

Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting

held on Thursday, 21 February 2013 at 10.15 a.m.

in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

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

Also Present: Mr G Perry (Senior Executive Officer), Ms S Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Deans (Area Engineer), Ms P Penny (Assistant Staff Officer), Ms E Doyle (Acting Meetings Administrator) and Ms C Loughlin (Area Secretary)

CE 01/1302

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2013 together with the progress report.

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

CE 02/1302

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

Bus Route 66

The members requested that the traffic management team be available to attend the next area meeting to discuss this item and that Dublin Bus also be contacted.

Bus shelter Clane Road, Celbridge

Councillor O'Rourke requested that the area office reinstates the sheets of glass/Perspex at the bus shelter to protect the public.

Speed ramp at Easton Road

Councillor Larkin requested that the area office prepare a costing on the ramp.

National Roads Authority (m4 motorway junction on the Straffan Road)

The members were disappointed with the report and asked that the planning file 09/1041 be investigated particularly correspondence from the NRA, in relation to this matter and if the members could have a copy of the correspondence.

Calming ramps on the Dunboyne road

Councillor McGinley requested that the roads department write to the developer asking him to repair the ramps.

Sponsorship advertisements on Litter bins

That the members be updated on this item.

Overhead wires Main Street, Celbridge

Mr George Perry informed the members that the application for funding had been submitted to Leader. The members requested that the committee be informed when the meeting would take place and how the process works.

Parson Street

Councillor McGinley requested double yellow lines be put in place.

CE 03/1302

Declaration of a public road

Roads Act 1993 – Section 11

The members were presented with a report on this item recommending the declaration of a public road as follows:

- Stacumney, Celbridge, Co. Kildare,
- Loughlinstown (Hazelhatch), Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Griffin that the declaration of the public road go forward to full council.

CE 04/1302

Construct a footpath from the Celbridge Road to Laurence Avenue

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

That a footpath be constructed from the Celbridge Road to Laurence Avenue (9m in length) at the junction in order to make it safer for the school children attending the Gael Scoil and Educate Together School.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that the area office agrees, in principle, with the sentiment of the request. However, the selection of the optimum location for the footpath requires further thought. The area office would revert with a plan to the committee. Councillor McGinley requested that the area office construct the footpath in order to make it safer for the children attending the schools.

Resolved: That the area office reverts to the committee with a plan in order to make the junction safer.

CE 05/1302

Public Light opposite the Band Hall at Bartons

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

That the public light that was removed from opposite the Band Hall at Bartons, Pound Lane, Maynooth, be replaced without any further delay, in the interest of public safety.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that as this light was mounted on an ESB pole the council was currently liaising with the ESB to ascertain the reason for its removal and the possible replacement of same.

The report was noted.

CE 06/1302

Traffic management plan for the Celbridge area

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

That the council carry out a traffic management plan for the area covering the junctions around the Hazelhatch Road/Ardclough Road/Lucan Road, Celbridge and at the same time address the issues being created by the inadequate Liffey Bridge which is in need of a total adjustment similar to the work carried out on the Liffey Bridge in Newbridge.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that there was a long history of attempts to solve the traffic management issue at this junction. It should be noted that the National Transport Authority has confirmed a funding allocation for 2013 for the council to progress a feasibility and options report for crossing the River Liffey. The junctions adjacent to the existing bridge would be included in this report. Councillor Griffin stated how dangerous the junctions have become in the Celbridge area and that the Liffey Bridge needs to be replaced. The members agreed. The committee requested that the traffic management team be available to attend the next area meeting to brief the members on this item.

Resolved: That the traffic management team be available to attend the next area meeting to brief the members on the traffic management plan for the Celbridge area including works on the Liffey Bridge.

CE 07/1302

Mechanical sweeper

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

That the council purchase a mechanical sweeper to clean the footpaths of Maynooth.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this issue was examined in detail in the past. The area office has no plans to purchase a mechanical sweeper for Maynooth at this time. Councillor Griffin was disappointed with the report and requested the area office to re-consider the decision Councillor McGinley agreed.

Resolved: That the area office re-consider the purchase of the mechanical sweeper for the Maynooth area.

