

**Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting**

**Held on Friday 15 June 2012, at 10.00 a.m.**

**In Aras Chill Dara, Naas.**

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

**Also Present:** Ms A. Crofton (Senior Architect) Ms S. Kavanagh (S.E.O.) Mr M. Kenny  
(Senior Executive Planner) Ms M. Foley (A.O.) Mr. M. McLoughlin (A.O.) Ms A. Aspell  
(Meetings Administrator), Ms P. Penny (A.S.O.) Ms S. Rice (Area Secretary)

**CE 01/1206**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 18 May 2012 together with the progress report.

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

**CE 02/1206**

**Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report**

**Dublin Bus**

Dublin Bus are to attend the next meeting.

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

As previously stated the area office only had a budget of €10,000 for the entire engineering area and there were a number of ramps in need of repair. Councillor Griffin asked that this ramp be prioritised and be repaired when funds became available.

**Repairs to the road side verge opposite St. Wolstans School in Celbridge**

It was reported that the roads department had written to the Principal of St. Wolstan's and this was very busy regional road and parking in this manner should be discouraged by all concerned. Councillor O'Rourke asked if plastic reflective bollards could be installed at this location to discourage illegal parking and that the grass margin be reinstated.

### **Repairs at Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge**

The roads department reported that there was no funding at present for these repairs. Councillor O'Rourke reported that loose stone was falling from the footpath onto the road and he asked that this be cleaned up as there was a health and safety issue surrounding loose stones/gravel on the road.

### **Crossing at Scoil San Carlos**

Councillor Griffin rejected the report from the roads department which stated that the road safety officer did not have a role to play in the health and safety issues at the crossing at Scoil San Carlos as there were technical issues at this location, and in this regard this query had been directed to the traffic management engineer to review. Councillor Griffin stated that the road safety officers opinion was important and his vast experience on matters like this was highly invaluable.

### **Surface water drain survey at Little Grove, Celbridge**

It was reported that there was no further update on this item from either the water services section or roads department, the members requested that this item remain on the progress report .

### **Name sign be put in position on the Youngs Cross/ Newbridge road**

It was reported at the May area committee meeting that there was no funding for such signage at present. The members requested that this item remain on the progress report.

### **New entrance to Riversdale project**

A drawing showing the new entrance was circulated to the members at the meeting, Councillors asked that this drawing be forwarded to Leixlip Town Council and the residents of Riversdale for their comments and observations.

### **Pound Street, Maynooth**

Councillor McGinley reported that the "No Entry" sign was missing from Pound Street and he asked that this be replaced as soon as possible.

### **Maynooth businesses be written to in relation to Litter Pollution Act**

It was reported that Maynooth Town would be monitored on an ongoing basis. Enforcement action would follow if issues of non compliance were encountered. Councillor Purcell asked if

a letter had been sent as requested to the local businesses in Maynooth, he also made reference to the colours of some of the shop fronts and asked that this be investigated.

### **Donaghcomper River**

It was reported that water services was preparing a report on this issue which would be presented to the July Celbridge area meeting.

### **CE 03/1206**

#### **Pay parking in Maynooth.**

The roads and transport department was not in a position to bring the finalised report to the June meeting. Current work loads were such that the earliest this could be ready was the July Meeting. Apologies to the members were extended in this regard.

**Resolved:** that a report be presented to the members for the July meeting.

### **CE04/1206**

#### **Damaged footpath, boys school, Maynooth**

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

That the contractor who built the extension to the boys school, Maynooth, be asked to repair the damage that he caused to 30m of public footpath outside the extension.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that it would be difficult at this late stage to prove that this damage was caused by the contractor as it would have to be pointed out at the time of construction. However, this footpath was on a list for urgent attention. Councillor McGinley said he hoped that these works would be carried out during the Summer.

The report was noted.

### **CE05/1206**

#### **Controlled pedestrian crossing, Educate Together school, Celbridge**

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

That the pelican crossing at the North Kildare Educate Together School, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, be replaced with pedestrian controlled traffic signals, funded under the Sustainable Transport Grants, in the interest of public safety.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that there was no grant allocation for this location in 2012. However, the issue could be added to projects which have not been discussed with the NTA to date. It was important to note that a feasibility examination of the signals was required in order to determine if the change was in accordance with best practice.

