

Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting

Held on Friday 19, July 2013 at 10.15 a.m.

in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

Members Present: Councillor O'Rourke (Cathaoirleach); Councillors T. Byrne, K Byrne, S Griffin, A Larkin, J McGinley and Councillor Purcell

Also Present: Mr P Minnock (Area Director), Mr J Deane (Area Engineer), Ms S Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr N Beggan (Assistant Engineer), Ms A. Aspell (Meetings Administrator) and Ms C Loughlin (Area Secretary)

CE 01/0713

Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor O'Rourke was elected as Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Councillor Griffin and seconded by Councillor McGinley. The members and Ms. Aspell congratulated Councillor O'Rourke on his appointment as Cathaoirleach for the coming year. An Cathaoirleach members and officials commended Councillor Purcell on his year as Cathaoirleach. Councillor Purcell thanked all the staff and members for their kindness and corporation during the past year.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Griffin and second by Councillor McGinley that Councillor O'Rourke be elected as Cathaoirleach of the committee.

CE 02/1307

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 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.

Vote of Sympathy

Councillor Purcell extended his sympathies and condolences to the wife and daughter of the late Pat Coady from Enniscorthy Town Council.

CE 03/1307

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

Examination of wall at Avondale, Leixlip

The members were dissatisfied with the report and asked that the environment department make a decision as whether the wall was secure or not and that a report be given to the members at the September committee meeting.

Bus Shelter on N4, Liffey Valley

The members asked that the traffic management engineer reports to the members at the September committee meeting in relation to this matter.

Pilot scheme for emptying of litter bins in Celbridge

The members were delighted with the report but recommended to include Leixlip in the pilot scheme. The members requested that the environment department liaise with Celbridge Tidy Towns.

Video of Installation of Water Butts

The members were all in disagreement with the report which stated that water services has re-examined the matter and has noting further to add to the previous report. The members stated that a video could be made at little cost and placed on the council website they asked that this matter be reconsidered and that a report be prepared for the September committee meeting.

Celbridge Trading Bye Laws

The members requested that a report on the issue of Celbridge Trading Bye Laws be available for the September committee meeting.

CE 04/1307

Parson Hall Residents Association

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

That this area committee advance the request by Parson Hall Residents Association to close the pedestrian right of way leading from the Rathcoffey Road into their estate by proceeding to the public notice stage.

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

That the council sets in place the procedure for the closure of the pedestrian access/right of way to Parson Hall estate, Maynooth, as requested by the Residents' Association in their petition of 3 July to the council.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 stating that the closure of a public right of way was a reserved function. If the area committee was in agreement the drawings could be prepared and the proposal advertised in the local newspaper. It should be noted that this process was quite costly in terms of the advertisement, possible oral hearing and the staff time involved. Councillor Griffin requested to proceed with the closure of the pedestrian right of way at Parson Hall and Councillor McGinley second this report.

Resolved: on proposal of Councillor Griffin and second by Councillor McGinley that the procedure for the closure of the pedestrian access/right of way to Parson Hall estate, Maynooth, proceed to the next stage.

CE 05/1307

Presentation Convent School, Carton Avenue

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

In view of the proposed alteration to the entrance to the Presentation Convent School at Carton Avenue, the roads design team should examine how best to make this location safer for the children attending the school. The council should consider a pedestrian crossing closer to the school on the Dublin Road and examine traffic easement on the Dunboyne Road/Convent Lane.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 confirming that road design would consider this request. The area office would agree with Councillor Griffin that a zebra crossing point was required between Tesco and the bend at the top of the Main Street as we are now asking parents to park in Tesco and walk their children to school. Councillor Griffin stated that a solution would be opposite the photo shop in Maynooth for the pedestrian crossing, it would elevate traffic he requested that the area engineer would consider his request for a pedestrian crossing and also to investigate traffic easement on the Dunboyne road.

