

Minutes of the Celbridge Area Meeting

**Held on Friday 25, April 2014 at 09.00 a.m.
in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.**

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

Also Present: Mr P Minnock (Area Director), Mr J Deane (Area Engineer), Mr J Boland
(Director of Services) Ms E Doyle (A/Meetings Administrator) and Ms C
Loughlin (Area Secretary)

CE 01/1403

Minutes and Progress Report

The committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2014 together with the progress report.

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

CE 02/1403

Matters arising from the Minutes and Progress

Catholic Church car park, Leixlip

The members agreed that a safety audit has to be done and requested that the area office update the members as soon as the safety audit is complete.

Straffan Road M4 Junction interchange

Councillor McGinley requested a copy of the letter that was received from the National Roads Authority.

Overview report on pay parking in Celbridge and Leixlip

The members requested to be updated on this matter at the next committee meeting.

Lights at the Grove, Abbeyfarm, Celbridge

The members stated that funding needs to be made available to install two short arm lights (poles number 2 and 3) at the Grove, Abbeyfarm, Celbridge to stop anti social behaviour.

Iarnrod Eireann

The members were disappointed that there was no reply from Iarnrod Eireann . They requested that they be wrote to again and that they be invited into the next committee meeting to discuss the moving of the ticket machine from inside the station to the edge of the path at the bridge.

E.S.B and Eircom

That a letter re issues to ESB in relation to cleaning and painting their sub stations, mini pillars, post boxes etc within Celbridge and also extend the same requests to Eircom by letter.

Dublin Bus

Councillor Griffin asked if the roads and planning section could liaise on this matter.

Lands at Shillachain Lane

Councillor T Byrne stated that sheltered housing for the elderly was badly needed for the area and asked if it would be feasible to use the land for housing. Councillor Purcell added that residents in this area did not want housing on these lands and hoped that no plans would go ahead for the land at Shillachain Lane without communication to the residents.

Recycling Facility in North Kildare

Mr Joe Boland gave a verbal report to the members on the proposed recycling facility in North Kildare. He stated that the site in North Kildare was not suitable for recycling facilities. The project would be revisited and a new location is currently being sought. He requested that the members liaise with Liam Dunne of the environment department if the councillors have any sites in mind. The members stated that overall they were disappointed and that a recycling facility is needed for the north of the county.

CE 02/1403

To receive deputation from the residents of Mill Lane, Leixlip

A deputation was received from Declan Kenny and John Kelly from the residents of Mill Lane. The Cathaoirleach and members welcomed Mr Kenny and Mr Kelly to the meeting. Mr Kenny and Mr Kelly outlined issues concerning Mill Lane and Castle Park including the volume of tankers in Mill Lane, health and safety, damage to walls along the Black Avenue.

Mill Lane residents would like to see the removal of the heavy bulk tankers as the Avenue was not suitable due to huge health and safety issues and they asked for someone to accept responsibility for the wall on the avenue. The residents want to engage with the council to find a solution and proposals and they suggested that the council could consider installing an access to the treatment plant from an off-site location and that liquid waste could be pumped into the facility using the pipe network. Mr Boland director of services attended the meeting and stated that he had met with the residents and agreed that there are issues to be resolved. The residents have been patient and are willing to work with the council to find a solution. Mr Boland stated that Irish Water were asked to attend the meeting but declined, he stated that he would be meeting with Irish Water and would raise the issues of Mill Lane with them. Mr Boland suggested to meet with the residents and Irish Water in the next two weeks and raise their concerns of the heavy bulk tankers on Mill Lane and find a solution for the Avenue. The members welcomed the presentation from Mill Lane residents and all agree with the residents that a solution needs to be found.

Resolved: That the residents of Mill Lane, Leixlip meet with Mr Boland and Irish Water to discuss Mill Lane and to find a solution to all the issues on The Black Avenue. That the report that was presented would be forwarded to the relevant departments within the council.

CE 03/1404

To receive report on Local Government Reform.

Mr Kavanagh presented a report to the members on the Local Government Reform. The report was noted.

CE 04/1404

Public lighting at Straffan Road/ Celbridge

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

That the public lighting at the Straffan Road/Celbridge Road Junction in Maynooth be improved in order to compensate for the closure of Maxol and their floodlights.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that Kildare County Council public lighting section would carry out a night time visit to the location and identify if there was an issue and report back to the committee. Councillor McGinley stated that a solution would be to change pole 15 Rail Park estate to a double head could solve the problem.