The report was noted.

**CE06/1206**

**Paintwork on motorway bridge, Maynooth interchange**

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

That we request the NRA or those responsible for the maintenance of the motorway bridge at the Maynooth interchange to paint the steelwork.

A report was received from the national roads design office dated 13 June 2012 stating that the whilst the bridge management section acknowledged that there was a breakdown of the paint system on the parapets of the bridge structure they would like to assure Councillor Griffin that the integrity of the parapet system had not been compromised. It should be noted that the steel work was also galvanised. The observed defect was an aesthetic problem for which there was currently no funding available to rectify.

The report was noted.

**CE07/1206**

**Warning lights at Presentation Girls School, Maynooth**

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

That we include the Presentation Girls School, Maynooth on the list of schools for warning lights on the approach from the Dublin Road side.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that as the school was not accessed directly from the Dublin Road, the use of warning lights was not recommended as it may confuse road users. Furthermore, the ambient speed of traffic in urban areas, and at this location in particular, would render the lights ineffective. Councillor Griffin asked if one warning light could be installed to encourage motorists to slow down on approach to the school, this was supported by Councillor McGinley.

**Resolved:** that the roads department investigate the possibility of installing one warning light at this location.

**CE07/1206**

**Infrastructure outside NUI Maynooth**

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

That we discuss the proposals to alter the pedestrian, cycling and bus parking facilities at NUI, Maynooth on the Kilcock Road, Maynooth.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that this was a matter for the members. If the members wish to discuss this issue with engineers from the roads and transport department, or if technical advice or expertise was required, then this could be arranged. Councillor Griffin stated that installing a forty metre pedestrian crossing at this location was ludicrous and that the footbridge should never have been removed, he asked that a member of staff from the traffic management section attend the next meeting and that this item remain on the agenda

**Resolved:** that a member of staff from the traffic management section attend the next meeting and that this item remain on the agenda.

**CE08/1206**

**Road signs, St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge**

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

That the council erect a 'Stop' or 'Yield' sign near house (details supplied) St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge to prevent an accident at this dangerous junction.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the area engineer was not in favour of installing such signs in housing estates as there would be hundreds of such requests. The cost would be in the region of €1,500 per junction for signage and lining and the budget wouldn't allow for this additional expenditure. Councillor Byrne asked that a "30 kmph" sign be installed at this location, Ms Kavanagh reported that she would investigate the possibility of this being installed.

**Resolved:** that a "30 kmph" sign be installed at this location

**CE09/1206**

**Dishing of Footpaths, Castlevillage, Celbridge**

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

That the council carry out an assessment of the following dished pavements at Castlevillage estate, Celbridge (entrance to The Court/Crescent/Park/Close) as the road surface may have subsided since the pavement dish was originally formed, making it extremely difficult for powered mobility wheelchairs to get from the road crossing back up onto the footpaths.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the dish areas were constructed at the time the housing estate was built. They were not to standard and they all need to be dug out and replaced with tactile paving. Unfortunately, this would be a costly project for which there was no funding at present. Councillor Byrne asked that these locations be put on a list should funding become available.

**Resolved:** asked that these locations be put on a list should funding become available.

#### **CE10/1206**

##### **Naming of Carpark area, Main Street, Leixlip**

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

That the carpark area on Main Street, Leixlip at the dispensary be formally named Arthur Guinness Square.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that this was a matter for the members. It was proposed by Councillor Larkin and seconded by Councillor Purcell that the area be formally named as Arthur Guinness Square; Councillor Purcell added that it was important that the car park be functional and enhanced to improve the parking facilities.

**Resolved:** that the area be formally named as Arthur Guinness Square, Councillor Purcell added that it was important that the car park be functional and enhanced to improve the parking facilities.

#### **CE11/1206**

##### **Road repairs in Castletown, Leixlip**

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

That urgent repairs be carried out on the main through road at Castletown, Leixlip outside house no (details supplied).

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that funding would need to be allocated for a permanent resurfacing of this road. In the interim the area office would attend to the potholes as soon as manpower was available.

The report was noted.

