

**Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting**

**Held on Friday, 19 October 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 and F O'Rourke

**Also Present:** Mr P Minnock (Area Director), Ms S Kavanagh (S.E.O.), Ms A Aspell (Meetings Administrator), Ms P Penny, and Ms C.Loughlin (Area Secretary)

**CE 01/1210**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 21 September 2012 together with the progress report.

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

**CE 02/1210**

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

**Weekend Street Cleaning**

Councillor McGinley raised concerns about the street cleaning arrangements for Maynooth. He is particularly concerned at the amount of litter being generated by take aways in the town and also the amount of grease accumulating on the footpaths outside these businesses.

The members are requesting that there be more stringent enforcement of the litter laws in Maynooth in an effort to alleviate some of the problems.

**Repairs at Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge**

The members were not satisfied with the report and asked for the works to be attended to.

**Directional signs at Barrogstown Road junction**

The members requested that area office remove the signs as soon as possible.

**Fliter light at the Glenroyal complex**

Traffic management staff are to arrange to meet Councillr McGinley on site to discuss the issue.

**Bicycle parking in Celbridge**

The members requested an update on the provision of cycle parking in Celbridge.

**Pay and display sign be removed at main street leixlip**

The members have asked for the sign to be removed from Main Street, Leixlip to an alternative location and a member of staff to meet Councillor Larkin on site.

**Leixlip Youth and Community Centre.**

The members are to be updated at the November meeting.

**Housing needs in Ardclough**

Councillor O'Rourke requested that the housing needs of the residents of Ardclough can be accommodated under the Rual Housing Policy.

**Gully at the perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth**

That the members be kept informed as soon as the gully is inspected.

**CE 03/1210**

**The extension of footpaths and cycle paths**

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillors Byrne and McGinley:

That the NTA be asked to fund the extension of footpaths and cycle paths from the Salesian College in Celbridge to the Straffan Road, Maynooth, in order to make it safer for those attending the Salesian College, Celbridge and the Gael Scoil and Educate Together Schools in Maynooth.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 stating that this request could be included in the suite of requests for the NTA for 2013. Councillor McGinley and Councillor Byrne asked that a good case be made to the NTA to fund the extension of footpaths and cycle paths in Maynooth to improve the safety in the area.

**Resolved:** That a case be made to the NTA to fund the extension of footpaths and cycle paths in Maynooth.

**CE 04/1210**

**Flexi bollards at Carton Court, Maynooth**

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

That flexi bollards, similar to those newly erected at the pedestrian crossing in Áras Chill Dara car park, be erected down the middle solid white line at the entrance to Carton Court, Maynooth, in order to prevent drivers doing U turns at the entrance to the estate.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 stating that the area office would consider flexi bollards to be a traffic hazard in this context. Councillor McGinley was not happy with the report and explained that the residents would help in the funding of the bollards. Councillor McGinley would like to see the flexi bollards erected as soon as possible to prevent serious accidents happening in the future.

**Resolved:** That the roads department liaise with the residents and erect the flexi bollards at Carton Court, Maynooth.

**CE 05/1210**

**Grass cutting be maintained on the link road, Celbridge/ Leixlip**

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

I note that the grass is cut/maintained by a contractor along the link road between the Celbridge/Leixlip interchange and Matt Goff Bridge. However furze bushes and briars are now growing half way across the footpath along the section between the interchange and the Kilmacraddock Roundabout. I request the council to advise the contractor to cut back these briars and furze.

A report was received from the parks department dated 18 October 2012 stating that the contractor would be requested to carry out this work. Councillor Griffin requested that the parks department to follow up with the contractor to carry out the work as soon as possible.

**Resolved:** That the parks department to follow up with the contractor to carry out the work as soon as possible.

**CE 06/1210**

**Footpath repair between Scoil Na Mainstreach and Shackleton Road**

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

That the section of footpath be repaired between Scoil Na Mainstreach and Shackleton Road as it is dangerous and this is a very heavily pedestrianised route by students and parents etc.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 confirming that this footpath would be repaired shortly.

The report was noted.

**CE 07/1210**

**Repairs to the Liffey Bridge Wall, Celbridge**

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

That the necessary repairs are carried out to the Liffey Bridge wall in Celbridge which was knocked during a recent accident.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 confirming that this matter was being dealt with at present.

The report was noted.

**CE 08/1210**

**Castletown Gates to Colourtend be included in the re-surfacing road works programme**

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

That the Maynooth Road from Castletown Gates to Colourtrend be included in the re-surfacing road works programme as sections of the surface is breaking up and deteriorating.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 confirming that this would be included in the next proposed three year plan for funding from the Department of Transport. Councillor O'Rourke welcomed the news that the re-surfacing work is included in the three year programme however, he requested that a complete over haul needs to be done along this stretch of the road to include footpath repairs.

**Resolved:** That a complete over haul is done along the Maynooth road from Castletown Gates to Colourtend to include footpath repairs.

