

**Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting
held on Thursday, 18 April 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 G Perry (Acting/Area Director), Mr J Deane (Area Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Executive Engineer), (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 15 March 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 02/1304

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

Extension to Bus Route 66

Councillor McGinley raised concern over the extension to Bus Route 66 and would like to be assured that the funding will not be lost for this project.

Traffic management plan for the Celbridge area

The members discussed the traffic management plan for Celbridge in detail. They were focused on the bridge in Celbridge and discussed how dangerous the bridge was to the public. The members were all in agreement that a new bridge was needed, similar bridge to the one in Newbridge. A feasibility report is expected in time.

Water butts, Maynooth Depot

The members were disappointed with the report which stated that for stock control purposes, collection of the water butts cannot be offered from another site other than the waterworks department in Newbridge. The members requested that senior management take authority and organise a collection point for the north of the county.

Smokeless fuel in Celbridge

Councillor McGinley requested the environment department to clarify if the population has to be over 15,000 people to be included in the national list of smokeless fuel zones.

CE 03/1304

Pay Parking

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley :
That the pay parking proposals agreed in October 2012 for the Lyreen area be circulated to the houses there so that the approval of the Maynooth Pay Parking By-Laws can proceed without any further delay.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that drawings would be circulated to the members at the area meeting for approval and extra drawings can be made available for the residents when the members have approved the proposal. A public consultation process will also be commenced with information being made available in the local papers and on the councils website.

The report was noted.

CE 04/1304

Ponding of water in Straffan Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne:
That the constant ponding of water in front of (details supplied) in Straffan Village, which is two metres from a storm drain grid, be drained to that point and that it be done before the judging of the tidy towns competition.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that this situation was more involved than it may seem as it appears that an additional gully and connection to the surface water pipeline was required. The area office intends to take levels at this location next week and decide on the best course of action.

The report was noted.

CE 05/1304

Footpath between Straffan National School and Barton Grange

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

That the matter of the provision of a footpath between Straffan National School and Barton Grange housing estate, which has already been referred to the roads design section, be fast tracked as the situation is extremely dangerous for children who have to walk from the school to their homes in the Barton Grange housing estate, Straffan.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that there are two missing sections of footpath that were conditioned to be built as part of the planning permission. The area office would carry out further investigations into the possibility of these works being completed, as conditioned, by the developers, before the area office commit council resources to these works.

The report was noted.

CE 06/1304

Traffic survey and speeding at Loughlinstown Road, Celbridge

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

That a traffic survey be carried out on the Loughlinstown Road in Celbridge so that it can be determined if there is an issue with speeding, as residents have raised concerns due to recent incidents.

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

That we seek assistance from the Garda authorities in order to eliminate speeding along the Loughlinstown Road (linking Elm Hall to Hazelhatch railway station) (similar problem arises along the road from Ballygoran Cross and Pike Bridge).

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that a traffic survey will be arranged to determine if there is an issue with speeding at the location. Councillor Griffin stated that the Gardai might be in a position to help out with a solution that would make this road safer for drivers. The members await the outcome of the survey.

Resolved: That the area office informs the members of the results of the survey and to contact the Gardai in relation to this matter.

CE 07/1304

Traffic lights at Shackelton/Church Road ,Celbridge

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

That the sequencing of the traffic lights at the Shackelton\Church Road Junction in Celbridge be assessed to see if they can be programmed to give additional time on green to the traffic

coming from Straffan\Clane direction, so they can make a right turn safely while the traffic coming in the opposite direction has a red signal.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that this issue has been placed on the list of possible amendments to traffic signals in County Kildare. The committee would be informed of the outcome of the investigation. The report was noted.

CE 08/1304

Sign on Aghards Road, Celbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:
That a sign with the road name be erected on Aghards Road, Celbridge at both ends.
A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that the area office would arrange for this sign to be erected.
The report was noted.

CE 09/1304

Anti-social behaviour, Maynooth

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Griffin:
In order to eliminate anti-social behaviour occurring at the steps leading to the rear of some houses in Castlebridge, Maynooth, residents are requesting that the steps be removed and that the opening be closed.
A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that the area engineer could talk to Councillor Griffin about this issue after the meeting.
The report was noted.

CE 10/1304

Electronic speed sign

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Larkin :
That an electronic speed sign be installed on Easton Road between Beech Park entrance and the roundabout from the motorway exit.
A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that the area office was carrying out a review of the effectiveness of this type of electronic sign as the first sets were erected on a trial basis. The area office would revert to Councillor Larkin when the review has been completed.
The report was noted.

CE 11/1304

Yellow lines at Glendale

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

That yellow lines be installed/reinstated from the light pole outside number (details supplied) Glendale to the light pole outside number (details supplied) Glendale to increase safety at the junction.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that a Section 38 consultation process should be carried out prior to the installation of yellow lines. This means that the proposal should be advertised and agreed with the Gardai. The exact location of the proposed yellow lines should be submitted to the roads design section. Councillor Larkin requested that the area office carry out a Section 38 consultation process.