**CE12/1206**

**Repair to speed ramp outside Scoil ui Dalaigh, Celbridge Road**

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

That repairs be carried out to the speed ramp outside Scoil ui Dalaigh, Celbridge Road.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that there was no funding for these repairs in the area office's current budget.

The report was noted.

**CE13/1206**

**Re-position of traffic signals, Shackleton Road\Church Road, Celbridge**

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

That the council inspect the traffic lights at the Shackleton Road\Church Road junction in Celbridge, secure and re-position the signal light boxes, where necessary, back to full visibility of the motorist.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that staff from the traffic management section attended this junction and carried out a minor realignment of the secondary traffic signal heads.

The report was noted.

**CE14/1206**

**Repair to footpath, entrance to Castle Village Woods, Celbridge**

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

That the council remove the trip and repair the footpath which has subsided at the entrance to Castle Village Woods, Celbridge as you approach from the Aghards Road side.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that there was no funding for these repairs in the current budget. Councillor O'Rourke asked if the trip hazard could be pared down and that this footpath be put on a list for repair should funding be made available.

**Resolved:** that this footpath be put on a list for repair should funding be made available.

**CE15/1206**

**Street lighting on laneway near Dara Court, Celbridge**

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

That the council look at installing street lighting on the path\laneway that runs parallel to the green in Dara Court, Celbridge.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that it was not envisaged that new public lighting would be installed in 2012 due to the current funding situation. However, a meeting could be held on site to assess the works required and, should extra funding be made available, the installation of new public lighting could be reviewed at that time. Councillor O'Rourke asked to meet a member of staff at this location and added that there was no public lighting in this area at all.

**Resolved:** that a member of staff arrange to meet Councillor O'Rourke in Dara Court to discuss the issue of public lighting.

#### **CE16/1206**

##### **Resurfacing of road in St Marys Park, Leixlip**

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

That the council resurface the road between houses (details supplied), St. Mary's Park, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that there was no funding for these repairs in the area office's current budget. Councillor Purcell asked if the potholes could be filled and said he would speak to the area engineer regarding this.

**Resolved:** that the potholes in St Mary's Park, Leixlip be repaired.

#### **CE17/1206**

##### **Road surface from Confey to Rye Vale Nursing Home**

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

That the council examine the surface of the road from Confey to Rye Vale Nursing Home and indicate the cost of remedial works to enable the council to take this road in charge.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the surface water drainage would need to be surveyed and cleaned and the road surface repaired and overlaid with tarmac. A very rough estimate of the cost of the works would be €20,000 - €25,000. However, as this was a private lane the residents should seek their own costings from a contractor.

The report was noted.



**CE18/1206**

**Provision of a cycle path to Gael Scoil/Educate Together School, Celbridge**

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

Can the council investigate the possibility of providing a cycle path to the Gael Scoil/Educate Together School on Celbridge Road, Maynooth and why has the Department of Education not provided a footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, as conditioned in the planning permission granted for the Educate Together School?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the National Transport Authority was appointing consultants to undertake strategic cycle network planning for the Greater Dublin Area. A hierarchy of schemes would be determined as part of this process and when the recommendations from the report were available they would be brought to the attention of the elected members. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council had recently advertised the public consultation period for its study. The provision of the footpath as part of the planning process was being investigated. Councillor Larkin reported that Leixlip Town Council had looked into this matter previously, and he would report back to the members with their findings.

The report was noted.

**CE19/1206**

**Pedestrian crossing at NUI Maynooth**

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

Why was the pedestrian crossing at NUI, Maynooth on the Kilcock Road not designed to accommodate the known number of users when it was constructed last year?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the proposed widening of the crossing on Kilcock Road was one of a number of schemes in the area. The NUIM planning permission for the construction of the roundabout entrance and changes to the width of the carriageway along Kilcock Road had been completed. The NTA funded extension of the narrowing of the carriageway was being processed to tender stage. The widened crossing would complement the other two schemes and could not proceed in the absence of approvals for the other schemes. This had been demonstrated with the delay to the NTA funded scheme; however, the council believed that it was an appropriate time to bring the proposal through a formal consultation process.

