

Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting

Held on Friday 20 April 2012, at 10.00 a.m.

In Aras Chill Dara, Naas.

Members Present: Councillors K Byrne, S Griffin, A. Larkin, J.McGinley (Cathaoirleach) J. Neville and C Purcell.

Also Present: Mr P. Minnock (Area Director) Ms S. Kavanagh (S.E.O.) Ms A.Aspell (Meetings Administrator), Mr J. Coppinger (Senior Engineer) Mr N.Gallagher(Clerical Officer) Ms C.Loughlin (Area Secretary)

Apologies: Councillor F. O'Rourke

CE 01/1203

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 16 March 2012 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Purcell and seconded by Councillor Larkin that the minutes be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

CE 02/1204

Review of Pay parking arrangements for Maynooth

Special meeting to be arranged for Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

Reduce traffic speed at Moyglare road as far as Moyglare Hall

Councillor Griffin requested that the Moyglare road to be included in the NTA funding and that the NTA be invited to meet with the committee at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

Update on public lighting contract

Kildare County Council

Councillor Purcell requested statistics on how many lights had been replaced and how many jobs remained outstanding.

Maynooth businesses be written to in relation to Litter Pollution Act

Councillor McGinley requested that if there is no compliance to the letters sent to the business in Maynooth that enforcement take place.

Warning lights, Scoile Bhride, Straffan

The members requested that the Roads Department circulate details how many schools are on the waiting list for warning lights to be installed and to circulate to each member of the committee.

Perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth

To members requested that the roads design team carry out an inspection of this location and revert back to the members when the inspection has been carried out.

CE 03/1204

Two new secondary schools at Moyglare Hall

Councillor McGinley expressed concern that no application had been made regarding the Moyglare Road to the NTA. He requested that see a plan be prepared for this area before any decision is made concerning funding from the NTA, In addition he requested that (a) bus turning points be put in place where the schools are situated and (b) traffic calming measures be in place on the the Moyglare Road. Council Griffin concurred with the concerns raised by Councillor McGinley. Mr. Coppinger advised that he was in discussions with the NTA in relation to a number of proposals including Moyglare Road.

Resolved: The committee agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the NTA funding on the 8 of May 2012.

CE 04/1204

Naming of link road between R405 and Shackleton Road in Celbridge

The members noted the report from the roads department dated the 21 of April 2012 stating that the Committee first considered the naming of the link road between the R405 and the Shackleton Road in Celbridge in April 2011 having consulted with Celbridge Historical Society it was suggested that the members officially name the link road, between the R405 and the Shackleton Road (map to be circulated at the meeting for reference), the Aghards

Road. The Members noted the report together with advice from the Historical Society recommending the Aghards Road.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Purcell and seconded by Councillor Byrne that the road be called the Aghards Road.

CE 05/1204

Discussion of the draft Maynooth Pay Parking Bye Laws

Ms Kavanagh informed the committee that due to the large amount of detailed submissions for the Draft Maynooth Pay Parking Bye Laws the submission report would not be available until the May Meeting. Councillor Griffin raised concerns in relation to an area in Leinster Street, Maynooth where the marking of the double yellow lines were unfinished. The members agreed to consider at a special meeting on Tuesday 8 of May 2012.

Resolved: To discuss the draft Maynooth pay parking bye laws at a special meeting 8 of May 2012.

CE 06/1204

Public light be installed at Doctors Lane

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

That a public light be installed at Doctors Lane, Maynooth, close to Manor Cabs and the exits from Caulfields and Bradys pubs in the interest of public safety as this area is used extensively at night and it is very dark there at present.

A report was received from the Roads Department dated 19 April 2012 stating that the installation of new public lighting would not be provided in 2012 due to the current funding situation. The budget would be used to maintain the existing stock and to cover energy costs. Should extra funding be made available the installation of new public lighting would be reviewed at that time. Councillor McGinley was disappointed with the report. In the interest of public safety he felt a public light should be installed at Doctors Lane. Councillor Griffin suggested that the public light in the car park be turned around to address this issue.

Resolved: The area office to look into the possibility of turning the public light to resolve the issue.

