

Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting

Held on Friday 18, October 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

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

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

CE 01/1310

Minutes and Progress Report

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

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

CE 02/1310

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress Report

Public Light to be replaced at Band Hall Maynooth

Councillor McGinley welcomed the news that the reinstallation and ESB connection of this light would be progressed in the coming weeks.

Traffic Calming Celbridge Interchange

The members welcomed the news that the work would be done in the coming weeks as part of a lining programme.

**Parson hall residents association and
66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth**

The report stated that these two items relate to the same location. A public consultation process would be entered into in respect of the proposed bus turning area. The elected members are advised that the proposed closure of the pedestrian access would be

considered as part of the proposed public consultation process for the bus turning area. The members expressed their concerns at the area meeting.

Kilmacraddock Roundabout

The members noted that the information was not currently available but would be included for collection as part of the routine traffic counts.

Boxes under ground Main Street, Leixlip

The members noted that the area office would consider that the current ESB mini pillars are necessary and fit for purpose.

Presentation Convent School, Carton Avenue

The report stated that the area office intends to go to tender for the repaving of the entrance to the Carton Walk scheme on the 17 October and commence the works on the 25 November. As part of our consultations for this scheme, school parents asked us to reconsider the current one way system on Pound Lane. We consider that their suggestions to allow two entry to the lanes from the Moyglare Road side and from the Mill Street ends, with one way exit from the lanes to the Main street, has merit and should be pursued.

Street Lights Intel to Celbridge Interchang

Councillor Purcell was disappointed that the lights had not fully switched back on. Works are progressing to reconnect the lighting. The lights on the R449 and Easton Road are all supplied from one unmetered public lighting pillar. This infrastructure was installed some time back under the road scheme. A fault in the infrastructure caused heating and a fire within the public lighting pillar. This brought down a fuse on the ESB supply and the ESB disconnected the supply. Upgrading of this Public lighting pillar was now required in order to reconnect the supply and materials are on order for this upgrade. In the interim, a connection has been made to utilise the limited spare capacity in the adjacent installations on the R449 and the Easton Road, giving partial lighting to the road and footpaths.

Signs Slow Ramp in the middle of Celbridge

The members noted that the area office would address the issue of the signs on these poles in the coming weeks but plan to leave the ornamental poles in place until the requirements of the pay parking review is resolved

Traffic Wardens assisting with safety at identified schools

The members have requested that the roads department write to each of the schools in the area in relation to safety at schools at drop off and pick up times.

Communications mast River Forest Hotel

The members requested and be updated when a response is received from Mr Phil Hogan Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to this matter.

Blacklion

The members noted that further landscaping has been done in this area and the area office considers this issue now resolved.

Noise Reduction M4

The members requested that the roads department write to the NRA asking them when the N4 is going to be resurfaced also that a low noise tarmacadam and noise barriers be put in place.

Removal of illegal signs/posters, Celbridge

That the environment department inform the members at the next committee meeting on any progress of the people been pursued in relation to this matter.

William Rowantree House Leixlip

The members requested that the owner be approached and asked what his proposals are for William Rowantree House.

Sewer Pipe Crodaun Park

The members noted that this was a private sewer/drain and can only be taken in charge if so requested by the owners.

Communications mast River Forest Hotel.

The members noted that a letter was sent to Mr Pat Rabbitte Minister for Communication, Energy and Natural Resources on the 8 of October 2013. A reply was received on the 11 of October stating that the matter would be referred to Mr Phil Hogan Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government.

CE 03/1310

Deputation- from Pikesbridge Road, Maynooth Residents Association.

The committee received a deputation from residents of Pikesbridge Road, Maynooth Residents Association consisting of L.Brown, James Byrne and Ed Hyland. They raised a number of concerns, primarily in relation to excessive speeding, increased volumes of traffic to Intel, Carton House, Teso and McDonalds and Schools, bus stop with no footpath or lighting and dangerous winter driving conditions. A detailed submission was circulated highlighting their concerns. It was suggested that a traffic survey could be carried out in the area along with the following solutions warning signs, winter surfacing and a footpath for residential area. The members requested that the solutions would be taken into consideration by the roads department. The members thanked the residents for attending.

CE 04/1310

Aghards Road in celbridge, road resurfacing programme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:
That the Aghards Road in Celbridge is included in the councils road resurfacing programme for 2013/2014 as the road surface and ramps (speed cushions) are deteriorating badly.
A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 stating that the area office would take the councillors request on board when we come to finalise our list for overlay schemes for 2014.
The report was noted.

