

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special County Development Plan Meeting of Kildare County Council Held at 2.00p.m on Wednesday, 16 September 2015 at Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare

Members Present: Councillor B Weld (Mayor), Councillors A Breslin, A Breen, K Byrne, B Caldwell, D Callaghan, R Cronin, W Crowley, I Cussen, M Dalton, S Doyle, T Durkan, B Hillis, I Keatley, A Larkin, J Lawless, P McEvoy, P Kennedy, J McGinley, F McLoughlin-Healy, M Lynch, M. Miley Jnr, T Murray, F O'Loughlin, F O'Rourke, J Pender, S Power, T Redmond, M Stafford, and P Ward.

Apologies: Councillors S. O'Neill, and M. Wall.

Also Present: Mr. P Carey, Chief Executive, Messrs. P Minnock Director of Services, Mr. B Keaney (Senior Executive Planner), Mr. K. Kavanagh (S.E.O.), Mr. Ms. V. Cooke (Meetings Administrator) and other officials.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the members that it was his intention to end the meeting at 4.30 pm and to hold a second meeting at 11.00 am on Monday 21st September, 2015 to complete the examination of the Chief Executive's report and the notices of motion on same which had been submitted.

The Chief Executive thanked the Mayor and members for their contributions and for their attendance. Mr. Minnock briefed the meeting on the procedures to be followed and also on the fact that the members were restricted to acting in the interest of the common good and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2015.

Mr. Keaney gave the meeting an overview of the contents of the Chief Executive's Report on the Pre Draft Consultation and on the table setting out the notices of motion which the members had submitted and which detailed the motions and the Chief Executive's response to same.

It was agreed by all the members present that they **noted and approved** the Chief Executive's report on the Pre Draft Consultation and that they would discuss the notices of motion which had been submitted for their consideration at the meeting.

Strategic Planning 01/0915SP – Cllr B Young

Core Strategy

In the light of the demographic profile of Celbridge and the need for sustainable employment and a reduction in commuting, Celbridge will be designated as a Growth Town within the GDA and have land zoned for both economic and residential development as appropriate to that designation.

Mr. Keaney briefed the members on the role of the Assembly and the use of the Guidelines and that the members would have an input into the review of the strategy.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The settlement hierarchy set out in Chapter 3 of the current County Development Plan (CDP) is prescribed under the Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022 (RPGs). The Planning Authority is required 'to be consistent with' any RPGs in force in its area when making and adopting a development plan. It is appropriate that this settlement strategy remains in place pending a review of the RPGs which may reconsider the classification of the settlements within the Greater Dublin Area. Until such time, the Planning Authority is obliged to comply with the statutory provisions of the RPGs currently in place.

As per circular PL. 2/2013 and the Planning Bill no. 1 issued by the Department of the Environment Communities and Local Government (DECLG), a new National Planning Framework (NPF) to replace the National Spatial Strategy (NSS) is awaited. It is indicated that the NPF will have regard to demographic changes. Further changes to the settlement strategy would be inappropriate pending the issuing of revised population forecasts that will inform the new NPF and issued through the Regional Assemblies.

Furthermore, "Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas" published by the DoEHLG (May 2009) will also inform the preparation of policies / objectives regarding the scale and location of new developments in villages and settlements and their ability to absorb this development.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

02/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Population:

When considering population distribution within the county the development plan should focus on
- Locating additional population close to public transport hubs (bus and rail).

Response:

Agreed.

The 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' (2009) provides detailed advice on densities in large towns, small towns and villages, recommending that higher densities are only suitable at certain locations where the range and capacity of social and physical infrastructure, including transport infrastructure, can support a density that reflects the urban structure in which they are located.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

03/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Increasing population allocation in areas where increased industry has lead to a greater housing demand.

Response:

Agreed.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

04/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Improving supply where rental prices have increased above market average.

Response:

Not Agreed.

Using rental price trends as a policy response for increasing housing supply is not considered appropriate. Shortages in land and housing supply in towns and villages will significantly affect rental prices at certain times in any given location. The range and capacity of social and physical infrastructure that can support an appropriate density of new housing needs to remain central to any planning policies set out in the CDP. The CDP and the subsequent Local Area Plans (LAPs) do however review the quantum of land available for residential development to ensure that sufficient land is available to ensure the market can provide for future residential in line with the core strategy.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

05/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Housing:

- Special consideration should be given to conversion of above shop spaces into residential units.

Response:

Agreed.