CE 07/1204

60km sign be moved out to the Hazelwood B&B

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

That the 60 km/h sign be moved out to the Hazelwood B&B on the Kill side of the Morell River

A report was received from the Roads Department dated the 19 of April 2012 advising that request will be considered when the council carried out the next review of the Special Speed Limit Bye Laws. Councillor McGinley clarified that the road he was referring to was the Straffn to Kill Road.

Resolved: That the area office consider the 60km sign when the next review takes place.

CE 08/1204

Council carry out a survey and inspection on the R403

As Councillor O' Rourke was not present it was agreed that he would receive reports on the items in his name on the agenda and he would be at liberty to re-enter if he so wished.

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

That the council carry out a survey and inspection on the R403 (Celbridge to Clane Road) with a view to reducing the speed limit and installing a continuous white line from 'New Road' to 'Longtown' in the interest of safety

A report was received from the Roads Department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that this matter would be considered further when the countywide review of the Special Speed Limit Bye laws take place.

Resolved: that this matter would be considered further when the county wide review of the Special Speed Limit Bye Laws take place.

CE 09/1204

Making footpath safe between Castle Village way and Castle Village Place

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

That the works required to make the footpath between Castle Village Way and Castle Village Place safe, be arranged at an early date in order to replace the temporary repairs effected with tarmacadam recently.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that this matter was referred to the waterworks section so that a permanent restoration can be put in place. The area office had previously reported this for attention.

The report was noted.

CE 10/1204

To repair the cobble locked footpath

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

That urgent action be taken to repair the cobble locked footpath outside (details supplied) Main Street, Celbridge.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the item in question was repaired recently as part of general maintenance.

The report was noted.

CE 11/1204

Yellow box at the entrance to Thornhill Meadows be re-painted

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

That the yellow box at the entrance to Thornhill Meadows, Celbridge be re-painted as soon as possible.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that there was no funding in the area office budget for this work.

The report was noted.

CE 12/1204

'Children crossing' signs be installed in Gleneaston Shopping Centre

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

That 'children crossing' signs be installed in proximity to Gleneaston Shopping Centre/St Marys GAA grounds.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April stating that the traffic management section would assess this location and determine what signage, if any, was required. The installation of additional signage was, of course, subject to funding being available. Councillor Larkin requested in the interest of safety to children that funds would be made available to install 'children crossing' sign as this is a very dangerous crossing.

Councillor Purcell and Councillor Neville agreed with Councillor Larkin that funding should be made available.

Resolved: That funding is made available to install 'children crossing' sign.

CE 13/1204

Reviewing turn onto the horseshoe at the Green Lane

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

That the council review the new turn onto the horseshoe at the Green Lane and put in some low cost reflector lights to show the prominence of the curb.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that this 'one way system' was very well marked by –

- (a) a large red and white barrier board
- (b) two 'no entry' signs
- (c) a right turning blue and white arrow sign

(d) a right turning white arrow on road surface

Councillor Neville disagreed with the report as it did not address the issue with the kerb and he asked at the very least that cats eyes be installed on the sides of the kerb to resolve the issue.

Resolved: That the area office installed cats eyes on the side of the kerb.

CE 14/1204

Sufficient use of pay parking machines

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

That the council ensure that until the pay parking machines are in use that sufficient information is at the meters to ensure there is no confusion for people outside the area.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March 2012 stating that elected members and the public would be given adequate notice and sufficient information of the pay and display machines going live and of the commencement date of the pay parking bye laws adopted by the elected members in July 2011. Councillor Neville stated he was unhappy with the situation as the public were putting their money into the machines and losing the money as the public didn't realise you have to purchase a parking disc from a local shop the sign on the machine is not clear enough. Councillor Neville would like a sign on the machine that states 'please purchase parking ticket from local shop' Councillors at the meeting were all in agreement. Councillor Larkin would like the machines to accept money from 9.o'clock but ticket to start from 10.o'clock at the moment the machines would only accept money from 10.o'clock. Ms Kavanagh stated that if this was the agreement of the committee she would have no problem in changing the times but there needed to be consistency. The committee decided to agree on the times at the next area meeting as this would allow Councillor O'Rourke to have his vote as he was not present at the meeting.

Resolved: For the committee to decide on the times of the pay parking machines.