**CE 09/1210**

**Footpath at Celbridge Abbey housing estate**

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

That the council dish the footpath to the left of house number 1, Celbridge Abbey housing estate, Celbridge, to allow for safe and ready access for mothers with buggies and also people in wheelchairs.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 stating that while it would be desirable to drop the kerbs at this location, there are also a number of other locations in this estate and at the entrance where this work also needs to be done. Unfortunately there was no funding in the roads maintenance budget for this work at present. Councillor Bryne was not happy with the report from the roads department and stated the work to the footpath needs to be done for health and safety reasons. Councillor Purcell asked for a costing to be done on this work.

**Resolved:** That the roads department prepare a costing on the work to this footpath to the left of house number 1, Celbridge Abbey.

**CE 10/1210**

**Overgrown bushes at the entrance to Wolstan Haven housing estate**

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

That the council cut back the overgrown bushes at the entrance to Wolstan Haven housing estate, Celbridge as it is extremely dangerous and very difficult to see oncoming traffic travelling right or left, along the Shackleton Road.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 18 October 2012 stating that the overgrown bushes should be cut back by the landowner / management company as this was their responsibility. Councillor Byrne was not happy with the report and asked for a review on the overgrown bushes which are extremely dangerous and causing obstruction to oncoming traffic

**Resolved:** That the roads department review the overgrown bushes which are extremely dangerous and causing obstruction to oncoming traffic.

**CE 11/1210**

**Car park at The Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip**

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

That the council alter the exit from the car park at The Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip in line with the councils response to previous motions on this matter.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 stating that the council has done the work that was required / committed to at this location. Councillor Purcell stated that further work needs to be carried out before a serious accident happens and all the members agreed. Councillor Purcell requested that a member of staff from the area office meet with the members at the location in question to discuss the issue.

**Resolved:** That a member of staff from the area office meets with the members at the location in question to discuss the issue.

### CE 12/1210

#### **Speed limit around schools in Celbridge Electoral Area**

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

That speed limits around schools in the area be examined and limits be put at 30 km/h and relative signage installed.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 October 2012 stating there is currently a review ongoing (at national level) of the legislation for special speed limits. It would seem prudent to await the outcome of the review unless there is a location that requires immediate attention. All members of the Celbridge area committee agreed that a lower speed limit of 30km/h be put in place around schools in the Celbridge electoral areas. This was proposed by Councillor Larkin and second by Councillor Purcell. Ms Aspell asked the committee to submit the schools they would like to be included to the roads and transportation department.

**Resolved:** That the area office reduce the speed limit to 30km/h around schools in all areas of the Celbridge electoral areas.

### CE 13/1210

#### **Improvement works at the corner of the Main Street, Celbridge**

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

That improvement works be carried out on the footpath at the corner of Main Street, Celbridge and Maynooth Road opposite Castletown gates outside the dry cleaners to improve pedestrian and road user safety.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 October 2012 stating that the roads design team can have a look at this location however works cannot progress without funding being identified. Councillor Larkin requested that a member of staff of the area office meets with him at this location to discuss the issue.

**Resolved:** That a member of staff of the area office meet with Councillor Larkin at this location to discuss.

**CE 14/1210**

**Pay parking signage in Leixlip and Celbridge**

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

That the pay parking signage be altered to reflect the current regime in Leixlip and Celbridge. A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 October 2012 stating that the current signage in Leixlip reflects the pay parking bye-laws as adopted by the members. The Celbridge signs cannot reflect the changes in the pay parking bye-laws at present, as the revised adopted pay parking bye-laws have not commenced, as the road markings for these bye-laws have not yet been put in place. Councillor Larkin requested that the signs be changed to reflect the current Byelaws. Ms Kavanagh explained that the signage has to reflect the byelaws as adopted.

**Resolved:** That the area office alter the signage to reflect the current Byelaws in Leixlip and Celbridge.

**CE 15/1210**

**Signs on the Shackleton Road**

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

Can the signs on the Shackleton Road be turned to face the oncoming traffic in the Straffan bound carriageway between Aghards Road Junction and Church Road\Newtown Road Junction?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 confirming that the signs have been turned. Councillor O'Rourke asked if anything could be done to secure the sign.

**Resolved:** To ask the roads department to secure the sign on the Shackleton Road.

**CE 16/1210**

**Flag stones in the footpath at Kildrought house**

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

Can the flag stones in the footpath in front of Kildrought House be repaired?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 confirming that the area office has carried out some repairs here recently and hope to do some more in the near future.

The report was noted.

**CE 17/1210**

**Trees in Cherrywood, Castletown, Celbridge**

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

To ask the council if they will examine the 3 trees in front of house (details supplied) Cherrywood, Castletown, Celbridge as the roots of same are growing through service manholes and have also raised the footpath in one area to date and if the committee could get a report on the action intended.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 18 October 2012 stating that the area office has examined these trees and found that one tree needs to be removed and the footpath repaired which would be attended to as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

**CE 18/1210**

**Road sweeper in the Celbridge electroal area**

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

Can the road sweeper be diverted to estates in the area over the next month to clear up leaves and avoid shores getting blocked up?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 18 October 2012 confirming that the road sweeper goes into housing estates when the approach roads to the towns are swept.