Resolved: That pole 15 Rail Park estate be changed to a double head to improve the public lighting at the Straffan Road/Celbridge Road Junction in Maynooth

CE 05/1404

Safety improvement to be carried out at Laurence Avenue/ Celbridge Road junction

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

That safety improvement be carried out to the Laurence Avenue/Celbridge Road Junction in order to make it less dangerous for traffic exiting from Laurence Avenue.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that there are sightline issues at this junction which can only be addressed by the removal of the beech hedge and post and rail fencing. The members were informed that the roads section could discuss this issue with the residents association.

The report was noted.

CE 06/1404

Footpaths in Leinster Park, Maynooth

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

That the road surface and footpaths in Leinster Park, Maynooth be brought up to an acceptable standard now that the estate has been taken in charge.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that contact has been made with some residents in Leinster Park to see if they would be interested in submitting an application for funding to repair the roads and footpaths in the estate as part of the community involvement scheme.

The report was noted.

CE 07/1404

Repairs to cobble lock footpath at the entrance to Haven Hire, Celbridge

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

That the council carry out the necessary repairs to the cobble lock footpath and kerbs in front of Chris' Hair Studio and at the entrance to Haven Hire on Main Street, Celbridge in the interest of pedestrian welfare.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 confirming that this would be listed for attention.

The report was noted.

CE 08/1404

Repairs to footpath in Killadoon, Celbridge

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

That the council carry out repairs in Killadoon, Celbridge to the footpaths opposite house numbers (details supplied) and reinstate the kerb and grass verge on the bend opposite house number (details supplied) which have been badly damaged by large vehicles.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that certain repairs have been completed in the last week to footpaths and kerbs in the Killadoon estate.

The report was noted.

CE 09/1404

Repair the roadway at Willowbrook Lawns

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

That urgent action be taken to repair the roadway between houses (details supplied) Willowbrook Lawns and several other locations within the estate.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 informing the members that these repairs would be listed for action.

The report was noted.

CE 10/1404

Double yellow lines at the Grove estate Celbridge

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

That double yellow lines be provided on each side of the entrance to The Grove estate in Celbridge to prevent all day parking that is causing serious obstruction of the view of other traffic.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 confirming that this matter would be investigated. Bye Laws would be required before these lines would be enforceable.

The report was noted.

CE 11/1404

Pedestrian crossing on the Clane Road, Celbridge

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

That a green man type pedestrian crossing be provided on the Clane Road, Celbridge at a point on the Clane side of the exits from Saint Raphaels Manor estate and Abbey Farm estate, as this point is used by school children to cross at this location on route to schools in the area and is a very dangerous roadway.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 confirming that there was no funding available at present for this crossing. However, it would be placed on a list of requested installations. The members requested that the road design team design a pedestrian crossing and submit to the NTA for approval and try and attract funding for the future.

Resolved: That the roads design team design a pedestrian crossing and submit to the NTA for approval to try to attract funding for the future.

CE 12/1404

Repaint yellow boxes and linings in Leixlip

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

That the council repaint all yellow boxes and other necessary linings in Leixlip in the interest of public safety.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that the yellow boxes and other road markings are relined on an individual needs basis rather than on a wider town based programme. Relining works are being carried out in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth this week.

The report was noted.

CE 13/1404

Install surface water gulley on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

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

That a surface water gulley be installed on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth opposite the entrance to Rockfield estate entrance (constant roadside flooding at the footpath).

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 March 2014 confirming that this matter would be investigated.

The report was noted.

CE 14/1404

Barrier repair at pedestrian crossing outside Colaiste Chiaran, leixlip

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

That the barrier at the pedestrian crossing outside Colaiste Chiaran Leixlip be repaired.

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that this work has been listed for action.

The report was noted.

CE15/1404

Erect signs at the junction in Old Greenfield, maynooth

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

Can the council erect stop signs at the junctions in Old Greenfield, Maynooth and can repairs be carried out to the footpaths where necessary?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that four locations have been identified in Old Greenfield which would benefit from the erection of stop signs.

The report was noted.

CE16/1404

Repair the warning signal lights opposite Salesian's School

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

Can the council straighten the advance warning signal lights sign opposite the Salesian's School on the Maynooth Road in Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that this would be passed to the overseer for action.

The report was noted.

CE 17/1404

Install a barrier on the Aghards Road

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

Can the council consider installing a barrier opposite the pedestrian entrance to Aldi on the Aghards Road to assist with safety?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 confirming that current design methodology runs against the previous philosophy of use of Guardrails. They are now only appropriate where there was a proven or demonstrable

safety benefit (eg School Entrance). The proposed location would be reviewed and the roads department will revert to the committee with the considered opinion. Councillor O'Rourke requested to meet the area engineer on site to discuss installing a barrier opposite the pedestrian entrance to Aldi.