CE 15/1204

Deterioration of the ramp/pedestrian crossing at the boys school Moyglare Road

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

That in view of the continuing deterioration of the ramp/pedestrian crossing at the boys school on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, the council should carry out the required safety measures.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that repair of these ramps was dependent on funding. The area office considered this request in

the context of its very limited traffic calming budget for the electoral area. Councillor Griffin stated the deterioration of the ramp/pedestrian crossing at the boys school on the Moyglare Road was unacceptable and that the area office carry out these safety measures.

Resolved: The area office to carry out the required safety measures on the ramp/pedestrian crossing at the boys school on the Moyglare Road.

CE 16/1204

To consider the return of the Mechanical footpath sweeper

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

Due to the increased volume of broken glass on our streets we consider the return of the mechanical footpath sweeper for Maynooth (two days per week).

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that there was no funding for this in the current budget. Councillor Griffin disagreed with the report and said that it was unacceptable that there was no funding available, and for health and safety reasons to consider the return of the mechanical footpath sweeper for a minimum of four hours per week An Cathaoirleach agreed with Councillor Griffin. Ms Kavanagh explained to the committee how the use of the Sweeper works in the local areas Ms Kavanagh agreed to speak to the area engineer.

Resolved: That Ms Kavanagh speak to the area engineer in relation to the footpath sweeper.

CE 17/1204

Warning lights programme

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

That Gael Scoil Ui Fhiach and Educate Together, Celbridge Road, Maynooth be placed on the list of schools to be considered for the warning lights programme.

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the area outside the school in question would be examined and put on the list of schools awaiting funding for special school warning signage.

The report was noted.

CE 18/1204

Banks at Straffan, Kill Road.

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

Can the banks at the roadside from the Sallins junction (where the footpath ends) to the Castledillon cul-de-sac be flattened so that pedestrians could step in or better still that a footpath be provided?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the Clane Area Engineer would be grateful if An Cathaoirleach could contact him directly to discuss this matter in order to clarify the exact location he was referring to. An Cathaoirleach stated the location he was referring to was the Straffan, Kill Road.

Resolved: That the roads dept contact An Cathaoirleach regarding this item.

CE 19/1204

To prepare a schedule for repairing weather damaged ramps

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley
Has the council prepared a schedule for repairing weather damaged ramps particularly those on the Dunboyne Road, Meadowbrook Road and Moyglare Road, Maynooth and when will this schedule be advised to the area councillors?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 15 of March stating that the repair of ramps was dependent on funding. The area office would consider this request in the context of its very limited traffic calming budget for the electoral area. Councillor McGinley would like a schedule from the area engineer where these ramps are on her schedule and that the ramps be repaired.

Resolved: Councillor McGinley would like a schedule from the area engineer as to where these ramps come on her schedule and for the ramps to be repaired.

CE 20/1204

To provide a bicycle rack at the back entrance to the catholic church

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley
Can the council provide a bicycle rack at the back entrance to the catholic church in Straffan to facilitate the residents of this very tidy town?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the area in question would be examined and put on the list of locations awaiting funding for covered cycle parking. An Cathaoirleach asked that a small rack be placed at the back entrance to the catholic church.

Resolved: That the area office place a small bicycle rack at the back entrance to the catholic church in Straffan

CE 21/1204

Footpath repairs in Dara Court

As Councillor O' Rourke was not present it was agreed that he would receive reports on the items in his name on the agenda and he would be at liberty to re-enter if he so wished.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke
Can footpath repairs be carried out in Dara Court opposite house numbers (details supplied)?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2021 stating that this would be put on a list for attention if funding becomes available.

That the report be noted.

CE 22/1204

Naming L-1022 as 'Aghards Road'

As Councillor O' Rourke was not present it was agreed that he would receive reports on the items in his name on the agenda and he would be at liberty to re-enter if he so wished.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke
Can the area committee consider agreeing with officially naming L-1022 as 'Aghards Road' and have the appropriate signs installed?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that a report was circulated under separate cover on this matter. Funding would need to be identified if signs are to be erected.

That the report be noted.