CE 5/1310

Traffic survey Newtown/ Arclough Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke:
That the council carry out a traffic survey on the Newtown/Ardclough Road in Celbridge to investigate the safety concerns which have been raised by residents.
A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 Octobber 2013 stating that the results from this traffic survey would be circulated to the members at the area committee meeting. Councillor O'Rourke requested that a meeting take place on site with the roads design team to discuss how best to solve the safety concerns raised by the residents.
Resolved: That the roads design team arrange to meet Councillor O'Rourke on site to discuss the issues raised by the residents.

CE 06/1310

Illegal parking outside NUI, Maynooth, Manor Mills shopping centre

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

That the council's traffic wardens take immediate action to stop the illegal parking outside NUI, Maynooth on the Kilcock Road, Maynooth and at the slip way into Manor Mills shopping centre.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October stating that the Gardai have been very active in last few weeks at the new roundabout at the new NUIM entrance and the Council's own Traffic Wardens were patrolling the R148 recently.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was actually from the roundabout down to the church and at the slip way into Manor Mills shopping centre that action needs to be taken at these locations. He requested that the traffic wardens take immediate action and attend to placing parking fines on cars in order to stop illegal parking.

Resolved: That the traffic wardens place parking fines on cars at these locations to stop illegal parking.

CE 07/1310

Disabled parking bay, Maynooth

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

That a disabled parking bay be put in place, without any further delay, at (details supplied), Pound Lane (Street), Maynooth, in order to cater for the needs of the occupant.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 stating that the area office was unaware of the background to the previous request for a disabled parking space at this location. Councillor McGinley discussed the matter with the area engineer and requested that a disabled parking bay be put in place without delay. The members were in agreement.

Resolved: That the area office attend to constructing a disabled parking bay without delay.

CE 08/1310

Pay parking bye-laws Maynooth

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

That the pay parking bye-laws for Maynooth be processed without any further delay.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 confirming that it was the roads and transport department's intention to bring the draft

parking bye-laws to the November area meeting. The members requested a report on the pay parking bye laws for the November committee meeting.

Resolved: That a report be prepared and presented to the members on the draft parking bye-laws at the November committee meeting.

CE 09/1310

To install speed cushions along Celbridge Road

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

That a further two speed cushions be installed along Celbridge Road between Castletown estate and Elton Court at locations best prescribed to alleviate speeding along this stretch which has entrances to five estates.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 stating that the area office has no funding to extend the existing traffic calming scheme to Elton Court. However, the location would be included on the list for speed monitoring and the results of the survey would be discussed with the councillor. Councillor Larkin requested that the area would be considered in the future for traffic calming scheme. He requested that the results of the speed monitoring would be circulated to the members of the area committee and Leixlip town councillors.

Resolved: That the results of the speed monitoring would be circulated to the members of the area committee and Leixlip town councillors.

CE 10/1310

Repair damaged fencing on the Hazelhatch Road

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

That the damaged fencing along the footpath on the Hazelhatch Road opposite the tennis club be repaired.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October confirming that the area office was aware of this issue and it was listed for attention, however, it would not be considered a 'high priority'. Councillor Larkin requested that the damaged fence be repaired.

Resolved: That the area office repair the damaged fence along the footpath on the Hazelhatch Road.

CE11/1310

Repairs to footpath Avondale, Leixlip

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

That repairs be carried out to the footpath outside house numbers (details supplied) Avondale, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 stating that the area office has examined the footpaths in question. It was the area offices intention to utilise the crews in Leixlip for a period of three weeks in November to attend to footpath repair works. A list of the footpaths that the area office intends to repair during this period would shortly be circulated to the Councillors. Both Councillor T Byrne and Larkin requested that works outside the house stated need to be repaired as soon as possible.

Resolved: That the footpath repair outside the house stated be repaired as soon as possible also a list of footpath repairs be circulated to the members.

CE12/1310

Public Lighting Easton Road/Celbridge

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

That the council explain the reason why 80 units of public lighting were out of order on the Easton Road/Celbridge Interchange and Intel area for a considerable period of time.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 stating the lights on the R449 and Easton Road are all supplied from one unmetered public lighting pillar. A fault in the infrastructure caused heating and a fire within the public lighting pillar. This brought down a fuse on the ESB supply and the ESB disconnected the supply. In the interim, a connection has been made to utilise the limited spare capacity in the adjacent installations on the R449 and the Easton Road, giving partial lighting to the road and footpaths.

The report was noted.

CE 13/1310

Traffic Calming measures

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

That we consider traffic calming measures in the vicinity of Confey Graveyard, Leixlip.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 confirming that it was accepted that it can be difficult to exit the parking at the graveyard as the perimeter wall on the west side of the graveyard partially obscures one's sightline. A lining contractor would be engaged to mark the R149 with appropriate road markings.

