

Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting

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

in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

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

Also Present: Mr P. Minnock (Area Director), Ms S. Kavanagh (S.E.O.), Ms A. Aspell (Meetings Administrator), Ms E. Murray (Area Engineer), Mr D. Hodgins (S.E.E) Mr. W Hannigan (S.E.E), Mr. S. Cunningham (Building Control) and Ms C.Loughlin (Area Secretary)

CE 01/0712

Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Purcell was elected as Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Councillor McGinley and seconded by Councillor Griffin. The members and Ms. Aspell congratulated Councillor Purcell on his appointment as Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

An Cathaoirleach members and officials commended Councillor McGinley on his year as Cathaoirleach

Resolved: Councillor Purcell was elected as Cathaoirleach.

CE 02/0712

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the special meeting of 8 May and monthly meeting held on 15 June 2012 together with the progress report.

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

CE 03/0712

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

Repairs at Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge

Councillor O' Rourke requested a further update on this item.

Crossing at Scoil San Carlos

Councillor Griffin requested that a solution be found to this problem stating that the issue of crossing at the school needs to be resolved.

New entrance to Riversdale project

The members requested a further update on this item.

Street lighting on laneway near Dara Court, Celbridge

It was agreed that the executive engineer in the public lighting section meet Councillor O' Rourke on site.

Vehicular access to Laraghbryan Cemetary

The members requested a further update on this item.

Shop Fronts in Maynooth

Councillor McGinley requested that follow up is needed on the issue of shop fronts in Maynooth particular attention to the colour scheme of shop fronts. Councillor McGinley referred to Westport and suggested that a letter be written to Westport Town Council asking them for guidelines on how they went about introducing a paint colour scheme to local businesses.

Repair of wall at Pound Park, at the Band Hall Maynooth

The members requested a further update on this item.

CE 04/1207

Dublin Bus

Mr Gareth Quinn of Dublin Bus attended the meeting to update the members on the 66 and 67 routes. Mr Quinn explained that the extension to route 66 will go ahead subject to National Roads Authority sanction of the proposal. Due to lack of resources the extension to route 67 will not now proceed. While the members were happy with news of the extension to route 66 there was disappointment that the extension to route 67 would not go ahead. Councillor McGinley and Councillor Griffin asked that the situation on the extension to route 67 be resolved given that two new schools are being built in the area. The members thanked Mr Quinn for attending the meeting.

CE 05/1207

Pay parking in Maynooth.

The members were informed that the report for pay parking in Maynooth was not yet finalised and it is hoped to be brought to the September meeting of the Celbridge area.

Resolved: To list on the agenda for September Meeting.

CE 06/1207

Road Works Programme for 2012.

To note the Road Works Programme for 2012

The members were circulated with the road works programme for 2012. The area engineer briefed the committee on the current situation in relation to road improvement and restoration works to be carried out.

The report was noted.

CE 07/1207

Pedestrian, cycling and bus parking facilities at 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.

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?

The members agreed to take both motions together.

Councillor Griffin stated that the installing of a forty metre pedestrian crossing at this location was unnecessary and that that the bridge should never have been removed. He added that the bus stops should not be opposite one another and the members agreed. Mr Hodgins addressed the issues raised by the members explaining the bus stops were only to be a temporary measure until the pedestrian crossing is altered.

Resolved: That the roads department arrange to alter the pedestrian crossing and remove the bus stops.

CE 08/1207

Cycle path from the bus stop at Kingsbury

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

That the cycle path from the bus stop at Kingsbury to the train station on the north side of the Straffan Road, Maynooth, be repaired, as it has deteriorated so much that it is unsafe for cyclists to use it at present.

Kildare County Council

Mr Hodgins suggested that the safety consultant who has been appointed to this project be invited to the next meeting. While this was appreciated Councillor McGinley urged that the repairs be done as soon as possible.

Resolved: That the roads department repair the cycle path as soon as possible and invite the safety consultant to the next meeting of the Celbridge area committee.