CE 23/1204

Dublin Bus to address Celbridge area meeting

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

Can we get Dublin Bus to address our area meeting with a view to giving updates on proposed route changes and new route proposals for the Celbridge area?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April stating that Dublin Bus could be invited to an area meeting if that was the committee's wish. The committee agreed to invite Dublin Bus to the next area meeting.

Resolved: That Dublin Bus is invited into the next area meeting of the Celbridge area committee.

CE 24/1204

To provide a bin at the bus stop on the Dublin side of Youngs Cross

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

To ask the council if they would consider providing a bin at the bus stop on the Dublin side of Young's Cross on the Dublin Road, Celbridge to give some recognition to the local citizen who has been providing black bin liners at this location for some time

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that this bin was put in place recently as part of general maintenance.

The report was noted.

CE 25/1204

To discuss projects in lieu of Discretionary funds

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

When will the meeting with councillors be held to discuss projects in lieu of discretionary funds?

A report was received from the roads department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the senior engineer and area engineer would be available to meet the councillors at their convenience. This meeting can be organised individually or collectively. The committee agreed to meet with the senior engineer and area engineer individually. Ms Kavanagh agreed to arrange the meetings for each Councillor on the committee.

Resolved: Ms Kavanagh to arrange the meetings with the senior engineer and area engineer individually

CE 26/1204

Removal of trees at the new roundabout on the Kilcock Road.

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

That the council arrange for the removal of the trees planted at the new roundabout on the Kilcock Road, at the entrance to NUI, Maynooth as they are a hazard to motorists.

A report was received from parks department dated the 13 of April 2012 stating that the trees were planted in the middle of the roundabout and were considered appropriate for the location and were not considered a hazard. Therefore it was not proposed to seek their removal. An Cathaoirleach did not agree with the response and stated that there were trees planted would grow to a unsuitable height causing poor visablaility to motorists Councillor Griffin agreed and stated the trees should be removed.

Resolved: The trees to be removed from the new roundabout on the Kilcock Road.

CE 27/1204

Proposals to be presented to residents to manage the open space in Castletown

As Councillor O' Rourke was not present it was agreed that he would receive reports on the items in his name on the agenda and he would be at liberty to re-enter if he so wished.

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

That the council update on any proposals, etc., that are being considered to be presented to the residents to manage the open space (wooded area) in Castletown following our recent meeting and discussions with residents from both Castletown and Hawthorn.

A report was received from the housing, community and cultural services department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that there were no proposals to manage the wooded open space area.

The report was noted.

CE 28/1204

To open the avenue to Castletown house

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

That we ask the O.P.W. to open the avenue to Castletown House from Celbridge in the interest of tourism and the potential spin off to the traders of Celbridge

A report was received from the architects department dated the 19 of April stating that if it is the wish of the committee the O.P.W. could be contacted. Councillor Purcell would like to see the opening of the avenue to Castletown House as he felt this would bring business to the local town as there was history in the town he asked that a letter be sent to O.P.W. regarding this.

Resolved: Councillor Purcell would like a letter sent to the O.P.W asking them to open the avenue to Castletown House from Celbridge.

CE 29/1204

Remove foliage from outside house in Saint Patricks Park and to eliminate anti-social activity

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

To ask if the council would remove the foliage from outside house (details supplied) Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge and beside the pedestrian entrance to Dara Court, Celbridge and replace with a path to try to eliminate the anti-social activity in the area and to see what further course of action might be taken in this regard.

A report was received from the parks department dated the 13 of April 2012 stating that two requests including this question were received in relation to this. One to prune the shrubbery and one to remove it. Consideration could be given to either prune shrubbery or remove confirmation was required as to which action the residents were requesting. If removal was the proposed action then the agreement of the roads department was required to reinstate

the path once the shrubbery was removed. Councillor Byrne stated the foliage was not removed and would like the foliage to be removed.

Resolved: that the foliage be removed as soon as possible.

CE 30/1204

Hedge in Saint Patrick Park to be breasted and restored

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

To ask if the hedge opposite houses (details supplied) in Saint Patrick Park, Celbridge be breasted and restored with extra planting when the season allows.

A report was received from the parks department dated the 13 of April 2012 stating that an assessment would be made of this location and a further report would be issued once this was complete.

The report was noted.

CE 31/1204

Leixlip Tidy Towns

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

Will the council pay tribute to Leixlip Tidy Towns as this is its 50th anniversary?

