both parties if we had a time slot when the sweeper would be arriving into Leixlip whether it would be either morning or afternoon.

Resolved: To ask the area office to let Leixlip Town Council know if they could give them a time on when the sweeper would be arriving into Leixlip town.

CE 23/1203

Repair the damaged surfaces of many of the ramps in Celbridge

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

What if, any action, is intended to repair the damaged surface of many of the ramps within the Celbridge Electoral Area. Has the damage been assessed? If so, what would it take to make repairs? What kind of surface should be used and will any works be done by council staff?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that There were a number of ramps around the county, where the material used originally in the ramp, failed following extreme weather episodes. The area engineers were repairing these ramps if and when funding was available. Also, different materials had been used in an effort to find a more hard wearing material that could withstand the weather conditions that have pertained in this country over the past few years.

The report was noted.

CE 24/1203

Graveyard in Ardclough

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

Given that NAMA has now instructed the developer to prepare the necessary documents to transfer the required land for a graveyard in Ardclough to the council, that the council now prepare plans for the use of the area for this purpose.

A report was received from the environment department dated the 13 of March stating that This matter would be examined and members would be kept informed of any progress. The report was noted.

CE 25/1203

Maynooth businesses be written to in relation to Litter Pollution Act

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley That Maynooth businesses be written to again as a follow up to the letter issued to them in July 2010 outlining their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act and that signs be erected on Main Street outlining to the public the fines for littering. A report was received from the environment department dated the 13 of March stating that a follow up letter would be issued to Maynooth businesses. The issue of signage would be examined as part of a consultation process with local tidy towns group. There was a detailed discussion on the matter of litter Councillor Griffin stated that a lot of the litter pollution was done late at night. An Cathaoirleach expressed his concern of how bad the litter pollution had become in the area asked that the cigarette boxes mounted on the walls be emptied more often they were overflowing. Local business need to do more on the clean up outside the individual shops that the onus was on each business.

Resolved: An Cathaoirleach asked that a strongly worded letter be sent to Maynooth Businesses outlining their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act.

CE 26/1203

Odours coming from Ardclough Treatment Plant

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O' Rourke That the council investigates the problem that is causing the very bad odour to come from the Ardclough Treatment Plant and carry out the necessary works to solve this problem. A report was received from the water services department dated the 7 March stating that the wastewater operations section had carried out various works over the course of the past six months to help deal with ongoing problems with Ardclough waste water treatment plant. These include the relining of defective manholes and pipes, the removal of unauthorized surface water connections, and the repair to damaged pipes within the plant. Some of these works had helped alleviate some of the problems, but odour problems appear to be ongoing, especially during dry periods. The wastewater area engineer was in the process of procuring specialist advice to assist with dealing with the problem. Water services would not be able to

comment further until the specialist's report was received and would keep the area committee informed of any progress.

The report was noted.

CE 27/1203

Painting pipes at Rye Bridge and Camouflage the river Rye

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

That the council paint the pipes which cross the arches at Rye Bridge and camouflage the over-flow outlet into the river Rye at Rye Bridge.

A report was received from the water services department dated the 9 of March stating that the sewerage pipes which crossed the arches at Rye Bridge had been in place for many years. While the estimated actual cost of painting the pipes would be €1500; due to the nature of their location alongside a busy road and above a fast-flowing river; the Health and Safety aspects associated with such works could result in additional costs of up to €15,000. Regrettably the painting of pipes was not a high priority objective within water services operations in respect of the ongoing cost of maintenance of water supply infrastructure. However, if monies to fund the painting of these pipes were made available to water services from another source then the matter could be revisited. Kildare County Council and Tobin Consulting Engineering were currently working on a solution to the related odour and overflow issues near Rye River Bridge, Leixlip. The area committee would be kept updated on this issue. Councillor Purcell was not happy with the report as he stated the pipe needed to be removed from the arches at Rye Bridge, Councillor Larkin agreed with Councillor Purcell.

Resolved: The members requested that water services department remove the pipe from the river at Rye Bridge.

CE 28/1203

Update on the Ballygoran/Castlewarden water main

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

That the area committee be given an update on the Ballygoran/Castlewarden water main and the progress on the Ballygoran reservoir extension.

A report was received from the water services department dated the 7 of March stating that the Castlewarden to Ballygoran Pipeline and Reservoir Scheme which was being delivered under the water services Investment Programme (WSIP) 2010 - 2012 published in April 2010, included for the provision of 13km of new 900mm diameter watermain with

additional new watermain links to Celbridge and Straffan, a new 20ML capacity reservoir at the Ballygoran site (which will augment the existing reservoirs (10ML capacity) on site). The contract documents were approved by DECLG and tenders had been received. It was hoped that a letter of Intent would issue to the successful tenderer during the next quarter. The works contract was scheduled to be completed during Q3 2014, subject to the confirmation of funding.

The report was noted.

CE 29/1203

Flooding 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 12 of March 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.

The works completed in Leixlip included the following:

A. Confey Flood Alleviation Scheme on the Sileachain River.

B. Leixlip Flood Alleviation Scheme, as follows:

- Rye Water embankments and flood walls at Duncarraig
- Construction of additional flood eye at Distillery lane
- Upgrade of Sileachain River culverts on the Black Avenue
- Upgrade of Sileachain River channel at Leixlip Fire Station
- Upgrade of Sileachain River channel along Mill Lane
- Upgrade of Sileachain River culverts through Marshfield House.

While it remained an objective to complete the required surface water works at the Captains Hill area of Dun Carraig it should be noted that the above 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.

The report was noted.