Resolved: that the area office considers a pedestrian crossing opposite the photo shop in Maynooth and to investigate traffic easement on the Dunboyne road.

CE 06/1307

66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth

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

That a report be given to the area committee on the progress made on the extension of the 66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth and if as a result of the change of the terminus from the Straffan Road will there be traffic signals or a roundabout at the junction of the Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 stating that the traffic management engineer would be asked to prepare a report for the members on his return.

Resolved: that a report be prepared on the extension of the 66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth, for the September area committee meeting.

CE 07/1307

Bollards be provided on Station Road, Straffan

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

That 4 or 5 additional decorative black metal bollards be provided on Station Road, Straffan, at the point beyond the Centra shop where the existing bollards finish, to prevent lorries and cars parking on the footpath and causing damage to the footpath at this location and that wooden bollards be provided along Lodge Park Road, Straffan, along the short green area bordering the road between the entrance to Straffan GAA and Harry Travers House (Equestrian Centre) to prevent cars parking on the green area and also that wooden bollards be put in place on the two sections of grassed areas on the opposite side of the road outside the two storey houses there.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 stating that the area office has no plans to erect additional bollards in Straffan at the moment.

The report was noted.

CE 08/1307

Speed limit sign on the Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge

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

That the council reviews the location of the 60 km/h speed limit sign on the Hazelhatch Road and have it relocated to a position after the entrance to the school and GAA grounds in the interest of safety to all road users.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 confirming that this request would be included in the next countywide speed limit review. The report was noted.

CE09/1307

Repair to ramp in Ardclough

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:
That when funding is available the council will undertake to repair the ramp in Ardclough opposite Wheatfield estate as it is in very bad repair.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 confirming that these ramps would be replaced in August as part of a general overlay scheme in the village.

The report was noted.

CE10/1307

Install Bus stop on the Shakelton Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:
That the council assist Dublin Bus to install a bus stop on the Shakelton Road city bound opposite bus stop number 7088.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 stating that Dublin Bus needs to apply to the roads and transport department for approval for the bus stop location. Councillor O'Rourke stated that Dublin Bus was in favour to install a bus stop on the Shakelton Road and that they would be submitting a application to the roads and transport department.

The report was noted.

CE 11/1307

Remove signs from the R406

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Larkin:
That the three big signs indicating the realignment of the R406 on the Maynooth/Barberstown Road be removed.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 confirming that the area office would schedule this work for later in the summer.

The report was noted.

CE 12/1307

Repairs at junction 6 on the M4

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

That we ask the NRA to carry out repairs at Junction 6 on the M4 barrier and railing on the Leixlip side which was damaged during a crash.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 stating that there was a private operator in place (GSJ) who would address such issues. The area office would contact them and pass on the details. The members asked that the area office write to GSJ and asked them to prioritise the repairs to the M4 barrier and railing on the Leixlip side as quickly as possible for safety and visual effect at the roundabout.

Resolved: that the area office writes to GSJ as quickly as possible asking them to prioritise the repairs at junction 6 on the M4 barrier and railing on the Leixlip side.

CE 13/1307

Kilmacraddock Roundabout

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

That we investigate how to slow traffic approaching the Kilmacraddock Roundabout from the Intel side.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July 2013 stating that the area office was unaware that there was a specific problem of speeding at this location. Traffic surveys would be carried out to ascertain the extent of the problem and report on possible solutions. The members requested that they would be updated on any progress with this item at the September committee meeting.

Resolved: that a report be given to the members on the findings of the traffic survey at the September committee meeting.

CE 14 /1307

Boxes under grounded Main Street, Maynooth

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

That we engage with the ESB to have the boxes under grounded in Main Street, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July stating that If the scope of the works can be clarified, the area office would ask the ESB to investigate the issue. The area office would then come back to the area committee when they receive a response from the ESB. The members were in agreement that the ESB boxes should be updated and that this item should be accommodated for the health and safety of the public. The report was noted.