CE 08/1302

Footpath repair at Dara Court Estate, Celbridge

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

That the council repair the footpath where it has been damaged by HGV's at the entrance to Dara Court estate, Celbridge when finance becomes available as it is in a dangerous condition.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 confirming that this work was listed for attention in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CE 09/1302

Dublin Road side of the Liffey Bridge

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

That the area on the Dublin Road side of the Liffey Bridge, Celbridge that has recently subsided be repaired as soon as possible.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this work has been identified for attention and the area office hope to address it in the next ten days.

The report was noted.

CE 10/1302

Storm drains at Large Grove estate, Celbridge

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

That the storm drains in the Large Grove housing estate, Celbridge be cleaned and in particular outside house 69 where ponding occurs regularly.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 confirming that the area office was unaware of the problem at this estate. The overseer would be asked to investigate the matter further. Councillor Byrne requested an update on the outcome of the investigation.

Resolved: That the area office reports at the next Celbridge area meeting on the outcome of the investigation.

CE 11/1302

Road surface on the Lucan Road, Celbridge

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

That the road surface on the Lucan Road opposite the Abbey Lodge in Celbridge be repaired as it is deteriorating very badly and this section of road be included in the surfacing maintenance programme.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this work has been identified for attention and the area office hope to address it in the next ten days.

The report was noted.

CE 12/1302

Yellow box opposite the entrance to Dara Court

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

That a yellow box be installed on the Maynooth Road opposite the entrance to Dara Court to assist with traffic safety when exiting the estate.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this section of road is due to be overlaid in 2014. When this work was completed the area office would review the requirement for all yellow boxes along the road. Councillor O'Rourke requested that the yellow lines be installed as soon as possible for the safety of traffic exiting the estate.

Resolved: That the area office install yellow lines at the entrance to Dara Court as soon as possible.

CE 13/1302

Survey along the Main Street Celbridge

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

That an inspection/survey be carried out all along the Main Street in Celbridge to identify the various sign poles which are redundant and the ones which need repairs carried out, this will assist the ongoing works to enhance the appearance of the street scape.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 confirming that this study would be done in conjunction with a review of Celbridge pay parking signage. Redundant poles would be removed. Work would commence in the coming months

The report was noted.

CE 14/1302

Ponding on the Maynooth Road

The members considered the following adjourned question in the name of Councillor Larkin:

That the serious ponding on Maynooth Road at Pikes Bridge opposite Carton House main entrance be resolved as a matter of urgency.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this issue has been recorded by the overseer and he intends to address this matter in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CE 15/1302

Cycle path from Beech Park to Castletown estate entrance on Greenlane

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

That the council produce a design for the continuation of the cycle path that runs from Beech Park to Castletown estate entrance on Greenlane side, to continue past the three primary schools Scoil Eoin Phoill, Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Bhríde on to Scoil UI Dhailaig and past Colaiste Chiarán to join the cycle lane outside the entrance to the Wonderful Barn on Celbridge Road.

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that the National Transport Authority has made a funding allocation available for 2013 to cover the production of designs for cycle tracks include in their GDA Strategic Cycle Network. It is therefore premature to agree a new cycle track, however, the location mentioned would inform the process in this area.

The report was noted.

CE 16/1302

Monitoring bridges

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

That the council indicate ways and means of monitoring bridges which carry weight restrictions in the interest of public safety.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this issue was normally policed by the Gardai. The area office can contact them directly and ask them to schedule routine inspections / checkpoints. Ms Kavanagh explained to the members that the council do not have the authority to stop any driver over the weight restrictions that the gardai have an obligation to enforce. Councillor Purcell requested the roads department write to the Minister for Transport or the Garda Commissioner.

Resolved: That the roads department write to the Minister for Transport or the Garda Commissioner to enforce the weight restrictions.

CE 17/1302

Resurface Silleachain Lane, Leixlip

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

That this council would resurface Silleachain Lane, Leixlip from Mill Lane to St. Mary's Park.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that the application was made to the NTA for funding for this work. The area office was awaiting the outcome of this application before commenting further. The members requested a report on the outcome of the application made to the NTA.

Resolved: That the members are updated on the outcome of the application made to the NTA.

