

**Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting
held on Friday, 15 March 2013 at 10.00 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 P Minnock (Area Manager), Ms S Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Penny (Assistant Staff Officer), Ms A Aspell (Meetings Administrator) and Ms C Loughlin (Area Secretary)

CE 01/1303

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2013 together with the progress report.

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

CE 02/1303

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

Bus Route 66

That the members be updated on when the works are going to commence on the extension to Bus route 66.

Bus shelter Clane Road, Celbridge

That the members be updated on when the works are going to commence.

Traffic management plan for the Celbridge area

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

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

That the members be given a copy of the correspondence from the NRA in relation to this matter and the members recommended the existing link should remain the same with a proper roundabout to be put in place.

CE 03/1303

Repairs to road surface, Coarsemoor, Straffan

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

That repairs be carried out to the concrete road surface in Coarsemoor, Straffan opposite house number (details supplied).

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that the area office would list these works for construction in the future.

The report was noted.

CE 04/1303

Yellow box on the Shackleton Road

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

That an update is given on when a yellow box will be installed on the Shackleton Road at the junction of Aghards Road to assist with traffic movement and safety when exiting and entering the Aghards Road.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that this road was due for upgrade this year and the yellow box would be addressed along with this work.

The report was noted.

CE 05/1303

Safety railings at the Shackleton Road/Clane

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

That the safety railings be repaired and straightened which are located at the Shackleton Road\Clane Road Junction.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that the area office would list this work to be addressed in future work schedules.

The report was noted.

CE 06/1303

Place name sign opposite Carton House

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

That a place name sign be erected opposite Carton House entrance on the Leixlip/Maynooth Road to indicate towns and distance?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that directional signage on this regional road has been erected in line with national guidelines. It would be appropriate for Carton estate to erect private directional signage (brown in colour) just inside their own gate. The members were disappointed with the report and requested that the area office erect a pole on the road to indicate the near towns and distance to promote the local areas.

Resolved: That the area office erects a pole on the road to indicate the near towns and distance.

CE 07/1303

Overgrown green section on the Celbridge road, Maynooth

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

That the 10m overgrown green section at the bus stops on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, opposite house number (details supplied), Laurence Avenue be made into a footpath in the interest of public safety.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that it was an aspiration of the area office to construct footpaths on the two short sections of grass verge between Laurence Avenue bus stops and the Maxol garage so that people from this estate can walk safely, directly to the traffic lights on the Straffan road. Councillor McGinley requested that the area office review the 10m overgrown green section at the bus stops on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth. That the area be made into a footpath in the interest of public safety.

Resolved: That the area office review the 10m overgrown green section at the bus stops on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth and that the area be made into a footpath in the interest of public safety.

CE 08/1303

Traffic flow in Leixlip Town

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

That the council improve traffic flow in Leixlip Town.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that the improvements to the traffic signals at the Captain's Hill and Main Street have been completed recently. Improved facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists have been incorporated into the design. Councillor Purcell was disappointed and stated that there was no great improvement to the area. Ms Kavanagh informed the

members that a significant investment has been made at the signals and these have been set to run efficiently and effectively depending on the level of traffic approaching from all directions. The traffic from Dublin is shown a 5-aspect signal head facing them. When straight through traffic was shown a green light, there was now no red light shown. This improves the efficiency of the lights significantly. However, motorists were staying behind the stop line coming from Dublin and waiting for a green arrow, but they are free to enter the junction and turn in the gaps (there is a detector/sensor "within" the junction), similar to the junction at Aras Chill Dara and the Newbridge Road.

The report was noted.

CE 09/1303

Resurface road, St Mary's Park, Leixlip

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

That the council resurface the road leading out from St. Mary's Park, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that the area office would repair potholes on this road in coming weeks but there was no plans to resurface the road in the near future.

The report was noted.

CE 10/1303

Funding for widening of the bridge at Cope Bridge, Leixlip

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

That the council seek the removal of temporary traffic lights at Cope Bridge, Leixlip and request the NTA to provide funding for the widening of the bridge.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that the shuttle working traffic signals at this location are a permanent installation. There was no funding for undertaking any works at this location. Councillor Purcell was disappointed with the report and requested that the area office find a solution and that the area office contacts the NTA for funding for the widening of the bridge in the interest of safety to the public.

Resolved: That the area office finds a solution for the removal of the traffic lights and requested that the area office contacts the NTA for funding for the widening of the bridge.

CE 11/1303

Repair to footpath at Celbridge House, Maynooth

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

That the council repair the footpath at Celbridge House on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge, which is in a dangerous state, when funds become available.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that the area office would examine this footpath in the coming weeks and would report back to the councillor.

The report was noted.

CE 12/1303

Bollards at Straffan

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

That this council straighten the bollards on the main thoroughfare and replace the missing bollard at Straffan.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that the area office met with the Tidy Towns representatives of Straffan and this issue was listed as a top priority.

The report was noted.