CE 15/1307

Wooden bollards Liffey Bridge, Straffan

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

That 4 wooden bollards are put in place at the end of the green area on the Kill side of the Liffey Bridge at Straffan to prevent lorries driving over this area and there by making its maintenance very difficult.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July stating that the area office met with the Straffan Tidy Towns representatives who have requested that we dig out and stone this area to facilitate parking for people who wish to access the river bank here. The area office was considering this request at the moment.

The report was noted.

CE 16/1307

Dishing footpaths Castle Village estate, Celbridge

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

Given the decision some time ago to make the footpaths wheelchair friendly by dishing them where required in Castle Village estate, Celbridge, can the roads section indicate when this will be done.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July informing the members that this matter was discussed at the February meeting but no commitment was given at that the roads department would carry out these works.

The report was noted.

CE 17/1307

Dishing footpaths, Celbridge Abbey

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

That the footpath be dished at number 1 Celbridge Abbey to allow wheelchair access given that wheelchair users now have to remain on the roadway until they reach a dished driveway.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July informing the members that the area office would investigate this issue and report to the next meeting.

The members requested that they would be updated on any progress with this item at the September area committee meeting.

The report was noted.

CE 18/1307

Remove left bend sign Clane Road

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

Can the council remove or replace the left bend sign on the Clane Road outside the Setanta Hotel as it is completely illegible?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July informing the members this would be done in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

CE 19/1307

Grass cutting contract, Celbridge

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

Can the council include into their grass cutting contract the verge on the Shakelton Road from Aghards Road Junction towards Tesco in Celbridge?

A report was received from the parks department dated 18 July confirming that this would be included on the grass cutting schedule.

The report was noted.

CE 20/1307

ESB works at Glen Easton

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

Can we ask the ESB what works are being carried out on pylons at Glen Easton and that area?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July informing the members that the ESB are currently carrying out upgrade works in the locality of Intel to ensure that the ESB infrastructure was adequate to supply the homes and businesses in the area. The members requested an update on the works been carried out by the ESB on the pylons at Glen Easton exactly what work was been carried out.

Resolved: that the area office ask the ESB what works are been carried out on the pylons at Glen Easton area.

CE 21/1307

Erect road sign at junction 7 on the N7

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

Will the council ask the NRA to add Maynooth to the sign indicating Straffan and Kill at Junction 7 on the N7 in order to facilitate motorists?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July informing the members that this issue was raised before with the NRA who replied that the current signage

layout was consistent with the NRA policy and methodology for signage on motorways. The issue can be raised again and the area office would keep the members informed of the reply. The members agreed that the area office raise this issue with the NRA once again to add Maynooth to the sign indicating Straffan and Kill at Junction7.

Resolved: that the area office raises the issue with the NRA to add Maynooth to the sign indicating Straffan and Kill at Junction7.

CE 22/1307

Grass Cutting in Matnooth

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

Can the council cut the grass on the town side of the Educate Together School, Maynooth, in order to improve the sight line for cars emerging from the school?

A report was received from roads and transport department the dated 17 July informing the members that it was normal practise for public and private facilities to cut the grass outside their own exits and egresses to ensure the safety of users unless there are extenuating reasons why the roads department should intervene in this instance.

The report was noted.

CE 23/1307

Safety of cyclists and Walkers

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

How do we propose to safely allow cyclists and walkers use towpaths at the same time?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July informing the members that it is quite common for cyclists and walkers to use a common, shared space, with no physical demarcation between the different users. Warning signage may be used where it was considered that the risk of an accident may be elevated by some environmental factor e.g. poor sightlines, path narrows etc. Councillor Purcell raised concerns over cyclists and walkers using towpaths at the same time he stated that safety of the walker was preserved.

The report was noted.

CE 24/1307

Update on taking in charge of private housing estates

To receive update on the taking in charge of private housing estates.