Resolved: That the area engineer meet with Councillor O'Rourke to discuss the installation of a barrier opposite the pedestrian entrance to Aldi.

CE 18/1404

Removal of signs on the Clane Road

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

Can the council review the number of signs on the Clane Road located on the approach to Celbridge Village just before the pedestrian lights after Esso and remove as appropriate?

A report was received from the parks department dated 24 April 2014 confirming that there are some redundant signs in this area and they would be listed for removal with the overseer.

The report was noted.

CE 19/1404

Footpaths repairs at Saint Patrick's Park, Celbridge

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

Can the footpaths at houses (details supplied) and the bungalows (details supplied) Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge be repaired when funds become available?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that the details would be passed to the overseer.

The report was noted.

CE 20/1404

Remove ramps at Saint Patricks Park/Vanessa Close

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

When the work on repairing existing traffic ramps is undertaken, can the ramp nearest to Saint Particks Park/Vanessa Close estate be moved closer to these entrances to help slow down traffic on this very busy road?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 confirming that this issue will be discussed with the councillor when it is planned to replace the ramps on the Oldtown Road in the worst condition.

The report was noted.

CE 21/1404

Traffic measures at Saint Patrick Park, Celbridge

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

Can some measures be put in place for the period that the traffic wardens are off duty to prevent illegal parking that blocks the entrances to houses (details supplied) Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that the wardens can only enforce during enforcement hours i.e. 10.00a.m. to 04.00p.m. as requested by the elected members. Any illegal parking outside these hours are a matter for the Gardaí. Alternatively, the elected members may re-adjust the enforcement hours back to 08.30a.m. to 06.30p.m. Monday to Saturday as per the pay parking bye-laws as adopted by the elected members. Councillor Byrne queried if a yellow box could be put in place to prevent illegal parking that blocks the entrances to houses at Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge.

Resolved: That the area office considers placing a yellow box to prevent illegal parking that blocks the entrances to houses at Saint Patricks Park, Celbridge.

CE 22/1404

Reinstate lollipop lady at Scoil San Carlos, Confey, Leixlip

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

Will the council, in the interest of safety, reinstate the lollipop lady for the 2.00 pm time slot at Scoil San Carlos, Confey, Leixlip?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that the road safety officer was in the final stages of re-structuring the school warden programme for County Kildare. This would, or may involve the re-location of some wardens and it may also extend the operating times of wardens at some schools. School Wardens currently work one hour per day, split between two crossing cycles - (i) morning and (ii) late afternoon. The new school warden programme would commence in September at the start of the next new school term. The RSO would consider reinstating the school warden for the first early afternoon crossing at Scoil San Carlos following consultation with the council health and safety officer and the school's Board of Management. Councillor Purcell stated that the need to have the lollipop Lady was due to health and safety at Scoil San Carlos, Confey, Leixlip. He stated that the lollipop lady needs to be there from 2.00 pm.

Resolved: That the lollipop lady would be reinstated for the 2.00 pm time slot at Scoil San Carlos, Confey, Leixlip

CE 23/1404

Improve sight lines at Pike Bridge/Leixlip Road

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

Can we have the report/proposals to improve the sight lines at Pikes Bridge/Leixlip Road?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 informing the members that the completion of a safety audit at this junction is awaited. The members requested that they be updated as soon as the safety audit was available.

Resolved: That the roads and transport department update the members as soon as the completion of a safety audit was available.

CE 24/1442

Retaining wall at Straffan Bridge

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

That the retaining wall at Straffan Bridge is falling into further disrepair, we had agreed on the need to repair same, therefore can the surface to the right side have some hardcore laid for car parking and improved access to the river (local tidy towns to be consulted)?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that funds have been granted from the Department to repair this section of wall and surface clearance would be carried out at the same time to improve access to the river.

The report was noted.

CE 25/1404

Lights and pedestrian crossing at Easton Road

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

Is there an update on lights and pedestrian crossing at Easton Road and are there plans drawn up?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April informing the members that there was no funding available at present for this crossing. However, it would be placed on a list of requested installations.

The report was noted.

CE 26/1404

Update on River Forest entrance

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

Is there an update on the River Forest entrance and when will the re-marking start as promised in 2013?

A detailed report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that the lining work was scheduled for the 22 April 2014.

The report was noted.

CE 27/1404

Taking in charge Meadowbrook estate

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

In view of the ongoing difficulties created by the companies who developed the Meadowbrook estate, this area committee request the council to take this estate in charge regardless of the issues pertaining to Irish Water.

