

Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting

Held on Thursday, 13 December 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

Members Present: Councillors K Byrne, S Griffin, A Larkin, and J McGinley

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

Apologies: Councillor C Purcell and Councillor F O'Rourke

Presentation to Mark Kenneally

All the members of the Celbridge area committee welcomed Mark to the area meeting and congratulated him on his performance on the London Olympics 2012. The Mayor Michael 'Spike' Nolan presented Mark with a gift to acknowledge his performance in the Olympics in London 2012 and congratulated Mark on the enjoyment he brought to the Irish people. The Manager also congratulated Mark.

CE 01/1212

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15 November 2012 together with the progress report.

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

CE 02/1212

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

Yellow grid box outside Murphys, Main Street, Leixlip

Councillor Larkin would like this item to be re-considered as it is causing the traffic too be backed up in the middle of the main street, Leixlip.

Footpath outside St Marys GAA Club

Councillor Larkin was not happy with the response and stated that it was the design of the footpath that is leading onto the ramps and asked that funding be sought for the area to make it safer for the pedestrians crossing.

Re-erected signage at Arthur Guinness Square, Leixlip

Councillor Larkin was not happy with the report and would like an alternative place to be found to re erect the sign.

Land reserved for social housing in Celbridge

Councillor Byrne queried the ownership of land reserved for social housing in Celbridge and has asked that the housing department check the mapping report given and he asked to be contacted in relation to the amount of land in council ownership.

Leixlip Youth Centre

Councillor Griffin would like an update on the issue of Leixlip youth Centre for the next meeting of the Celbridge area committee.

Tree pruning in Maynooth

Councillor McGinley would like a list of tree pruning taken place in the Maynooth area in 2013.

Street Litter

Councillor McGinley raised concerns about the amount of litter still being generated in Maynooth and has asked if a letter was sent to all the businesses regarding their obligations under the litter laws in Maynooth in an effort to alleviate the problem of litter.

Parson Street

That yellow lines be installed on right hand side opposite houses on college side in Maynooth.

CE 03/1212

National Roads Authority

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

That the National Roads Authority (NRA) be advised that we are totally opposed to the replacement of the M4 motorway junction on the Straffan Road with a new junction on the Kilcock Road west of Maynooth.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that this was a matter for the members. Councillor McGinley stated that there would be major implications for the people of Maynooth and significant cost involved. He would like the NRA to confirm what their intention was on the replacement of the M4 motorway new junction west of Maynooth.

Resolved: That the area office ask the NRA to confirm their intention on the replacement of the M4 motorway new junction west of Maynooth? And that the motion remain on the January agenda with the omission of the wording 'Kilcock Road'

CE 04/1212

Hand rail leading to the canal from Bond Bridge

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

That the hand rail on the steps leading to the canal from Bond Bridge be repaired as it is very unstable and dangerous for users.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that this was a matter for Waterways Ireland and that they will contact them in this regard. Councillor McGinley stated he would like an update on this matter as the hand rail was very unstable and dangerous and needs urgent attention. And he queried if this work was done as part of the Bond Bridge contract.

Resolved: That the area office updates Councillor McGinley urgently on the matter of the hand rail being unstable and dangerous.

CE 05/1212

Repair road on the Celbridge to Lucan Road

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

That the council repair the road at the bus stop on the Celbridge to Lucan Road at Donaghcomper Cemetery which is in a dangerous condition.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that there was no funding to carry out these repairs at present.

The report was noted.

CE 06/1212

Widening of bridge in Celbridge

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

In view of the traffic problems at the bridge in Celbridge and the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike, this committee seek to have the bridge widened and this project be included in the capital programme for 2013.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that this was a matter for the members.

The report was noted.

CE 07/1212

Signage projects

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

That this committee be informed of any signage projects and their locations prior to installation.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that the committee were informed in the context of the road works programme for 2012 that the regional road signposting programme was being carried out. However, it is not possible to consult with the elected members over the location of each sign. The area engineers would, of course, work with the elected members. Councillor Larkin stated that it was not acceptable that major signs were being put up around Lexlip and the members not being informed.

Resolved: That the area office inform the members by email before the signs are erected.

CE 08/1212

13th Lock Lane in Ardclough

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 13th Lock Lane in Ardclough is prioritised for repair and surfacing under the local improvements scheme or another funding stream as it was submitted to the council in 2005.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that the local improvement scheme was funded by a grant from Central Government. There was no funding provided under the Local Improvement Scheme in 2012 and indications are that no funding would be provided in 2013.

The report was noted.

CE 09/1212

Footpath extension from Lishandra to Wheatfield Lower

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

That a footpath extension from Lishandra to Wheatfield Lower (13th Lock Road approx.) in Ardclough be included in the list of projects for submission to the N.T.A. for funding in 2013. A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 confirming that the work has been agreed.

The report was noted.