Resolved: That the area office contacts Councillor Larkin in relation to the exact location of the proposed yellow lines and carry out a Section 38 consultation process.

CE 12/1304

Surfacing of Main Street, Maynooth

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

When is the surfacing of the bottom half of Main Street, Maynooth, taking place?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that the area office is completing a programme of all overlay and footpath works for the summer season. There are also other road works planned for Maynooth on Parson Street which must be completed before the schools reopen after the summer recess but after the water mains are laid on the street.

There report was noted.

CE 13/1304

Traffic Warden in Maynooth

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

Can a council warden go to Maynooth one day a week in order to deal with the chronic illegal parking in the town?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that the councils traffic warden has been asked to frequently review known blackspots for illegal parking. Councillor McGinley requested that the traffic warden does a blitz of the area in Maynooth to deal with illegal parking.

The report was noted.

CE 14/1304

Re- painting of 'No Entry Signs' Maynooth

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

Can the council re-paint the 'No Entry Signs' on the roadway at Pound Lane/Back Lane, Maynooth, in order to discourage drivers from breaking the law

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that the area office is reviewing the status and signage of Pound Lane/Back Lane as the road surface was not good enough for road markings and additional signage may be required. Councillor McGinley stated that the Millstreet sign was faded and requested if the area office could put an upright sign in place.

Resolved: That the area office re-paints the Millstreet sign that is faded and put an upright sign in place.

CE 15/1304

Pot-holes in Celbridge

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

Can the road that connects the Dublin Road and the Hazelhatch Road, Laurel Lane in Celbridge have the large amount of pot-holes filled in?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that the area office would schedule this work for completion in the coming fortnight.

The report was noted.

CE 16/1304

Roadway at English Row

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

Can the roadway at English Row (near the mill) that has subsided again be attended to?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that this subsidence has been noted and the road would need to be dug up and replaced in localised sections. The area office does not have a date, as yet, for this work.

The report was noted.

CE 17/1304

Water emerging onto the roadway at the Dublin Road/Loughlinstown Road

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

Can the water emerging onto the roadway at the Dublin Road/Loughlinstown Road and also near Elm Park on the Maynooth Road be investigated with a view to remediation?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that this has been reported to water services.

Resolved: That the water services department update the members at the May committee meeting.

CE 18/1304

Sandsford Bridge, Kellystown Lane, Maynooth

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

Can we have a finalised report on the works and the status of Sandsford Bridge, Kellystown Lane, Maynooth?

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

Can we have a report on the recent works carried out on the bridge at Kellys Lane?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that the remediation work for this bridge was completed on the 28 March and the road was immediately opened. The area office is currently agreeing invoices and dealing with any outstanding issues. The members requested that a letter be sent to the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government to ensure that the bridge would be maintained and restored to its natural beauty.

Resolved: That a letter be written to the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government to ensure that the bridge would be maintained and restored to its natural beauty.

CE 19/1304

Parking on main street, Leixlip

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

Will the council examine ways to prevent delivery vans from parking on the footpath outside Murphys Pub on Main Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 stating that the bollard that was located here has been damaged by passing traffic on a number of occasions. The area office will consider this matter further and see if they can come up with an acceptable solution. Councillor Purcell requested that the bollard be replaced until the area office finds a solution.

Resolved: That the area office replace the bollard outside Murphys Pub on Main Street, Leixlip.

CE 20/1304

Disabled parking space in Buckleys Lane, Leixlip

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

Will the council swap the disabled parking space in Buckleys Lane, Leixlip with a space on Main Street directly opposite SAM's take-away?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 March 2013 stating that this would require a review of the pay parking bye laws for Leixlip. It would be premature at this stage to have a review of the pay parking bye laws. It was recommended that bye-laws be allowed sufficient time to bed in before a review takes place.

The report was noted.

CE 21/1304

Single yellow line on Old Hill, Leixlip

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

Will the council break the single yellow line on Old Hill, Leixlip to allow owners and/or visitors to park outside their homes?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that this would require a Section 38 of the RTA 1994. If the yellow lines were removed it would leave a "free for all" outside the residents' houses and would not guarantee any resident a parking space outside their residence. The roads and transport department would not recommend the removal of the yellow lines in this regard. Councillor Purcell was disappointed with the report and requested a Section 38. The roads and transport department stated that they were opposed to the Section 38. Councillor Purcell would discuss the matter with Ms Kavanagh with the possibility of finding an alternative solution to the problem.

Resolved: that the area office reverts back to the members with a solution to breaking the single yellow line on Old Hill, Leixlip instead of a Section 38.

CE 22/1304

Liffey Bridge at Salmon Leap

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

Can the Liffey Bridge at Salmon Leap have its steelwork painted with a bit more colour added to brighten the area?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that the area office would forward Councillor Larkin's request to the councils conservation architect for his consideration. Councillor Larkin requested that the bridge be painted as soon as possible in light of the events coming up in the area.

Resolved: That the area office paints the Liffey Bridge at Salmon Leap.