CE 18/1302

Disruption of traffic through Kellystown Lane, Leixlip

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

In view of the continued disruption of traffic through Kellystown Lane, Leixlip has the council established the following;

The state of the bridge

The likely duration of the closure

The likely date for the completion of the required works

The projected cost of the project

Who is providing the finance for the completion of this project

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that the area office has carried out a lot of work on this issue and has had meetings with contractors, designers, national parks and wildlife services, landowners and fisheries. The area office would hope to bring more clarity to the situation in the very near future. At this stage, the earliest possible opening date for the road would be early April. The road closure through Moyglare by Meath County Council has now been completed. Councillor Griffin requested clarity on who was providing the finance for the completion of this project. **Resolved:** That the area office clarifies who was providing the finance for the completion of this project.

CE 19/1302

Ponding at Maynooth Road, Celbridge

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

Can the area engineer examine the reason for the ponding at 240 Maynooth Road, Celbridge during recent heavy rain?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that the area office would ask the overseer to examine this issue as soon as possible. The report was noted.

CE 20/1302

Traffic lights at Young's Cross, Dublin Road, Celbridge

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

Can the traffic lights at Young's Cross, Dublin Road, Celbridge be examined with a view to relieving the long tailbacks on the main route there?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this issue was being examined by the traffic management section. The report was noted.

CE 21/1302

Bollards at Springfield House/ Saint Wolstans Secondary School

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

Can wooden bollards to prevent roadside parking and damage to the road verge in front of Springfield House and across from Saint Wolstans Secondary School be put in place when finance becomes available?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that the area office agrees that the current situation was unsatisfactory and would

seek to implement measures over the coming months to reduce illegal parking. Councillor Byrne requested to meet the area engineer at this location.

Resolved: That the area engineer arranges to meet Councillor Byrne to discuss erecting wooden bollards at this location.

CE 22/1302

Potholes in Kings Archway, Celbridge

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

Can the potholes in the parking bays in Kings Archway, Celbridge opposite Coonan's be repaired?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 confirming that this work was scheduled for attention in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CE 23/1302

Liffey Bridge in Celbridge

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

When will the works commence on repairing the Liffey Bridge in Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 confirming that tenders have been returned to carry out this work and the area office hope to get the work done in the coming weeks. Councillor O'Rourke asked when the work would commence. The area engineer confirmed that the work was expected to start next week.

The report was noted.

CE 24/1302

Road surface on the M4 Leixlip

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

What is the lifespan of the road surface on the M4 from Leixlip East exit to Leixlip West exit?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that this HRA (Hot rolled Asphalt) surface was laid in the mid nineties and would have been considered then to have had a nominal 20 year life span. Councillor Larkin stated that the noise pollution in the Leixlip East exit to Leixlip West exit was very loud and that the road surface on the M4 between the two exits needed to be upgraded.

Resolved: That the road surface between Leixlip East exit to Leixlip West exit needs to be upgraded.

CE 25/1302

Disc parking in Celbridge/Leixlip

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

With the changeover from disc parking in Celbridge/Leixlip, how come there is an increase of 20% in the charge per hour in some areas?

A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 19 February 2013 stating that the adoption of the pay parking bye laws was a matter for the members. The roads department then implement the bye laws as adopted. A full schedule of charges was before the members, and adopted and then rolled out. In relation to the 20% charge, the members would recall that in July 2010 a change in legislation was introduced whereby Local Authorities were obliged to charge VAT on parking rates in public off street car parks. The report was noted.

CE 26/1302

Displaying of disc

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

If a disc is purchased from a machine in one part of the town and there is time left on the ticket, can you move to another part of the town and use the ticket?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that each machine gives a pay and display ticket with the street name, time of purchase, time of expiry and the amount paid. When a member of the public purchases a pay and display ticket in a particular street, that ticket should only be used for that location. The report was noted.

CE 27/1302

Local Improvement Scheme for Distillery Lane

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

Would it be possible to put in place the Local Improvement Scheme for Distillery Lane, on the Confey side of Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that there was currently no separate funding allocation for Local Improvement Schemes.

The report was noted.