Resolved: see item **CE07/1206**

**CE20/1206**

**List of roads for resurfacing in Celbridge electoral area**

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

Can we have a full list of roads to be resurfaced during the current programme?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 listing the roads which would be resurfaced under the 2012 Roads Restoration Programme. Councillor O'Rourke asked that the Ardclough to Straffan road would be included on the list.

**Resolved:** that the roads department add the Ardclough to Straffan road to the list of roads for resurfacing.

**CE21/1206**

**Repair of potholes, Pound Lane, Mill Street, Maynooth**

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

Is it possible to prioritise the two dangerous potholes for repair at the end of Pound Lane, Mill Street, Maynooth?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that these were on a list for attention. Councillor Griffin stated that in a report at the previous meeting it reported that the entire road at The Roost, Main Street, Maynooth would be resurfaced, however now the roads department reported that only half the road would be done, he also added that the proposed resurfacing works on the Blacklion road were not required and that it would be more cost efficient to fill the potholes, and resurface the entire road at The Roost.

**Resolved:** that the potholes on the Blacklion road be repaired and that the entire road at The Roost, Main Street, Maynooth be resurfaced.

**CE22/1206**

**Overgrown grass and weeds at road junctions**

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

We have a number of junctions that need to have the overgrown weeds, etc, cut. When will this work be given sanction?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the area office had a hedgecutter hired in at present and all junctions would be attended to in due course.

The report was noted.

**CE23/1206**

**Replacement of speed limit sign, Kilwogan, Celbridge**

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

To ask the council to erect 50 km/h speed limit signs at Kilwogan, Celbridge to remind motorists of the applicable speed limit in the area.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the cost of installation of such a sign is in the region of €1,000 - €1,200 for which there was no funding at present. Councillor Byrne said that he intended to ask for the sign to be replaced as there had been one previously; he asked that the sign be replaced as soon as possible.

**Resolved:** that the 50 km/h speed limit signs at Kilwogan, Celbridge be replaced as soon as possible.

**CE24/1206**

**Sings at entrance to Dara Court and St. Patrick's Park**

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

To ask the council to erect signs stating 'No Ball Games' and 'No Loitering' at the entrance to Dara Court and St. Patrick's Park.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that the area office did not have funding available in the current budget for such signage.

The report was noted.

**CE25/1206**

**Repair of damaged footpath, Celbridge Abbey**

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

To ask if the council would resolve to repair the footpath opposite houses (details supplied), Celbridge Abbey to prevent an accident.

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that this was on a list for urgent attention at present.

The report was noted.

**CE26/1206**

**Repair of kerbs, entrance to Wheatfield, Ardclough**

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

Can the kerbs be repaired on the left hand side at the entrance to Wheatfield, Ardclough?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that these kerbs could be re-set/replaced. However, it would appear that local residents were parking on the kerbs and unless this stopped there was little point in repairing the kerbs. Councillor O'Rourke reported that the residents would monitor this and would ensure that motorists would refrain from parking here in the future.

The report was noted.

**CE27/1206**

**Timing of the traffic lights at Young's Cross**

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

Can the timing of the traffic lights at Young's Cross be checked due to concern of delays in the morning?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that this issue had been investigated and no faults have been found with the signals. A design for the upgrading of these signals was prepared in 2011; however, in the absence of funding from the NTA or other sources, this work could not be progressed.

The report was noted.

**CE28/1206**

**Kellystown Lane, Leixlip**

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

How will motorists and pedestrians who use Kellystown Lane, Leixlip be accommodated when this road is closed to traffic?

A report was received from the roads department dated 13 June 2012 stating that at this point in time Kildare County Council had no plans to close Kellystown Lane to traffic, nor have they received any application in this regard.

The report was noted.

**CE29/1206**

**Repair of garden and footpath, St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge**

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

That the council repair the garden and footpath at house (details supplied), St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge which was dug up recently by Water Services to effect repairs.

A report was received from the water services department dated 14 June 2012 stating that the waterworks department would reinstate the footpath and garden within the next two weeks subject to weather conditions.

The report was noted.

**CE30/1206**

**Laraghbryan Cemetary**

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

Why will the council not agree with the wishes of the Maynooth community and leave the gates of Laraghbryan Cemetery open?