CE 09/1207

Verge and roundabout at Kilcock Road, Maynooth

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

That NUI, Maynooth be asked to cut the long grass on the new verge and roundabout at Kilcock Road, Maynooth.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that the roads and transport department can write to the University on behalf of the members if they wish. Councillor McGinley would like the roads department to write to NUI Maynooth.

Resolved: That the roads department write to NUI Maynooth and ask them to cut the grass on the new verge and roundabout at Kilcock Road, Maynooth.

CE 10/1207

Hiring Contractors

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

That the area committee be advised why it is necessary to hire contractors to fill pot holes in Maynooth.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that a systemic review of all aspects of the roads engineering areas / roads maintenance is currently being undertaken to ensure that the council can make optimum use of the decreasing resources available. Councillor McGinley expressed his concerns over contractors being hired to fill pot holes. It was agreed that a briefing would be given to members in relation to the review which is currently underway

Resolved: That the roads department arrange a briefing for the members.

CE 11/1207

The Grove, Abbey Farm, Celbridge

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

That the council examine the footpath beside house number (details supplied), The Grove, Abbey Farm, Celbridge which is in a bad condition due to subsidence with a view to having a repair carried out when finance becomes available.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 that the footpath at this location has been made safe and would be repaired as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CE 12/1207

Foothpath at Dara Court, Celbridge.

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

That the broken and cracked footpath on the left hand side at the entrance to Dara Court, Celbridge be repaired.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that this footpath would be repaired later in the year subject to funding.

The report was noted.

CE 13/1207

Installation of black steel bollards

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

That the possibility of installing black steel bollards on the footpath at the sharp bend up at the top of Celbridge be investigated to assist in keeping traffic off the footpath in the interest of safety to pedestrians.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming that this request would be examined by roads design, however, as this is very narrow footpath, installing bollards may not be possible. Councillor O'Rourke requested that arrangements would be made for him to meet the roads design team at the location.

Resolved: That arrangement is made for Councillor O'Rourke to meet the roads design team at the location in question.

CE 14/1207

Laurel Lane, Celbridge

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

That the surface on Laurel Lane, Celbridge be repaired as it has deteriorated as a result of the bad weather.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming that this work would be attended to as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CE 15/1207

Wall at Newtown Park, Leixlip

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

That the council repair the wall at house number (details supplied), Newtown Park, Leixlip which is in a dangerous condition.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that as this is the boundary wall of the houses in question it remains the householder's responsibility to carry out any repairs that are necessary. Councillor Purcell was not happy with the response and will clarify who owns the boundary wall and will bring the motion back to the area committee at a later stage.

The report was noted.

CE 16/1207

Maynooth pay parking bye laws

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

That ahead of the introduction of parking bye laws for Maynooth, the council hold a series of consultancy days in Maynooth to facilitate residents/businesses the opportunity to get clarification on any issues on the parking bye laws.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 advising that as the public consultation period is now over, it is not possible to re-open the public consultation process. It is advised that the members now consider the proposals as outlined in the submission report when it was brought before them. The pay parking bye-laws will be implemented as adopted by the elected members.

The report was noted.

CE 17/1207

Irish Rail

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

That we write to Irish Rail and ask them to have free parking on Sundays and bank holidays at stations in the area.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that if the committee are in agreement the roads and transport department can write to Irish Rail on

their behalf. The members agreed that the roads and transport department would write to Irish Rail.

Resolved: That the roads and transport department write to Irish Rail.

CE 18/1207

The shore between Riversdale and St Marys Park be repaired

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

That the defective shore that is leaking between Riversdale and St Marys Park entrances on Captins Hill be repaired.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming that the shore has been repaired.

The report was noted.

CE 19/1207

Cycle lanes on Mill Street and Main Street, Maynooth

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

When will the cycle lanes on Mill Street and Main Street, Maynooth, be re-painted?