CE 23/1304

Footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

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

That a report be given from planning into their investigations, which began in June 2012, as to why the Department of Education and Skills has not provided a footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, as conditioned in the planning permission granted for the Educate Together School.

A report was received from the planning department dated 12 April 2013 stating that the proposal to construct a footpath along the roadside frontage of the school and a pedestrian crossing linking the footpath to that on the opposite side of the R405 and in accordance with compliance drawing P-002/d, was agreed between agents for the Department of Education and Skills and the councils roads department. The planning department was satisfied that the Department of Education and Skills was in compliance with their planning permission. Councillor McGinley was disappointed with the report stating the report contradicts previous reports from the planning department. He requested that the planning department contact the Department of Education and Skills requesting them to honour the planning permission they were granted, asking them to provide a footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

Resolved: that the planning department contacts the Department of Education and Skills requesting them to honour the planning they were granted, asking them to provide a footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

CE 24/1304

Taking in charge Leinster Park, Maynooth

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

Now that the list of homeowners in Leinster Park, Maynooth, is clarified, we request the council to expedite the taking in charge process of this estate.

A report was received from the planning department dated 12 April 2013 confirming that the public consultation process for the taking in charge of Leinster Park in Maynooth was advertised in last weeks papers. A map of the estate would be on display at the planning public counter in the council offices from the 22 April 2013 to the 23 May 2013. The last date for submissions in relation to the taking in charge would be the 7 June 2013.

The report was noted.

CE 25/1304

Leixlip Local Area Plan

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

That the council state the actual start date for the next Leixlip Local Area Plan.

A report was received from the planning department dated 12 April 2013 confirming that it was intended to commence the review of the Leixlip/Collinstown and Celbridge/Castletown local area plans in December 2013.

The report was noted.

CE 26/1304

Pre-planning clinics

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

Are there any pre-planning clinics to be held outside Naas in 2013?

A report was received from the planning department dated 12 April 2013 stating that due to the poor take-up of pre-planning clinics for individual houses in rural areas and small scale developments outside Naas in 2012, it was decided to hold clinics only in Naas in 2013.

The report was noted.

CE 27/1304

Litter fines to food take-away premises, Maynooth

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

That the council commence issuing litter fines to guilty food take-away premises on Main Street, Maynooth as the soft approach is not working.

A report was received from the environment department dated 17 April 2013 stating that the litter warden would monitor the area for evidence. Councillor McGinley requested that the litter warden enforce litter fines to those who are not complying with the law.

Resolved: That the litter warden fine any premises on Main Street, Maynooth found not to be in compliance with the laws.

CE 28/1304

Traffic calming cushion at Straffan Village

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

That the Crossroads, which was recently dug up by workers repairing water main leaks and replaced with black tarmac be now restored with material matching the rest of the cushion and that this be done prior to the judging of the tidy towns competition.

A report was received from the water department dated 17 April 2013 confirming that there was only one single contractor who has the template franchise rights to carry out such works. The waterworks section is currently in discussion with that contractor with a view to

effecting the reinstatement. Councillor Byrne requested that the water department update the committee at the next meeting on the issue.

Resolved: That the water services department update the committee at the May meeting.

CE 29/1304

Sewer problem, St Marys Park, Leixlip

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

That the council fix the sewer problem at house numbers (details supplied) St. Marys Park, Leixlip. This problem has been going on for the last 50 years.

A report was received from the water services department dated 17 April 2013 stating that the issue with the sewer at house numbers (details supplied) St. Mary's Park, Leixlip was being investigated by the Wastewater Northern Area Department. A report would be furnished to the area committee members at the May meeting.

Resolved: That the water services department update the committee at the May meeting.

CE 30/1304

Material dumped in the main drainage stream, Straffan

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

That the council remove the material dumped in the main drainage stream out of Straffan Village between the village and the point where the stream enters the River Liffey to ensure the road is not flooded by blocked culverts.

A report was received from the environment department dated 13 April 2013 stating that the litter warden would examine the area for evidence of dumping.

The report was noted.

CE 31/1304

Back-lots in Castletown, Celbridge

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

Can we have an update on the progress made in the subdividing of the back-lots in Castletown, Celbridge?

Mr Perry briefed the members on the back-lots in Castletown, and stated that the finances are not available to pursue with the subdividing of the back-lots in Castletown, Celbridge.

The members and Mr Perry agreed that the council would assist the residents in resolving the back-lots in Castletown, Celbridge.

The report was noted.

CE 32/1304

Casual trading

To consider casual trading bye-laws for Celbridge and Maynooth

Ms Aspell discussed casual trading bye-laws for Celbridge and Maynooth area with the members. The members had some questions about Celbridge and Ms Aspell responded to their queries. The members were all in agreement to deferr the Celbridge area casual trading bye-laws as there are some outstanding issues. Ms Aspell asked the committee to confirm the nature of goods to be sold, the fee and the area designated for Maynooth. The members agreed to accept the casual trading bye-laws for Maynooth.

The meeting concluded.