A report was received from the environmental section dated 14 June 2012 stating that the cemetery gates were closed to protect the property inside from a risk of damage by vehicles attempting turning movements. This risk applied to the surrounds of graves as well as headstones. Most cemeteries run by the council did not permit vehicular access for these very reasons. The council were working with the local cemetery committee to install cctv outside the gates. This was being done in order to assist with the concerns regarding safety of cars parked outside. The gates would remain closed except in the week leading up to the cemetery Mass when people could avail of the opportunity to attend to their relatives graves. Councillor McGinley enquired as to how many of the councils cemeteries allowed vehicular access and he welcomed the introduction of cctv, he also suggested that a parking area be put in place on the Kilcock Road as it would be a safer area for people to leave their cars, this motion was supported by Councillor Griffin.

**Resolved:** that the environmental section investigate the councillors suggestions and report back to the committee at the July meeting.

**CE31/1206**

**Clean up at Silleasechain Lane, Leixlip**

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

Will the council assist with the clean up at Silleasechain Lane, Leixlip?

A report was received from the environmental section dated 14 June 2012 stating that the location would be examined. The environment section could assist by arranging to remove any "bagged" material from the location. However staff resources were restricted and it would not be possible to provide assistance to "hand pick" at the location.

The report was noted.

**32/1206**

**Leixlip Youth and Community Centre**

To discuss Leixlip Youth and Community Centre

Ms Anne Croton attended the meeting to brief the members on the current situation regarding the Leixlip Youth and Community Centre, she informed the members that the council were currently reviewing the consultants report which contained a lot of information that needed to be reviewed by the council and asked if this could be discussed at the September area meeting.

**Resolved:** that Leixlip Youth and Community Centre be discussed at the September area committee meeting.

**CE33/1206**

**Repair of wall at Pond Park, at the Band Hall, Maynooth**

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

That the €80,000 allocated under the Capital Programme for the repair of Pound Park wall at the Band Hall, Maynooth, be used for this purpose without any further delay.

A report was received from the parks department section dated 12 June 2012 stating that it would not be possible to allocate this funding in the current year as other capital projects had been committed to under the funding available in the current year. The project could be considered for inclusion in the 2013 programme. Councillor McGinley was dissatisfied with the report as monies had been allocated by him from his discretionary funds in 2010 and he asked why the works had not been completed then.

**Resolved:** Councillor McGinley enquired why the wall had not been repaired in 2010 from the monies he allocated from his discretionary funds.

**CE34/1206**

**Visual recording of field trip to The Spa, Leixlip**

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

That the council undertake to make a visual recording of the next educational field trip to The Spa area at Louisa Bridge, Leixlip in conjunction with (details supplied).

A report was received from the parks department section dated 12 June 2012 stating that it was an objective of the conservation plan developed for the Leixlip Spa to provide appropriate professionally presented interpretation of the site and its importance and this would include the various professional experts and their knowledge of the site. However prior

to this access to the site needed to be improved and this would be the priority for any future works on the site. Councillor Purcell asked that in the interim that that any future field trips should be filmed to document the progress of works on the site, and that signs be erected stating the scientific importance of the area; this was agreed by Councillor Larkin.

**Resolved:** asked that in the interim that that any future field trips should be filmed to document the progress of works on the site, and that signs be erected stating the scientific importance of the area.

**CE35/1206**

**The Backlots**

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

Can we have an update on the backlots at Castletown, Celbridge?

Ms Anne Crofton informed the members that the process was ongoing and that there were a lot of issues to consider and deal with in this process. Ms Kavanagh reported that a meeting was due to be held next week with the residents to discuss the closure of right of way, and the members would be informed of any update on this matter. Ms Crofton stated that Mr Minnock would be in a position to update the members at a later date.

The report was noted.

**CE36/1206**

**Canal Toll House**

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

Will the council give an update on the Canal Toll House, Leixlip?

A report was received from the parks department section dated 12 June 2012 stating that the final external rendering of the Toll House was due to be completed over the Summer. Any further works such as the reinstatement of the roof and internal flooring etc would be subject to identifying an appropriate use and anchor group who would use and manage the building and the availability of finance to complete the work.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.