Councillor Purcell was disappointed with the report he stated that the hedging on the left hand side needs to be cut back, speed cushions need to be put in place. He requested that

the area engineer reconsider the traffic calming measures at the vicinity of Confey Graveyard, Leixlip.

Resolved: That the area engineer reconsider the traffic calming measures at the vicinity of Confey Graveyard, Leixlip.

.CE 14/1310

Cut back hedging Saint Wolstans Abbey

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

That the hedge outside the boundary of Saint Wolstans Abbey on the Shinkeen Road, Celbridge be cut back as it is obstruction the pathway for pedestrians.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 stating that the area office has passed this request to the overseer for action.

The report was noted.

CE 15/1310

To provide public light between Saint Patrick's Park and Dara Court

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

That a public light be provided to light up the pedestrian walkway between Saint Patrick's Park and Dara Court and this might be achieved by moving the nearby light 19 feet to the entrance to the walkway.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October 2013 advising the option to light this lane would be assessed but, it should be noted, that there was no funding available, in the current years budget, for the provision of new lighting.

Councillor K Byrne requested that a costing be done on how much a public light would cost. Councillor O'Rourke stated that there was a light at the end of the road that a second light could be worked off the pole one facing the pedestrian walkway and the other to the estate this could be a short term solution.

Resolved: That the area office prepare a costing and look at a second light working from the nearby light that is already in use in order to light up the pedestrian walkway.

CE 16 /1310

Cut back trees Maynooth Road/ Shackleton Road

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

That the trees that are on council property and that are blocking the view of the traffic lights at the Maynooth Road/Shackleton Road Junctions near Tesco's be cut back or removed.

Kildare County Council

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that this work would be attended to in the near future.

The report was noted.

CE 17/1310

Pedestrian crossing at St Mary's Boys national School, Maynooth

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

Following on from my recent motion on the need to provide a proper pedestrian crossing at St Mary's Boys National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, we call on the council to expedite the provision of a pelican crossing at this location.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that the area office would revert to the next meeting with a detailed report. The members requested that the area office updates the committee at the next meeting on the issue raised.

Resolved: That the area office update the members at the November committee meeting.

CE 18/1310

Exiting from Crodaun Park onto the Maynooth Road

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

That for safety reasons we request roads design to examine how best to ease exiting from Crodaun Park onto the Maynooth Road. The present situation is dangerous and in need of correction.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that at the junction of Crodaun Forest Park (town side), it would be 'tightened up' and a new tabletop ramp laid as part of the improvement works for the Aghards road junction. This work has gone to tender and it is hoped that work would start on site on the 11 November.

The report was noted.

CE 19/1310

Remove or replace the Sli-na-Slainte sign in Celbridge

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

Can the council remove or replace the Slí-na-Sláinte sign in Celbridge beside the entrance to Castletown estate?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that the area engineer would discuss this issue with the Councillor at the meeting. The area engineer stated that the sign in question was supplied by the Heart

Foundation. Councillor O'Rourke requested that a letter issues to the Irish Heart Foundation requesting them to paint or replace the sign.

Resolved: That a letter issue to the Heart Foundation requesting them to paint or replace the Slí-na-Sláinte sign.

CE 20/1310

To repair pothole on English Row, Celbridge

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

Can the pothole be repaired on English Row opposite the Mill in Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that this work has been completed.

The report was noted.

CE 21/1310

Correct directional sign Ballygoran Road/ Crodaun

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

Can the directional signs on the pole at the Ballygoran Road/Crodaun in Celbridge be turned to point in the correct direction?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October stating that the the area office would pass this request to the overseer for action.

The report was noted.

CE 22/1310

Update on repairs of public lighting

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

Can we have an update on repairs and time frame to repairs of public lighting in the area?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that apart from the public lighting on the Easton Road / Celbridge Interchange where the issues have already been explained to the members, all routine repair requests are dealt with by the maintenance contractor within 10 working days.

The report was noted.

CE 23/1310

Update on progress of traffic calming at Glen Eason/Easton Meadows,Leixlip

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

Can we receive a report on the progress of additional traffic calming at the junction of Glen Eason/Easton Meadows, Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that draft layout plans for the two crossings are being prepared. The members

requested that the area office updates the committee at the next meeting on the issue raised.

Resolved: The members requested that they be updated on any progress with this item at the November committee meeting.

CE 24/1310

Issuing of tickets outside Murphy's Bar, Leixlip

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

Can we contact the traffic warden in Leixlip to ascertain how many tickets have issued for the parking of trucks and cars on the footpath outside Murphy's Bar on Main Street?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that from 09/09/13 to 09/10/13 there were four fines issued to vehicles parked on the footpath outside Murphy's Bar on Main Street.

The report was noted.