CE 28/1302

Local Improvement Scheme for Parsonstown Lane

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

Would it be possible to put in place the Local Improvement Scheme for Parsonstown Lane at the new bridge, Leixlip/Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 February 2013 stating that there was currently no separate funding allocation for Local Improvement Schemes.

The report was noted.

CE 29/1302

Waterways Ireland to remove trees in Celbridge

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

That the council request Waterways Ireland to remove the four fallen trees from the Millrace at Templemills, Celbridge and further that the 30 metre high trees on the island be removed or dramatically reduced in height.

A report was received from the parks department dated 15 February 2013 stating that Waterways Ireland are only responsible for the maintenance of the Royal and Grand canals. The trees in question appear to be on land that was privately owned and consequently any work required to them was a matter for the land owner. The removal of the fallen trees would be examined in conjunction with the water services department to see if they accessed safely and removed.

The report was noted.

CE 30/1302

Waterways Ireland to remove trees in Maynooth

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

That Waterways Ireland be requested to remove the tree from the Lyreen River (beside Pound Park, Maynooth).

A report was received from the parks department dated 15 February 2013 stating that this tree would be examined in conjunction with water services with regard to removing it.

The report was noted.

CE 31/1302

Tree pruning programme for Maynooth

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

That the area committee be given the tree pruning programme for Maynooth.

A report was received from the environment department dated 15 February 2013 stating that the tree pruning report for Maynooth has been circulated to all members of the area committee by email.

The report was noted.

CE 32/1302

Carton House

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

That the council co-ordinate with Carton House in order to maximise the potential benefits of having the Irish Golf Open in the county.

The members all expressed their interests in the Irish Golf Open coming to Carton House.

They stated that the entrance to Carton House needs to be up graded, the bollards in Maynooth need to be re-painted, renewing the lining of the street in Maynooth and that the second half of the re-surfacing of the road in maynooth be done before the Irish Open comes to Maynooth. All members were in agreement.

Resolved: That the following works are put in place before the Irish Open comes to Carton House : The entrance to Carton House be upgraded, the bollards in Maynooth be re-painted, re newing the lining of the street in Maynooth and that the second half of the re-surfacing of the road in Maynooth be re-surfaced.

CE 33/1302

Remove rubbish at Main Street/Buckleys Lane, Maynooth

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

That premises (name supplied) at Main Street/Buckleys Lane, Maynooth, be asked to remove the accumulated rubbish that they have dumped behind Maynooth Barbers at Buckley's Lane and that whoever is responsible for the foul water coming from behind the Maynooth Barbers onto Buckleys Lane and Main Street be asked to put a stop to it forthwith. A report was received from the environment department dated 20 February 2013 stating that the owner of the premises has been approached and has agreed to remove the rubbish. This would be checked to ensure compliance. The matter regarding the foul water was also being investigated and the members would be kept informed of progress.

The report was noted.

CE 34/1302

Sewerage treatment plant in Leixlip

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

That we receive an actual start date for the augmentation to the sewerage treatment plant in Leixlip including all safety measures for Mill Lane residents and pedestrians who use Black Avenue and St. Catherine's Park, Leixlip as an amenity.

A report was received from the water department dated 20 February 2013 stating the actual contract start date has not been finalised. However, it was currently envisaged that the contract would be signed in April and that works would start soon thereafter.

The report was noted.

CE 35/1302

Recycling of electrical goods

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

In view of the success of the recycling of electrical goods could we be informed as to what happens to the recycled goods?

A report was received from the environment department dated 20 February 2013 outlining a breakdown of the percentage of recycled electrical appliances and batteries including exported appliances.

The report was noted.

CE 36/1302

Taking in charge housing estates

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

What is the current position with the taking in charge of the following housing estates in Maynooth;

- Meadowbrook
- Silken Vale and the Arches
- Castle Dawson
- Leinster Park?

A report was received from the development control department dated 18 February 2013 outlining the recommended taking in charge of all three estates and the current position of each estate. Councillor McGinley asked when a meeting would take place to take Castle Dawson in Charge and what the current status of Leinster Park was.

Resolved: The members asked the development control department when a meeting would take place to take Castle Dawson in Charge and what was the current status of Leinster Park.

The meeting concluded.