CE 30/1203

Repair to path at Primrose Hill, Temple Lawns, Celbridge

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

Water Services dug up the path outside house number (details supplied), Primrose Hill, Temple Lawns, Celbridge and only effected temporary repairs. Can proper permanent repairs now be carried out and also on other sections of this path around the house?

A report was received from the water services department dated the 13 of March stating that: the waterworks section would carry out the permanent reinstatement on the section of path that was dug up to facilitate the leak repair in the coming weeks. The maintenance of the remaining footpaths within the estate would be a matter for the roads area office. water services would notify the transportation section accordingly.

The report was noted.

CE 31/1203

Clarify the Position regarding Waivers

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

Will the council state the position following the appointment of AES as refuse collectors, to replace the councils own operation, if the council could now clarify the position regarding waivers and sponsored bins for residents associations and tidy towns committees?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 13 of March stating that: Kildare County Council disposed of the refuse collection service in July 2011. The agreement with the successful contractor, AES, was to continue to collect all sponsored bins free of service charges in 2012. This meant that the annual flat charge would not be charged but each bin would require a bin tag on presentation. In order to assist tidy towns groups /residents association groups (on the provision of bin tags) it was decided that Kildare County council would enter into an agreement with AES and this agreement resulted in an arrangement where AES and the council would jointly contribute to the cost of 13 bin tags per year. This means that the sponsored bin can be presented on 13 occasions without a tag. Any further presentations will require a bin tag. This decision is considered to be a reasonable compromise as most bins are presented for collection during the spring and summer months. The agreement with AES will continue to be monitored as the year progresses. The arrangements for 2013 will be further reviewed also.

The report was noted.

CE 32/1203

Bye-laws on main streets regarding bins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell
Will the council introduce bye-laws to stop refuse bins being left out permanently on our main streets? A report was received from the environmental department dated the 13 of March stating that this matter would be further investigated and Councillor Purcell would be kept informed of progress.

The report was noted.

CE 33/1203

'No Dumping' signs on Silleasechain Lane, Leixlip

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Purcell
Will the council erect 'No Dumping' signs on Silleasechain Lane, Leixlip?
A report was received from the environmental department dated the 13 of March stating that: signage would be erected at this location.

The report was noted.

CE 34/1203

Perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley
What steps are the council taking to get the large gully at the perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth and the new car park covered in order to make it safe and to eliminate the dumping that is taking place there at present?
A report was received from the environmental department dated the 13 of March stating that the issue of dumping would be investigated at this location. roads design had been asked to carry out an inspection of this location and the roads and transport department would revert to the members when this inspection had been carried out.

The report was noted.

CE 35/1203

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 department dated the 19 of February stating that Leim an Bhradain 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.

The report was noted.

CE 36/1203

Sli An Chanail voluntary housing scheme

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

Are the council responsible to oversee that the running of the Sli An Chanail voluntary housing scheme is run in accordance with the guidelines set out for such schemes and to see that satisfactory resolutions are met to any disputes?

A report was received from the housing department dated the 10 of March stating that Sli an Chanail was managed by Leim on Bhradain Housing Association which was funded under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme. The council was responsible for ensuring that units funded under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme were in compliance with the terms of the scheme. Council officials had met with the directors of the voluntary housing association on a number of occasions. The council was willing to assist in the resolution of any disputes but the management of the houses rested with the voluntary housing association.

The report was noted.

CE 37/1203

Tree survey at Castletown, Celbridge

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

Has there been a tree survey done on the open woodland space at Castletown, Celbridge?

A report was received from the Housing, Community and Cultural Services department dated the 14 of March stating that Kildare County Council had not carried out a tree survey in Castletown. Ms Crofton reported that the OPW had done an independent survey. Councillor Larkin asked if the members could receive a copy of the tree survey done by the O.P.W.

Resolved: Ms Crofton to ask the Office Of Public Works for a copy of the tree survey at Castletown.

CE 38/1203

Gazebo at The Walled Gardens, Castletown, Celbridge

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

That an up-to-date report be presented to the council on the rebuilding of the gazebo at The Walled Gardens, Castletown, Celbridge given that planning permission has now been granted to the developer in this case.

A report was received from the planning department dated the 9 of March stating that planning permission was granted for the construction of 2 no. two-storey semi-detached houses and 1 no. detached house on the 30/1/2012 under Planning No. 11/742. The developer had not yet lodged a commencement notice, and no works had taken place on the site.

Under the terms of the High Court Settlement the developer upon commencement was required to tag and bag the materials on site. The material would be brought to an appropriate location for storage. The council would liaise with the Office of Public Works to establish a suitable location for the rebuilding of the structure (subject to funding resources being available). Condition No. 3(b) required that prior to occupation of the proposed dwelling units the stone pavement plaque and ground level landscape feature in the shape of the Gazebo should be constructed and completed, to the written satisfaction of the planning authority. Councillor Byrne asked that the council liaise with the residents as to where the new gazebo would be situated.

Resolved: That the council liaise with the residents as to where the new gazebo would be situated.

CE 39/1203

Driving Licences

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

That this committee reject the move to provide driving licences from a central source and calls for the current situation to prevail. The committee requested a letter be written to the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the move of driving licences as they are not in favour of the move.

Resolved: A letter be sent from the committee to the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport stating their rejection of the provision of Driving Licences from a central source and calling for the current situation to prevail.

CE 40/1203

Gas incident at Riverforest

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

In light of the serious gas incident at Riverforest, Leixlip we ask that Bord Gas give a full report to this committee. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the committee to Bord Gas seeking a full report on the gas incident at Riverforest, Leixlip.

The report was noted.