CE 13/1303

Traffic lights at the GAA club, Celbridge

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

That the lights at the GAA club on the Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge be checked to see if the sequencing is correct.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that this issue would be investigated. Councillor Byrne requested an update on the lights at the GAA club Celbridge.

Resolved: That the area office reports on this matter as soon as the lights at the GAA Club are checked to see if the sequence are correct.

CE 14/1303

Repairs to the ramp at Aghards Road

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

When will the repairs be carried out to the ramp on Aghards Road at the junction of Maynooth Road?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that an NTA grant for the removal, resurfacing and signalisation of this junction has been received. The area office would commence the procurement process to appoint a contractor in the coming weeks with the intention of completing the works during the summer.

The report was noted.

CE 15/1303

Grass cutting programme

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

Can Maynooth/Leixlip Road between Intel and Carton House be included on the grass cutting programme?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that in light of the upcoming event in Carton house in June, the area office would cut the verges between Carton and Intel.

The report was noted.

CE 16/1303

Pedestrian crossing at the boy's school, Maynooth

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

Can the ramp outside the pedestrian entrance to the Boys School, Maynooth, be made an official pedestrian crossing as children think that it is one and cars do not stop?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 19 March 2013 stating that this ramp at the school was primarily a traffic calming feature. There would appear to be little pedestrian desire lines to cross the road at this location. However, the issue would be investigated by the traffic management section. Councillor McGinley stated that the area engineer could talk to the school principal on the issue of making the pedestrian crossing an official crossing.

Resolved: That the area engineer arranges to meet the school principal to discuss the pedestrian crossing at the Boys School, Maynooth.

CE 17/1303

Signage to Intel and Hewlett Packard

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

Will the council provide signage to Intel and Hewlett Packard in and around Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that the area office would further examine this proposal and investigate if it meets signage guidelines. Councillor Purcell requested that the area office considerer providing signage to Intel and Hewlett Packard.

Resolved: That the area office provide signage to Intel and Hewlett Packard, Leixlip.

CE 18/1303

Exit from the Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip

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

Will the council improve the exit from the Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that the report on this matter would be prepared for the April meeting.

Resolved: That the area office updates the members at the April committee meeting

CE 19/1303

Footpath at Primrose Hill, Celbridge

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

Can the council check if the footpath at house number (details supplied), Primrose Hill is in need of repair?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 13 March 2013 stating that the area office would investigate this issue.

Councillor Byrne requested that the area office update him at the next committee meeting.

Resolved: That the area office updates Councillor Byrne at the April committee meeting.

CE 20/1303

Water butts, Maynooth Depot

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

That the council re-visit its decision on water butts bought on-line not being available for collection at the Maynooth Depot.

A report was received from the water services department dated 13 March 2013 stating that water services have investigated the possibility of storing the water butts in the roads area depot in Maynooth. Unfortunately, the area depot has indicated that it was not feasible to store/ dispatch the water butts from that location. Councillor McGinley disagreed with the report and stated that there was a lot of empty space in the Maynooth depot and that the water services department re-considerer the storing of the water butts. Councillor Larkin suggested that if the water butts are bought and paid for that they can be collected at the Maynooth depot and all members were in agreement.

Resolved: That the water services department re-considerer the storing of the water butts and if the water butts are bought and paid for that they can be collected at the Maynooth depot.

CE 21/1303

Derelict sites, Maynooth

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

That Buckley House and the house at (details supplied), Main Street, Maynooth be treated as derelict sites.

A report was received from the environment department dated 13 March 2013 stating that both locations would be examined and a report would issue. The members would be kept informed. Councillor McGinley requested that something be done to make the area more presentable and that the houses need to be tidied up and requested a follow up on the two sites.

Resolved: That the environment department tidy up Buckley House and the house at Main Street, Maynooth.

CE 22/1303

Air quality results for Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth

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

Will the council seek to provide air quality results for the towns of Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth?

A report was received from the environment department dated 13 March 2013 confirming that following the introduction of the directive "Clean Air For Europe" on 21 May 2008, the EPA has carried out all national testing and target 25 Zone C towns as well as cities and rural industrial (Aughenish). In 2012 Celbridge was monitored. The assessment of air quality in Celbridge was carried out from the 12 July 2010 to 10 April 2011. No limit values were exceeded during the measurement period. Councillor Purcell queried if there were air quality results for Leixlip and Maynooth area and if possible that the members be presented with the results at least once a year.

Resolved: That the environment department provide air quality results for Leixlip and Maynooth area and present the members at least once a year with air quality results.

CE 23/1303

Any Other Business

Underground water leak

Councillor Byrne raised concerns on an underground water leak on the Maynooth Road and requested that the water services department investigate the leak.

Backyard burning, Leixlip

Councillor Purcell raised concerns over a backyard burning that took place in Leixlip and requested that the environment department investigate the issue and contact Councillor Purcell for information in relation to this item.

Smokeless fuel in Celbridge

The members raised concerns over smokeless fuel in Celbridge area and requested that a representation be made on the restriction of selling fuel and would like to see the ban of using non smokeless fuel extended to include Leixlip and Maynooth.

The Meeting concluded