Mr Cunningham updated the members on the taking in charge of private housing estates.

The following estates are on the list for taking in charge. St.Raphaels Manor, Celbridge, Leinster Park, Maynooth and Chelmsford, Celbridge. Mr Cunningham recommended that all

three housing estates should be taking in charge. The members thanked Mr Cunningham on the report and all agreed on the taking in charge of the housing estates. On proposal of Councillor McGinley and second proposal of Councillor O'Rourke that St Raphaels Manor, Leinster Park, Maynooth and Chelmsford, Celbridge be taking in charge.

Resolved: on proposal of Councillor McGinley and second proposal of Councillor O'Rourke that St Raphaels Manor, Leinster Park, Maynooth and Chelmsford, Celbridge be listed on the full council agenda for been taking in charge.

CE 25/1307

Feasibility Study, Maynooth

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

That the council, through its heritage office, seek to carry out a feasibility study of the round tower and the church at the Taghadoe site, Maynooth. The study, in conjunction with the OPW, should examine how best to maintain the church with a view to roofing the structure and replacing the doors and windows.

A report was received from the heritage officer dated 16 July stating that Taghadoe Church, graveyard and round tower are recorded monuments in the care of the OPW. Regarding the proposal to re-roof the structure and replace windows such an approach to conservation is rarely taken as was not in keeping with good conservation principles and can prove very costly. Councillor Griffin stated he was disappointed with the report from the heritage officer he felt that the church could be restored to its natural beauty and put the church back into use within the community.

Resolved: that a feasibility study of the round tower and the church at the Taghadoe site, Maynooth be carried out with the assistance of the OPW.

CE 26/1307

Removal of illegal signs/posters, Celbridge

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

That the council remove all illegal signs/posters that are popping up all over the Celbridge area advertising services, businesses, etc, also clarify the council's position and relevant fines.

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

We have a noticeable increase in the number of posters advertising cash for cars. Is it possible to have these posters removed and that those whose phone numbers on display are dealt with through the litter act?

A report was received from the environment department dated 18 July stating that signage and posters cannot be displayed without prior approval from either planning or environment section's. The environment section continues to monitor all areas and takes action under the litter laws where appropriate. It can be difficult to trace the responsible persons but the owners are being actively pursued where they can be identified. The members were all in agreement that the issue of illegal signs/posters has become a free advertising service for the people involved and that it was costing a lot of money to take the signage down. They have asked that a strict policy where people involved are made an example of by pursuing them to court and fining them the appropriate amount. The members asked that the environment department inform the members how much the statutory fine was on illegal signage and how many fines to date the environment department has received.

Resolved: that the environment department put in place a strict policy where examples of the people involved are brought to court and fined. To notify the members of how much a fine was on illegal signage and how many fines to date that the environment department has received.

CE 27/1306

Sewage treatment plant

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

That we provide a local sewage treatment plant for the residents of Kilmacreddock.

A report was received from the parks department dated 13 July stating that there is currently no objective in the county development plan and there was no funding in the Water Services Investment Programme for the construction of a Waste Water Treatment Plant for the Kilmacreddock area. However, it was recommended that the residents be advised to open discussions with our Water Services Small Schemes Department, who would advise them of possible avenues that they can explore regarding the delivery of a sustainable waste water treatment system for the area. The members were all in support that the council provides a local sewage treatment plant for the residents of Kilmacreddock. The members have requested that the local sewage treatment plant be listed on the water services small schemes and that application for funding be made to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

Resolved: the members request that the local sewage treatment plant for the residents of Kilmacreddock be listed on the water services small schemes for 2014 and that application for funding be made to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

CE 28/1307

Construction of the Ballygoran Reservoir

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

Can we have a progress report on the construction of the Ballygoran Reservoir and the pipe laying from Castlewarden to the expanded reservoir, road closures etc.?