CE 25/1310

Repainting of yellow lines/boxes around leixlip

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

When will we have yellow lines/boxes etc at various locations around Leixlip repainted on the roads?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that there would be no global repainting of yellow boxes in Leixlip.

The report was noted.

CE 26/1310

Berm at Oldtown Road,Celbridge

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

Can action be taken to restore the berm of earth between the roadway and a roadside stream at Oldtown Road, Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that the area office would raise this issue with water services. The members requested that the water services department update the committee at the next meeting on the issue raised.

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

CE 27/1310

Removal of signs near Hazelhatch Railway Station

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

Can the council request Iarnród Éireann to remove the two remaining signs (Kildare Route Project) which are near the Hazelhatch Railway Station which are very unsightly?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October stating that the area office would write to Iarnród Éireann as per the Councillor's request. The members requested the area office issues a letter to Iarnród Éireann requesting them to remove the two remaining signs.

Resolved: That the area office issue a letter to Iarnród Éireann requesting them to remove the two signs near Hazelhatch Railway Station.

CE 28/1310

Boundary wall between Saint Patrick's Park and Saint Raphael's Manor

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

Can the council examine the boundary wall between Saint Patrick's Park and Saint Raphael's Manor to see if the low point near the council depot could be raised to prevent access by anti-social elements?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October stating that the area office has security issues with this boundary wall but the cost of anti intruder fencing was not currently feasible. The area office was re-examining the situation at the moment to consider possible options / solutions. Councillor Byrne was disappointed with the report and awaits a solution to the issue raised.

The report was noted.

CE 29/1310

Naming portion of street from the bridge to the college entrance

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

That in order to regulate car parking opposite Maynooth Castle, is it possible for the council to name this portion of street from the bridge to the college entrance?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October stating that it was possible to name a street or road that has never been named. Perhaps the area committee has suggestions regarding a name for this location. The members were all in agreement that they would include the item on the progress report for the next area committee meeting.

Resolved: To discuss naming portion of the street from the bridge to the college entrance at the next committee area meeting.

CE 30/1310

Laying of double yellow lines

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

What is the situation where double yellow lines are laid without the provision of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act and are penalties enforceable?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October stating that section 38 of the road traffic act sets out the consultation process to be carried out where any traffic calming measures are being installed or removed, this includes lining. With regard to the question of enforcement; whether or not double yellow lines were laid following a section 38 process would not impact on the enforcement of road traffic legislation as the section 38 consultation process was best practice rather than a statutory requirement.

The report was noted.

CE 31/1310

Local Area Plans for Leixlip and Celbridge

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

When will the Leixlip and Celbridge Local Area Plans be reviewed?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 17 October informing the members that it was envisaged that the reviews of the Celbridge and Leixlip local area plans would commence in early 2014.

The report was noted.

CE 32/1310

Autumn pruning programme

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

Is there an Autumn pruning programme in the area?

A report was received from the parks department dated 18 October stating that details of any proposed pruning and felling works would be made available to the Councillors for the November meeting. The members requested that the parks department updates the members at the next meeting of the area committee.

Resolved: That the parks department update the members at the November committee meeting.

CE 33/1310

Wastewater treatment plant at Leixlip

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

That we receive an updated report on the progress of the wastewater treatment plant at Leixlip.

A report was received from the water services department dated 16 October stating that the contract signing for the Lower Liffey Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant contract took place on 27 August 2013. The contractor appointed for the scheme is a joint venture between Aecom Design Build and Siac Construction. The takeover of the operation and maintenance of the Leixlip wastewater treatment plant by the contractor for the duration of the contract took place on 16 September 2013. Following takeover of the operation and maintenance, the contractor has prepared and is installing a traffic management plan for Black Avenue. Commencement of the first main structure on the site, the balancing tank, is due to commence next week.

The report was noted.

CE 34/1310

To consider casual trading bye-laws for Celbridge.

The members agreed to adjourn casual trading bye-laws for Celbridge to the November meeting of the committee.

Resolved: That the item be adjourned to the November committee area meeting.

CE 35/1310

Consider renaming Carton House

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

In order to maximise the tourism potential of Carton House and its links with Maynooth, we consider renaming Carton Avenue to Lord Edward Fitzgerald Avenue.

A report was received from the director of services dated 17 October stating that clearly there was a benefit in tourism terms in recognising the association of Lord Edward Fitzgerald with Carton and Maynooth. A statutory process to rename Carton Avenue would perhaps have limited scope in direct engagement with the wider community but the members may wish to open a debate about how best to recognise the Lord Edward Fitzgerald relationship with Maynooth before proceeding with any statutory process. The members opened a discussion amongst themselves. No renaming took place it was suggested to widen the discussion to include the Media and NUMI Maynooth. A further discussion would take place in the future

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.