The 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' (2009) provides detailed advice on densities in large towns, small towns and villages, recommending that higher densities are only suitable at certain locations where the range and capacity of social and physical infrastructure, including transport infrastructure, can support a density that reflects the urban structure in which they are located.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

06/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Planners should consider the minimum dwelling size for smaller towns and villages so as to avoid a proliferation of unsuitable apartment type units in rural settings.

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will continue to include a policy to support the above the shop living units to promote sustainable housing in urban areas. This policy will also require the design and layout of these units to provide satisfactory accommodation in accordance with 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (September 2007).

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

07/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Given the supply gap which must be met in housing over the life of this plan, it is important that consideration is given to individuals and families looking to build one-off units in rural areas that are in the general vicinity of their home place. Consideration should be given to extending the catchment area within which persons may apply. This will further assist rural towns and villages to maintain sustainable populations.

The members referred to the need to retain teachers in rural national schools and stated that houses were not being delivered in urban areas. Mr. Keaney informed the meeting that the rural housing policy would also be reviewed.

Response:

Not Agreed.

It would be inappropriate at this stage to agree to modify the existing Rural Housing Policy (RHP) prior to a more comprehensive examination of the impacts of the current Rural Housing Policy on the County. A review of the current RHP will also need to assess the Government Circular SP5/08, Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2005), Development Plans - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007) and the RPGs insofar as they relate to the accommodation of housing in rural areas. In addition, the provision of rural housing will also be subject to the proper planning considerations including siting and design considerations, protection of heritage etc.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

08/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Given the increase in housing over the lifetime of the last two CDPs, it is important that KCC recognise the demand for the taking in charge of housing estates and that efforts are made to improve the efficiency of this process.

Response:

Agreed

In the lifetime of the last two CDPs, 130 private housing estates were taken in charge. It is acknowledged that since the creation of Irish Water (IW), in January 2014, there has been fewer housing estates "Taken in Charge" due to the absence of a protocol for taking water services infrastructure in charge. Earlier this year a protocol was agreed between the DECLG and IW. Since then, the public consultation process for the taking in charge of 54 estates has commenced.

It is hoped to complete the “Taking in Charge” of these estates in the coming months.

The taking in charge of estates in an efficient and timely manner has to be balanced against the requirement to ensure that estates are finished to a satisfactory standard. It is important that developers are required to complete their estates to an acceptable standard so that the completion of these estates is not an unfair burden on the tax payers.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

09/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That the CDP set out the planning context and the requirements for development to be consistent within the hierarchy of plans, for example, Section 1.1.3 of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 sets out the context of the Strategic Framework.

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP is part of a hierarchy of national and regional spatial plans (currently under review) and the proposed draft CDP will have regard to these plans by clearly setting out the strategic framework within which the plan sits.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

10/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That CDP sets out the vision for the management of the plan and that specific mention is made of the review process.

Response:

Agreed.

The proposed Draft CDP will recognise the need to manage and review the plan through specific policies and objectives set out in the Core Strategy and will be subject to review as part of the 2 year progress report on the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

11/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That the role of the plan be set out in terms of feeding into the work programme and the capital programme of the council - and that a strategic approach be taken to align the annual work plans with the CDP.

Response:

Agreed.

Specific actions will be set out in the CDP and aligned within the councils work programs.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

**Population and Housing.
12/0915SP – I Cussen**

There is a need for Communal Retirement Houses/villages in our County.

Response:

Agreed.

Section 11.14.3 of the existing CDP has policies that set out relating to facilities for the elderly. These policies will be reviewed and brought forward into the new CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

13/0915SP – I Cussen

More small sized local authority housing estates need to be dotted around Celbridge/Leixlip.

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will set out the quantum of new housing for Celbridge and Leixlip. The subsequent review of the Celbridge (including Castletown) LAP and the Leixlip (including Collinstown) LAP will determine the location and mix of new housing.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

14/0915SP – I Cussen

As we have an ageing population also in Celbridge/Leixlip it is imperative that we provide lots of Old Persons Dwellings with supporting services (medical facilities, public transport, shops etc nearby).

Response:

Agreed.

Section 11.14.3 of the existing CDP has policies that set out relating to facilities for the elderly. These policies will be reviewed and brought forward into the new CDP. The review of the Celbridge (including Castletown) LAP and the Leixlip (including Collinstown) LAP will also need to consider the location and nature of these dwellings.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

15/0915SP – I Cussen

Housing needs are too important to be over looked or to be only given a token consideration.

Response:

Agreed.