A report was received from the environmental section dated 18 July stating that the construction of the Ballygoran Reservoir and pipelaying works from Castlewarden to Ballygoran are within programme. The pipelaying works are approximately: 90% complete on the Castlewarden to Ballygoran line, Ballygoran to Celbridge to commence after 6 August 2013, testing of pipelines ongoing - 50% complete. The valve chambers 80% complete. The Ballygoran Reservoir expansion works are approximately 70% complete. The restatement of wayleaves is ongoing.

The report was noted.

CE 29/1307

Odour at Pound street, Leixlip

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

Can we have a report on the odour issue which has been an ongoing problem at Pound Street, Leixlip?

A report was received from the environmental section dated 18 July stating the formation of noxious gasses in sewerage systems increases during warm dry spells and water services believe that this is the core problem being referred to by Councillor Larkin for the area around Pound Lane. Councilor Larkin can liaise directly with our area engineer, Mr. Joe Keane, if he receives any further complaints. He can be contacted at water services department (045) 980362.

The report was noted.

CE 30/1307

Straffan Tidy Town

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

Can the council note that Straffan was declared the tidiest small town in Ireland and ask if the Straffan Tidy Towns Committee would be congratulated on their great success and further ask that the area engineer be thanked for his help and advice to the committee?

A report was received from the environment department dated 18 July stating that the news of Straffan becoming Ireland's tidiest small town was indeed an excellent achievement and the Tidy Towns committee are to be congratulated on this great success. This achievement was as a result of much hard work involving the community who, like many

across the county, participate on a voluntary basis. Kildare County Council is pleased to continue to assist all tidy towns groups where possible through various initiatives involving the environment and road sections. The members congratulated Straffan Tidy Towns Committee and asked that a letter be sent to the committee congratulating them on their achievement.

Resolved: that the environment department write to the chair person of Straffan Tidy Towns committee congratulating them on their recent achievement.

CE 31/1307

Update on the North Kildare Swimming Pool

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

Can we seek an update from Minister Michael Ring on the North Kildare swimming pool?

A report was received from the parks department dated 17 July stating that the capital programme for the provision of swimming pools was closed for applications at present. No further progress can be made in relation to the provision of a pool until the Department of Arts Sports and Tourism launch a new application scheme for such facilities. Councillor Purcell requested that a letter be sent to Minister Michael Ring stating that we have a site for the North Kildare Swimming Pool, we have the population and we await a swimming pool.

Resolved: that the parks department write to Minister Michael Ring stating that the north of the county has a site for a swimming pool.

CE 32/1307

Remove/prune trees at Wonderful Barn, Leixlip

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

Can we remove/prune trees on the right hand side at the entrance to Wonderful Barn, Leixlip?

A report was received from the parks department dated 17 July stating A significant number of trees have already been removed in this area in the last few months therefore it is not proposed to remove anymore. The location will be assessed to see if pruning can be carried out.

The report was noted.

CE 33/1307

Trees in the Croft, Castletown estate, celbridge

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

Can the trees in The Croft, Castletown estate, Celbridge be examined to establish how the damage by these roots to footpaths can be dealt with and if the trees that need pruning in the Autumn can be identified?

A report was received from the parks department dated 18 July stating an examination of the location found that there was one tree located at house no.1 that maybe causing cracking to the footpath and therefore require removal. In addition there are 4 other trees which require pruning. These works would be considered for inclusion for tree works programme for the current year.

The report was noted.

CE 34/1307

Removal of a tree at The Drive, Castlevillage, celbridge

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

Can the tree outside house number (details supplied) The Drive, Castlevillage, Celbridge be removed as it's causing a nuisance to the residents ranging from blocked gutters to the yard and driveway covered with leaves and seeds?

A report was received from the parks department dated 18 July stating that there are 2 mature Maples at this location. Both are in good condition and are considered of important amenity value to the area. The trees would be considered for some pruning in any tree works programme for the current year.