The report was noted.

**CE 19/1210**

**Clean up of Carton Avenue, Maynooth**

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

That a clean up of Carton Avenue, Maynooth be arranged so that pedestrians can continue to enjoy this important amenity.

A report was received from the parks department dated 17 October 2012 stating that it would not be possible to carry out a clean up at this location and the corresponding reduction in the parks section budget there is no funding available to carry out this work. Councillor Griffin was not happy with the report and asked that the clean up and a review of activity on Carton Avenue be done.

**Resolved:** That the parks department review the situation at Carton Avenue.



**CE 20/1210**

**Allotments in Leixlip schools**

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

That the council give an update on the offer by the council to provide 1 allotment each to the two post primary schools in Leixlip, namely Confey College and Colaiste Chairain

A report was received from the parks department dated 17 October 2012 confirming that discussions with the local secondary schools regarding the use of an allotment are ongoing at present. Councillor Purcell welcomed the news and asked for an update at the November meeting of the committee.

**Resolved:** That the parks department update the members at the November meeting of the committee.

**CE 21/1210**

**Procedure of housing applications**

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

Can the practice of returning complete housing applications to the applicant, when requesting information, cease forthwith?

A report was received from the housing department dated 18 October 2012 stating that the procedure in respect of housing applications has now changed and applicants are contacted initially by telephone where forms are not fully completed or documents are not provided. If the applicants do not return the information within 14 days, the application forms are then returned to the applicants.

The Report was noted.

**CE 22/1210**

**Surface water drain, Little Grove, Celbridge**

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

Can an update be given in relation to the non return valve that needs to be installed on the surface water drain from the Little Grove in Celbridge to the Liffey?

A report was received from the water department dated 18 October 2012 confirming that an appropriate valve type has been identified for the outfall to the River Liffey near the Little Grove Estate.

The report was noted.

**CE 23/1210**

**Stop Cock Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge**

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

To ask if the stop cock near houses (details supplied) Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge which is protruding from the ground be made safe.

A report was received from the water services department dated 11 October 2012 confirming that the waterworks staff have carried out the reinstatement works at this location.

The report was noted.

**CE 24/1210**

**Civic amenity site, Celbridge**

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

Can we have an update on the proposal to locate a civic amenity site in Celbridge?

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

Can we have an update on the recycling plant planned for the area?

A report was received from the environment department dated 17 October 2012 stating that the members would be aware that a site on the Maynooth Road was the subject of a Part VIII procedure. Issues relocating to the site continues to be assessed and addressed with a view to bringing a proposal back to the committee for consideration. Unfortunately there has been some delays in addressing these issues but a proposal is anticipated shortly. Any proposal will be presented to the members as soon as it becomes available. The members will be kept informed of progress.

The report was noted.

**CE 25/1210**

**Planning issues at Ardclough**

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

To ask the council to inform the area committee of the present status of the planning issues at Ardclough (new school) and in particular the status of the entrance and footpath leading from the school to the village and if there are any outstanding issues, that they be revealed before the school is due to open in January 2013.

A report was received from the water and planning department dated 18 October 2012 stating that the water services department has reported to the planning department that all conditions relating to water services have been complied with at Ardclough National School.

Condition 10 of planning permission 09/131 required the construction of a 3 metre wide footpath along the entire roadside frontage and connecting the school to the village of

Ardclough. The location and levels are required to be to the written satisfaction of the planning authority. The footpath has been installed and the transportation section has indicated that the development is in compliance with this condition. The issue of taking in charge of the area between the road and the footpath has yet to be resolved and would be addressed with the transportation section. Councillor Byrne asked if the area between the road and the footpath would be taken in charge by end of 2012.

**Resolved:** To ask the roads department if the area between the road and the footpath would be taken in charge by end of 2012.

**CE 26/1210**

**Staff present at the Celbridge area meeting**

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

That the council ensure that all relevant staff are present for the meetings of the Celbridge Area Committee.

Councillor Purcell requested that all relevant staff attend the area meetings.

**CE 27/1210**

**Celbridge area committee**

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

Can the Celbridge Area Committee be kept informed on future action taken on motions passed by the committee?

Councillor Purcell stated he would like to be informed on all motions passed at previous area meetings.

**Resolved:** The meeting administration agreed to request all departments to ensure that the area committee are updated on progress on matters that have previously been considered by the area committee.

**CE 28/1210**

**Councillor Weld**

Councillor Purcell and the members of the committee all extended their good wishes to Councillor Weld and his family and wished him a speedy recovery.

**CE29/1210**

**Vote of Sympathy**

Councillor Purcell and the members of the committee expressed their sympathy with Councillor Pdraig McEvoy on death of his mother and former Councillor Tony McEvoy on the death of his wife, Mrs Margaret McEvoy.

**CE30/1210**

**Celbridge area meetings**

The members resolved to change the date of the November meeting to Thursday 15 November at 10.00.a.m also the members resolved to change the date of the December meeting to Thursday 13 December at 10.00.a.m

The meeting concluded.