The members also considered the following question in the name of Councilor McGinley:

What are the additional issues that have to be overcome in relation to Section 180 and the taking in charge process now that Irish Water has come into being?

A report was received from the planning department dated 24 April 2014 informing the members that section 180 of the planning and development Act 2000 as amended requires the developer or a majority of the owners of the houses to request the planning authority to take the development in charge. Documentation to facilitate the residents to request the council to commence the taking in charge process for Meadowbrook Estate under Section 180 of the planning and development act 2000 as amended has been issued to the residents. However, it was a condition of the planning permission to redevelop the commercial site that the Meadowbrook housing development be completed to taking in charge standard. It was now a matter for the residents to decide whether they wish to request the council to commence the taking in charge of Meadowbrook estate in its current condition or to wait and see if the planning permission was taken up to redevelop the commercial site. stating that section 59(f) of the planning and development (Amendment) Act 2010 amended Section 180 of the planning and development Act 2000 and states that a planning authority shall not take in charge any sewers, watermains or service connections, but shall request the relevant water services authority to do so. Since 1 January 2014 the relevant water services authority was Irish Water. The council has been informed that Irish Water was working on a protocol for taking in charge of Irish Water infrastructure. Councillor

McGinley read a report from the Minster stating that there was no legal impediment should the council take in charge an estate once the council engage with Irish Water first. The members stated that the council should start the process of taking in charge Meadowbrook estate as soon as possible.

Resolved: That the council start the process of taking in charge Meadowbrook estate as soon as possible to alleviate the problems at Meadowbrook estate.

CE 28/1404

Burnt house in Old Greenfield

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McGinley:
What progress has been made in getting the burnt out house in Old Greenfield demolished and the site cleared?

A report was received from the housing department dated 24 April 2014 stating that the council does not own any burnt out premises at Old Greenfield, Maynooth however the matter would be investigated to determine the most appropriate course of action. Councillor McGinley stated that the site was now being used for dumping and that the house should be demolished and cleaned up. Councillor McGinley requested that the house in Old Greenfield be listed under the derelict site act.

Resolved: That the environment department demolish the house and clean up the site in Old Greenfield and update the members at their next meeting.

CE 29/1404

Update on the primary care centre for Leixlip

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T Byrne:
Can the area committee have an update on the primary care centre for Leixlip on the old ESB site?

Mr Minnock informed the members that the primary care centre for Leixlip was progressing and that planning for the site was being finalised.

The report was noted.

CE 30/1404

Waste Water treatment plant at Black Avenue, Leixlip

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

This committee resolves that no further tanker traffic discharges into the waste water treatment plant at Black Avenue, Leixlip and that the council engage with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and South Dublin County Council to find an alternative discharge route such as a pumping station which would pipe the effluent under the Liffey into the waste water treatment plant.

Councillor Purcell stated that the route into Black Avenue was not safe and not suitable for the tankers that are using the route and that there were huge health and safety issues at this location. He stated that amenity needs to be given back to the public. Mr Boland stated that he was meeting with Irish Water and would raise all issues concerned to try and find a solution to the issues at the waste water treatment plant at Black Avenue, Leixlip.

Resolved: That heavy bulk tankers be removed from the Black Avenue and that a route be established into the avenue that would be safe for all concerned.

CE 31/1404

Erect signage in Saint Catherine's Park, Leixlip

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

Will the council erect suitable additional signage in St. Catherine's Park, Leixlip to direct dog owners to keep their dogs on leads at all times and further that dog owners take responsibility and remove their dog's litter.

A report was received from the environmental department dated 24 April 2014 stating that some signs were erected in the park earlier this year in conjunction with the soccer club who use the park. However if more are required these would be erected before the end of May. The report was noted.

CE 32/1404

Allocation for anti-graffiti projects

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

Will the council take advantage of the €850,000 allocated for anti-graffiti projects and also an additional €3 million under the Public Enhancement Scheme available from Government?

A report was received from the environmental department dated 24 April 2014 stating that

Kildare County Council will receive an allocation of €22,670 from the Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti grant funding .Applications are to be submitted by June 2014.

The Public Area Enhancement Scheme is is a new source of funding and Kildare County Council has applied for its full allocation of €105,000..

The report was noted.

CE 33/1404

Animal Road Kill

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

What is the council's position on animal road kill i.e dogs, cats, badgers, foxes etc and will the council remove the carcasses?