The report was noted.

CE 35/1307

Casual Trading Bye-Laws Maynooth

To receive report on proposed Maynooth Casual Trading Bye-Laws.

Draft casual trading bye-laws for a market at Market Square, Maynooth were put on display from Friday, 3 May to Tuesday, 4 June 2013. Submissions in relation to the proposed bye-laws were accepted up to Tuesday, 18 June 2013. One valid submission was received from Mary McGinley. Ms Aspell stated that it was now proposed to list the Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws Maynooth 2013 for consideration at the council meeting on the 29 July 2013 subject to the members agreement. On proposal of Councillor Griffin and second by Councillor O'Rourke that Maynooth Casual Trading Bye-Laws proceed to full council for consideration.

Resolved: on proposal of Councillor Griffin and second by Councillor O'Rourke that Maynooth Casual Trading Bye-Laws proceeds to full council for consideration.

CE 36/1307

Leixlip Town, Council

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

Can motions, questions and replies be sent to Leixlip Town Councillors?

This was a matter for the members to discuss. Ms Aspell stated that the Minutes are all listed on the website once they are adopted at full Council. The members were in a disagreement and it was decided not to send the replies to Leixlip Town Council.

The report was noted.

CE 37/1307

Glen Easton Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T Byrne:

That the roads area engineer looks at the Glen Easton Road with the view to making it safe for people to cross at the Glen Easton shopping area and at Castletown as this is a very busy stretch of road with over 1000 units along it. This has been on Leixlip Town Council's agenda for the last number of years.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 July stating that crossing points on a dual carriageway road such as this must be located to avoid right turning lanes and vehicle crossing points. Unfortunately this takes the crossing points away from the natural desire lines of pedestrians which appear to be at, and close to, the junctions. The area office can produce a drawing showing two potential safe crossing locations and can then discuss it further with the committee. The area engineer stated that there was an issue with the width of the road and would report back to the members with drawings etc.

The report was noted.

CE 38/1307

Entrance to River Forest estate

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T Byrne:

Can the area engineer do some improvement works in the River Forest estate? This is the largest estate in North Kildare with approximately 650 housing units, a shopping centre, public transport, a secondary school with 700 students attending with a large volume of traffic, the public library, a youth and community centre and 2 doctors surgeries. There was a plan drawn up to upgrade the entrance, what became of it? The residents do a great amount of work to enhance their estate and any assistance given would be well received and would benefit the whole community.

A report was received from the parks department dated 17 July stating the roads and transport department was not in a position fund what would be considered to be aesthetic upgrade works to the entrance to River Forest housing estate. However, the area office would be happy to assist with the development and implementation of any such plan if an alternative source of funding was identified. The area office was committed to relining the road at the top of River Forest in the coming weeks. Councillor T Byrne was dissatisfied with the report and asked that the area office draws up a plan to alleviate the problem to the entrance to the estate and to make the area safer for pedestrians.

Resolved: that the area office draws up a plan to alleviate the problem to the entrance to River Forest estate and to make the area safer for pedestrians.

CE 39/1307

Install a Lifebuoy

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T Byrne:
That the council install a lifebuoy at the new bridge at Young's Cross, as a matter of urgency, as people are jumping into the river to swim.

A report was received from the parks department dated 18 July stating that a risk assessment of this location would be carried out in conjunction with the Irish Water Safety Association to ascertain what was the best course of action to do in relation to this activity. The members requested that a lifebuoy be put in place for the safety of the public. They stressed that the area was not a safe place to swim. Ms Aspell stressed that Kildare County Council does not have designated bathing areas.

Resolved: that a lifebuoy be put in place at the new bridge at Young's Cross for the safety of the public and that the parks department reports to the members on the findings of the risk assessment of the location.

CE 40/1307

Any Other Business

The area engineer briefed the members regarding upcoming road works in the Maynooth Engineering Area.

The meeting concluded.