CE 10/1212

Bus route 66

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

What progress has been made on extending the Route 66 bus to the Newtown Road, Maynooth?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that it was the Councils understanding that the NTA was waiting for a business case from Dublin Bus. Funding of the project could be discussed pending a successful outcome from the business case put forward. Councillor McGinley informed the committee that on the 20 July 2012 a Dublin bus representation attended the area committee meeting who informed the council that a business case had been made for the extension of the 66 Bus Route. Councillor McGinley would like follow up with the NTA and queried what the hold up is on extending the Route 66 bus.

Resolved: That the roads department ask the NTA what was the hold up on extending the 66 Bus Route.

CE 11/1212

Proposed parking bye-laws for Maynooth

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

When is the proposed parking bye-laws for Maynooth going on public display for the Lyreen area?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that a section 38 public consultation process has to be progressed in the New Year. Surveys were required before drawings could be prepared and the staff involved were already committed to completing other works before the year end.

The report was noted.

CE 12/1212

The footpath on New Road in Straffan

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

Can the council complete the footpath on New Road in Straffan for the safety of parents and children when funds become available?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 confirming that this could be considered if funding becomes available.

The report was noted.

CE 13/1212

Celbridge pay parking plan

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

When will the re-painting, plus other works, take place following the review of the Celbridge pay parking plan?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that these works would be carried out in early 2013.

The report was noted.

CE 14/1212

Estimate for repairs on ramps in, Celbridge

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

Could we have an estimate of what it would cost to repair all the defective ramps in the Celbridge area?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that to repair all the ramps in the Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth areas would cost in the region of €200,000. Councillor Larkin stated that the ramps in particular in Leixlip and Celbridge needed to be done if funding could be found to repair these ramps.

Resolved: That the area office identifies funding to repair the ramps in Leixlip and Maynooth.

CE 15/1212

Pot holes on the Maynooth Road

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

Can the pot holes on the Maynooth Road from the Castletown Gates to Colourtrend and in the footpath outside the Bank of Ireland in Celbridge be repaired?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that this was being attended to at present.

The report was noted.

CE 16/1212

Clean up from Aghards to Thornhill Heights towards Shackleton Road

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

Can the footpath together with the grass margin\planting on Aghards from Thornhill Heights towards Shackleton Road be cleaned up and swept?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that this work has been done.

The report was noted.

CE 17/1212

Footpath on Church Road

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

Can the footpath on Church Road from Scoil Na Mainstreach to St Patrick's Park be cleaned and swept?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that this works has been done.

The report was noted.

CE 18/1212

Rezoning of land for Maynooth

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

That the rezoning of the 0.9 ha adjacent to the M4 (beside Carton Court and opposite the bottom of Greenfield Drive for 31 housing units) from open space and amenity to housing be removed from the Proposed Draft Local Area Plan 2013 -2019 for Maynooth, as there is enough land zoned for housing without rezoning open space and amenity land. Councillor McGinley indicated that he was satisfied that this matter had been dealt with.

The report was noted.

CE 19/1212

Saint Patrick's Park, Celbridge

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

That this committee appreciates the work of the residents of Saint Patrick's Park, Celbridge in organising the coming home of emigrants for The Gathering celebrations in 2013.

Councillor Byrne congratulated the residents of Saint Patrick's Park, Celbridge in all the organising for the coming home of the emigrants for The Gathering Celebrations in 2013.

CE 20/1212

Sports grants

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

That we congratulate the recipients of the recently announced sports grants in the area of which over four hundred thousand euro was allocated.

A report was received from the parks department dated 12 December 2012 stating that a total of €1,156,100 in sports capital grants was awarded to various organisations across the county. Councillor Larkin would like to thank the Minster for the help with the sports grants and acknowledged that money is still been allocated to sports in the Kildare area. All the members of the Celbridge committee agreed with Councillor Larkin

The report was noted.

CE 21/1212

Fixyourstreet.ie for Kildare

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

Could we have a report on the Fixyourstreet.ie for Kildare as to what sort of volumes of enquiries are being generated and what is the response times back and also is there plans for an app for this service?

A report was received from the Corporate Services department dated 12 December 2012 stating that Kildare County Council launched Fix Your Street on 19 September, 2012. There is currently an app available that supports the Android mobile phone platform and it could be found in the Google play store. An iphone version would be available soon. The website itself www.fixyourstreet.ie is mobile enabled which gives a simple interface for viewing and reporting issues through the mobile phone web browser. To date Kildare County Council has received 101 reports. The reports come in through the Fix Your Street website to corporate services and are processed. Corporate Services updates the fix your street website to inform the public that the report has been forwarded to the relevant department (acknowledged within 2 working days). Each department will then investigate the incident and update Corporate Services of the outcome. Councillor Larkin would like to highlight the service of fixyourstreet.ie he asked that the public be encouraged to get involved. Councillor Larkin asked if the council was going to advertise fixyourstreet.ie to make the public aware of the service.

Resolved: That fixyourstreet.ie be advertised to make the public aware of the service.

Acknowledgement to Elish Murray

All the members of the Celbridge area committee and Mr Peter Minnock thanked Ms Murray for her service to the Council. They all acknowledged the work Ms Murray has done for the Celbridge area committee .They wished Ms Murray the very best of luck for the future. Ms Murray thanked the staff and the members for their kind words and wishes.

The meeting concluded.