Mr Hodgins outlined proposals for the cycle lanes on Mill Street and Main Street. Councillor McGinley expressed his concerns and hoped that funding could be found to re-paint the cycle lanes.

Resolved: That funding be found to re-paint the cycle lanes.

CE 20/1207

'No Entry' signs from Mill Street to Pound Street, Maynooth

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

When will the 'No Entry' signs from Mill Street to Pound Street, Maynooth, be put back in place?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 advising that this work has been delayed due to a review of all aspects of the roads engineering areas / roads maintenance.

The report was noted.

CE 21/1207

Pot holes at the entrance to Abbey Farm Estate, Celbridge

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

Can the council examine the pot holes at the entrance to Abbey Farm estate, Celbridge and a repair be carried out as soon as finance becomes available?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming that these potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CE 22/1207

Foothpath between Castlevillage Way and Castlevillage Place

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

Can the council contact the utility company who carried out remedial work on the path between Castlevillage Way and Castlevillage Place and ask if the path be returned to its original condition?

A report was received from the water department dated 18 July 2012 advising that the area was excavated to repair a leak. Once the work is complete the waterworks department will carry out the permanent reinstatement.

The report was noted.

CE 23/1207

Reinstate stop white line at the exit from Dara Court

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

Can the stop white line with the return to road centre be reinstated at the exit from Dara Court on to the Maynooth Road?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming that this item will be put on a list for attention in due course.

The report was noted.

CE 24/1207

Timber bollards at Killadoon Estate, Celbridge

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

Can the timber bollards be repaired\replaced in the grass verge opposite Killadoon estate, Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming that these bollards will be straightened as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CE 25/1207

Repair potholes in Abbeyfarm Estate, Celbridge

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

Can the potholes be repaired in Abbeyfarm estate, Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming that these potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

CE 26/1207

Public Lighting Repairs

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

Will the council provide a schedule to councillors indicating when public lighting repairs/inspections will be carried out area by area?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that a general schedule of work areas and normal days of work in the different areas can be provided to the members. However this is subject to change on a daily basis depending on faults reported.

Resolved: That the roads department prepare a schedule of work areas and normal days of work in the different areas for circulation to the members.

CE 27/1207

Lights (near Ryevale Tavern) Leixlip

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

Will the council take ownership of the four lights located along the road (near Ryevale Tavern) Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 confirming an inspection of the lighting in question will be carried out in the near future and a decision on ownership will then be taken.

The report was noted.

CE 28/1207

Extend the pay by text system for car parking

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

Will the council consider extending the pay by text system for car parking? This system is currently in operation at Louisa Bridge and Confey train stations, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that the council is not in a position to make any major capital outlays in respect of pay parking. It is

suggested that no changes be made for some time so that the pay parking system can be properly bedded in. Councillor Purcell asked for confirmation as to how much it would cost to implement this system. Ms Kavanagh agreed to find out how much the system will cost to implement.

Resolved: That Ms Kavanagh find out how much it would cost to implement the text system.

CE 29/1207

Parking review meeting in September

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

Will the parking review meeting in September be part of the area meeting agenda?

A report was received from the roads department dated 18 July 2012 stating that as the revised pay parking bye laws are only now being implemented, the roads and transport department would advise against any further changes to the pay parking regime in Celbridge or Leixlip for some time. The members agreed the parking review meeting in September would be part of the area meeting.

Resolved: to discuss parking review at September area committee meeting.

CE 30/1207

Finished and unfinished housing estates

Mr Hannigan and Mr Cunningham attended the meeting to present the report on finished and unfinished housing estates. Mr Hannigan reported that the building control section has divided estates into four different categories ranging from estates that have been finished and all required public infrastructure put in place to estates that are still under construction. The members congratulated Mr Hannigan and Mr Cunningham on the detailed report. The members made reference to some housing estates that were not listed in the report and asked that they also be taken in charge. Mr Hannigan outlined the procedures for taking estates in charge. The taking in charge process for estates throughout the county is ongoing and will be updated at regular intervals.

The report was noted.