A report was received from the housing, community and cultural department dated the 19 of April stating Mr Boland met with the Tidy Towns group recently and saw first hand the work they have done over the years and discussed their future plans. Mr Boland would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work done by Leixlip Tidy Towns and the wonderful contribution they make to the community.

The report was noted.

CE 32/1204

Residents of Castletown/Green Lane

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

That the council address the fears of the residents of Castletown/Green Lane in relation to the huge poplar tree on the Green Lane.

A report was received from the housing, community and cultural department dated the 13 of April 2012 stating that further to the report issued to this area committee in relation to this tree last September an arborist was commissioned to carry out an assessment of the tree.

The report outlines that there is no physiological or structural defects to the tree at the moment and that no remedial works are required. Some damage is being caused to the root system from mowing and remedial action is outlined in the report to correct this. The

concerns of the residents are in relation to the safety of the tree and clearly the report which has been circulated to them addresses this issue. Therefore no works are proposed for the tree at the moment. Councillor Neville expressed his concerns and didn't agree with the report the tree is so high if it did fall would cause damage in the area. He also stated the residents do not want the tree there and that was the residents view.

Resolved: To remove the tree.

CE 33/1204

To consider taking in charge of Barrogstown Water Scheme

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Griffin and seconded by Councillor McGinley that the Barrogstown Water Scheme be taken in charge. This item will go to the next full council meeting to be taken in charge.

CE 34/1204

Lack of communication with regard to water turn off in Maynooth/Celbridge

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

That the committee review the (water off) situation that occurred on 6th and 7th April in the Maynooth/Celbridge area with particular regard to the lack of communications.

A report was received from the Water and Environmental Services Department dated 17 April 2012 outlining the background to an interruption to water supply on 6 and 7 April 2012 in the Maynooth/Celbridge Area. A faulty valve was repaired and the fitting of the District Metering Area meters was completed by 4pm on Thursday, 5 April 2012. The telemetry system indicated the pressure started to return to normal by 5pm that evening. Waterworks department was not aware until Friday morning, that a problem had arisen on Thursday evening, with the valve feeding Celbridge. The Waterworks crew was on site Friday morning and the valve was turned on and water was restored by 10am. The work in question was expected to be completed in less than 4 hours; however it took longer than anticipated to replace the faulty valve and fit the meter, due to difficult ground conditions and congested services in the area. A long discussion ensued regarding this item. Councillor Purcell was very unhappy with the situation and stated that there was a lack of communication from the council to the public. He felt that the council should contact the councillors when there is a problem with the water in future so they have the information to pass on to the public. Councillor Griffin explained that some of the local businesses were at a loss through lack of communication on that particular day and that local business should be given prior notice when the water is off. The members outlined their difficulties encountered in getting

information in relation to this matter. Ms Aspell stated that the Fire Services department published alerts on the Kildare County Council website in relation to this matter.

The report was noted.

CE 35/1204

To alleviate the odour at Rye Bridge, Leixlip

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

That this committee be provided with costings on attempts to alleviate the odour at Rye Bridge, Leixlip and explain recent works outside Rye Vale restaurant and clarify when we can expect to have resolution and finality to this problem.

A report was received from the water and environmental services department dated the 17 of April 2012 stating that the recent works outside the Ryevale Tavern was related to the repair of a collapsed culvert. It was not possible to complete these works in advance of the Construction Industry Federation Easter Holidays. The works will recommence on week starting 16/4/12. Following the culvert works, works will commence on the resolution of the residual odour problem in the vicinity. It is envisaged that all these works will be complete by the end of April. The Final Account on this contract has not yet been prepared and therefore final costs are not yet available.

The report was noted.

CE 36/1204

To write to waste disposal companies servicing bins in Celbridge

As Councillor O' Rourke was not present it was agreed that he would receive reports on the items in his name on the agenda and he would be at liberty to re-enter if he so wished.

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

That the council write to the different waste disposal companies and ask them when servicing bins in housing estates in the Celbridge local electoral area, that due care and attention is given to ensure their trucks don't mount kerbs, grass verges or green open spaces.