A report was received from the roads and transport department dated 24 April 2014 stating that roads position was that the area offices do not deal with road kill i.e. domestic animals, wildlife etc. as they do not have the facility or resources to do so. Horses and bigger animals are removed on arrangement by the environment department. Councillor Larkin stated that he was unhappy with the report as part of our environmental duties he can't see why smaller animals can not be removed.

Resolved: That the environment department facilitate the removal of smaller animal carcasses from the roadways.

CE 34/1404

Citizens Information Centre or advice clinics in Celbridge

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

That the area committee agree to requesting the council to write on our behalf to the Citizen Information Senior Regional Manager in order for them to put in place a Citizens Information Centre or advice clinics in Celbridge.

The members were all in agreement that the committee support the provision of a local Citizens Information Centre or advice clinics in Celbridge.

Resolved: That a letter issue to the Citizen Information Senior Regional Manager stating that the Celbridge area committee members were all in agreement that the committee support the provision of a local Citizens Information Centre or advice clinics in Celbridge.

CE 35/1404

Ambulance Service for Maynooth

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

That this committee agrees that the absence of an ambulance service from Maynooth on Thursdays to serve the community is not acceptable and calls on the HSE to restore the ambulance service immediately.

A report was received from the corporate service department dated 24 April 2014 stating that this was a matter for the committee. The members were all in agreement that the committee support the provision of reinstating the ambulance service from Maynooth on Thursdays to serve the community.

Resolved: That a letter issue to the HSE stating that the Celbridge area committee members were all in agreement that the committee support the provision of reinstating the ambulance service from Maynooth on Thursdays to serve the community.

CE 36/1404

Celbridge Casual Trading Bye Laws.

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

That we make a decision to accept or reject Friday as the preferred day for the adoption of the Celbridge Casual Trading Bye Laws.

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

That the committee discuss the Celbridge Trading Bye Laws as proposed with consideration to the public submissions and amend the proposal to reflect the public view in particular to trading days costs and produce to be sold. We can then bring it to full council for adoption during this councils term.

A report detailed report was received from the corporate services department dated 24 April 2014 stating that draft casual trading bye-laws for a market at The Slip, Celbridge were put on display from Monday, 20 January 2014 to Friday, 21 February 2014. Submissions in relation to the proposed bye-laws were accepted up to Friday, 7 March 2014. Twenty valid submissions were received. The members requested a review period in 12 Months, and that casual trading would be permitted Friday of each week.

It was now proposed to list the Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws Celbridge 2014 for consideration at the council meeting on the 26 May 2014 subject to the members agreement. The members agreed that Celbridge Casual Trading Bye-Laws proceed to full council for consideration.

Resolved: The members agreed that Celbridge Casual Trading Bye-Laws proceed to full council for consideration.

CE 37/1404

Leixlip Town Council artefacts

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

Where are the Leixlip Town Councils artefacts, documents, etc to be stored?

A report was received from the corporate services department dated 24 April 2014 stating that the Leixlip Town Clerk has advised that the Leixlip Town Council Protocol Committee was scheduled to meet on 6 May 2014 and this matter would be considered at that meeting. The report was noted.

CE 38/1404

Other business

May Area Meeting

The Celbridge Area committee voted not to hold their area meeting in May.

Vote of Sympathy

Councillor McGinley and the members of the committee expressed their sympathy on the death of Padraig Kearney, may he rest in peace.

Plan for up grade on public lighting

Mr Ronan Linnane stated that the council would be upgrading the public lighting in estates over the next 5 year period.

Final Meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee

Councillor O'Rourke thanked the members of the press and also the staff of the local area office, the meetings administrator, the secretary for all their help throughout the year. He wished Councillor Griffin and Councillor T Byrne well and every health and happiness on their retirements and wished the rest of the committee every success in the forthcoming local elections

Councillors Larkin, K Byrne, Purcell and McGinley thanked Councillor O'Rourke. The members wished Councillor Griffin and Councillor T Byrne well and every health and happiness on their retirements and wished each other well in the forthcoming local elections

Councillor T Byrne echoed the words spoken by the other members. She wished Councillor Griffin well on his retirement and wished the rest of the councillors every success in the forthcoming local elections.

Councillor Griffin thanked all the staff for the courtesy over the past years he stated that he has worked forty six years between teaching and working as a councillor. He wished Councillor T Byrne well and every health and happiness on her retirement and wished the rest of the councillors every success in the forthcoming local elections.

The meetings administrator on behalf of the staff wished Councillor Griffin and Councillor T Byrne well and every health and happiness on their retirements. She also wished the rest of the councillors every success in the forthcoming local elections.

The meeting concluded.