CE 31/1207

Taking in charge of The Beeches, Straffan

On the proposal of Councillor McGinley and seconded by Councillor Griffin that the Beeches Straffan be taken in charge.

Resolved: That this item go forward to the September council meeting.

CE 32/1207

Apartments on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge

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

That the council give a report on the half completed apartments on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge which appear to be in a dangerous condition and if action under the derelict sites act can be taken in this case.

A report was received from the water services department dated 19 July 2012 stating that works have been carried out in accordance with the sanitary services act 1964 in order to render the site safe.

The report was noted.

CE 33/1207

Tree pruning at Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge

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

That tree pruning be carried out at the appropriate time at several locations in Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge as some of the overhead wires are in danger from this.

A report was received from the parks department dated 13 July 2012 stating the pruning of any trees in conflict with ESB wires will be discussed with the ESB and considered for inclusion in the 2012 tree pruning programme.

The report was noted.

CE 34/1207

Allotments at the Wonderful Barn

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

That the council offer an allotment at the Wonderful Barn to Leixlip for use by the students.

A report was received from the parks department dated 13 July 2012 confirming that the council could offer both colleges an allotment subject to confirmation as to the size required. If the colleges wish to contact the parks superintendent the matter can be discussed further. Councillor Purcell welcomed the news that an allotment could be offered to Coláiste Chairáin and Confey College.

The report was noted.

CE 35/1207

Trees at Cherrywood, Castletown

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

Can the council agree to examine the trees at house number (details supplied), Cherrywood, Castletown as the path has risen and is a hazard for pedestrians?

A report was received from the parks department dated 13 July 2012 confirming that an assessment will be carried out at this location and the tree would be added to the tree pruning programme 2012 if it requires removal.

The Report was noted.

CE 36/1207

Dumping of large amount of tyres

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

That the council considers ways and means by which it can prevent the indiscriminate dumping of large amount of tyres.

A report was received from the environment department dated 19 July 2012 stating that all businesses involved with the tyre industry are obliged to register either with the national agencies or alternatively with the local authority. The council will serve a notice under the waste management acts where proof has been established in relation to the dumping of tyres. Councillor Purcell would like to see enforcement take place where proof has been established and for cctv to be monitored on a regular basis.

Resolved: That the environment department enforce proceedings where proof has been established in relation to the dumping of tyres and that cctv be monitored on a regular basis.

CE 37/1207

Casual trading licences for the Celbridge area

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

Are there casual trading licences for the Celbridge area? If so, what are the rules and if not, what is the regulation in respect to casual in the area?

A report was received from the corporate services department dated 18 July 2012 stating that casual trading is regulated by the Casual Trading Act 1995, as amended. There are no bye-laws in place for casual trading within the Celbridge electoral area. The members raised concerns that there are no casual trading bye-laws for the Celbridge area, they were not happy that traders could just set up on the street. Ms Aspell explained that there are no bye laws in the Celbridge area and we can only take action under the planning code where trading is taking place on private property. Councillor O'Rourke suggested that if there were bye laws in place allowing traders to set up in a particular area in Celbridge, it might stop the traders setting up all over the Celbridge area. The members suggested that the item in question go back to the planning strategic policy committee for further consideration.

Resolved: That the planning spc further consider the situation of casual trading in the county.

CE 38/1207

Businesses storing large rubbish bins

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

What powers does the council have in getting businesses to stop using public space to store their large rubbish bins?

A report was received from the planning department dated 13 July and the environment department dated 19 July 2012 stating that if a business is in breach of a planning permission relating to storage of bins, this can be pursued by the Enforcement Section.

Refuse or recycling bins should only be placed in a public area for collection purposes only. The environment section will write to the owners of the bins regarding the matter. Councillor McGinley requested that all businesses be written to in relation to this matter outlining requirements for storing of rubbish bins.

Resolved: That the environment section write to the owners of bins reminding them of their obligations in relation to the storage of such bins, particularly in public areas.