A report was received from the water and environmental services department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the environment section is arranging to issue letter as outlined to all waste disposal companies reminding them of their requirements in servicing bins in housing estates.

The report was noted.

CE 37/1204

Water butts

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

That water butts bought on-line be available for collection at the Maynooth depot.

A report was received from the water and environmental services department dated the 17 of April 2012 stating that Water butts could be purchased on line via the council's website or could be paid for in finance section in Aras Chill Dara. The water butts could then be collected from the waterworks department in Newbridge. Unfortunately, there was no facility for payment at the waterworks section or Maynooth area office. For stock control purposes, collection of the water butts could not be offered from another site other than waterworks department. Councillor Larkin was not happy with the response and could not understand when the water butts are bought and paid for on line why they cant be stored for people to collect in the council yard in Maynooth. An Cathaoirleach agreed.

Resolved: That the water department look into storing the water butts in the council yard in Maynooth when they have been bought online for people to collect.

CE 38/1204

Disused odour pipe at the entrance of Leixlip Castle

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

That the council take out the disused odour pipe at the entrance of Leixlip Castle that is not in use.

A report was received from the water department dated the 17 of April stating that water services acknowledged the request to have the pipe removed. However, further investigation was still required to determine if the vent pipe at Leixlip Castle was disconnected from the odour source. If it was still providing a function, then it may need to be retained, in some form. Pending more detailed documented reports from the Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Team and further investigations, if necessary by the operational crew, a determination would be made on its possible removal or amelioration.

The report was noted.

CE 39/1204

Dumping at recycling banks throughout North Kildare

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

Can the litter warden investigate dumping at recycling banks throughout North Kildare with the assistance of camera vans?

A report was received from the water and environmental services department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the environment section employed a strict cleaning regime in relation to bottle banks. All banks in the county are visited and cleaned on a twice weekly basis. If members have a particular location for review then this could be brought to the attention of staff in the environment section. Councillor Purcell concerned his views in relation to this matter and stated that the location in question was the Catholic Church at Leixlip he would like this location investigated.

Resolved: That the environment department investigate dumping at the bottle bank at the Catholic Church in Leixlip.

CE 40/1204

Mobile CCTV system active in the Celbridge Area

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

In relation to fly tipping/illegal dumping is the mobile CCTV system active, if so, has it been deployed in the Celbridge area recently with any results?

A report was received from the water and environmental services department dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the council had deployed the mobile cctv, with success, in the Celbridge Electoral Area. Use of cctv can sometimes be restricted as the camera has to be able to read a vehicle registration number. The Council was actively considering the increased use of cctv in the enforcement of the litter law but this would be dependant on staff and financial resources.

The report was noted.

CE 41/1204

Green waste facility in Celbridge Area

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

Can the council give the Celbridge Area Committee an update on the possibility of a green waste facility being put in the area?

A report was received from the environment section dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the council was currently examining a proposal to introduce a recycling centre on the Maynooth Road Celbridge. This centre would include the acceptance of small volumes of greenwaste from households. This material would be accepted but would then be forward for treatment to a dedicated green waste composting facility. For the people of North Kildare there was currently a facility at Esker Lane in Lucan which accepts green waste.

The report was noted.

CE 42/1204

Council's policy on random postering

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

What is the council's policy on random postering (penalties etc;)?

A report was received from the environment section dated the 19 of April 2012 stating that the environment section of the council deals with applications for the placement of posters. These posters are generally requested to advertise local events. Applications for the advertisement of local events are generally granted but there are conditions attached regarding where they are placed and when they are to be removed. It is not permitted, for example, for posters to be placed at roundabouts as this could be considered a danger to road users. Posters placed at a roundabout may be removed in the interest of road safety. Posters that do not have permission are subject to a litter fine of €150. Councillor Griffin aired his views on this matter and explained the local authority need to be more considerate to the local business in relation to postering he would like to see a review of the councils policy to this matter.

Resolved: That the environment department review their policy on postering.

CE 43/1204

Details on levies for community use in Celbridge

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

Can we have details of any levies commitments for community use in the Celbridge area?

A report was received from the Community & Culture department dated the 11 of April stating that there was an estimated income of €14,305 for the Celbridge electoral area for 2012. To date a commitment of €4000 to Celbridge Youth Café has been given.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.