The review of the CDP will include a review of the Housing Strategy for the county to implement national policies and guidelines on residential development based on projections of existing and future housing needs over the lifetime of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

16/0915SP – I Cussen

The scale of housing, the size of housing units/schemes need to be reconsidered. There is a housing crisis in Kildare and Celbridge/Leixlip need more houses, all types. The Regional Plan – County Plan and Local Area Plans need to have joined up thinking in respect of housing.

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will set out the quantum of new housing for Celbridge and Leixlip based on the housing allocations set out in the RPG's. The subsequent review of the Celbridge (including Castletown) LAP and the Leixlip (including Collinstown) LAP will determine the location and mix of new housing for these towns.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

17/0915SP – I Cussen

There is no emergency housing for homelessness in North Kildare.

Response:

Agreed.

The Housing Section of Kildare County Council currently do not have any service providers in the north of the county for homeless housing. Emergency B&B is being utilised in Maynooth when the need has arisen. It is Kildare County Council's intention, as appropriate units become available, to source units than can be used to accommodate homeless persons in each of the MDs. The Housing Section utilise two emergency hostels for single persons, one in Athy (accommodation for 12 persons) and one in Newbridge (accommodation for 16 persons). The Housing Section have one 3 bed house in Athy for families and one two bed unit in Newbridge (accommodation for 4 persons). The Housing Section also utilise a number of hotels/B&Bs in Naas and Newbridge and also have access emergency beds in Cuan Mhuire in Athy.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

18/0915SP – I Cussen

Women's Refuge Accommodation in Kildare is under provided for.

Response:

Agreed.

There is one Women's Refuge in Kildare (Kildare Town Teach Termain) funded through Tusla. It comprised of four units, with two units currently operational. The Refuge has advised that they receive excessive presentations to the Refuge and have not been in a position to accommodate all presentations. We would have come across cases of persons in Kildare who have had to go to Refuges outside the county.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

19/0915SP – R Cronin

Population & Housing

With the housing problem we need a sense of urgency to provide homes evenly distributed around the county. People who cannot afford to purchase their own home should not be forced to leave their local area and local supports just because the capitalist market dictates.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification.

The review of the Housing Strategy will assess housing demand within the county for both private and social housing. Housing policies and objectives within the CDP will need to reflect the revised Housing Strategy.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

20/0915SP – R Cronin

We need emergency accommodation in every municipal in the county.

Response:

Agreed.

The Housing Section of Kildare County Council have agreed to source emergency accommodation units in each MD in the county. The Housing Section currently have one family unit in Newbridge, have earmarked another in Naas and are actively looking for appropriate units in Maynooth, Leixlip/Celbridge. This localised response recognises that supports for homeless persons are often located in their local area and uprooting can be disruptive and stressful.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

21/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That policies are developed to focus on the delivery of appropriate housing in communities for health and social care services for children and adults, as provided by voluntary such as St John of God.

Response:

Agreed.

Policies that ensure Kildare County Council continues to work with voluntary bodies and NGO's to deliver housing to support the needs of different sectors of the community will be included in the review of the current CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

22/0915SP – M Lynch

All building projects, either commercial or residential within the county must have some element of energy reducing or conservation technology within the building project. KCC staff should draw up a substantial list of suitable technologies which can be considered as suitable technologies which would have a relatively substantial energy reducing or conservation elements (e.g. rainwater harvesting or solar).

Response:

Agreed

Current building regulations govern the requirements in relation to renewable energy. The new CDP will contain policies and objectives to ensure that all development meets national standards in relation to energy efficiency and promotes renewable building practices.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

23/0915SP – M Lynch

That this county development plan attempts to place the emphases on future urban dwellings and quality town and village centre living as the majority of builds. This should consist of high quality apartment town and village centre builds. This should include as a main priority apartment dwellings of a high standard so as suitable for long term family living. To ensure this quality, apartments should be of a minimum size, per room. E.g.; 1 bedroom apartment is 2 bed min is 1000sq, 3 bed is 1800sq.. (Disregard these sizes but just an example).

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will continue to include specific policies and objectives to facilitate sustainable housing in urban areas. For example, the Development Management section of the proposed Draft CDP will include policies on the size, design and layout of apartment units, including the minimum sizes, in accordance with 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (September 2007). Furthermore, "Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas" published by the DoEHLG in May 2009 will also be used to in the preparation of policies / objectives regarding the scale, mix form and location of new developments in towns, villages and settlements and their ability to absorb this development in a sustainable manner.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

24/0915SP – M Lynch

Apartments must also look aesthetically appropriate, as the current look of most apartments is very poor. Families or long term buyers tend not to purchase them, this is not just a Kildare problem. Quality stone facades around all the building should be a must and will initially cost more, but create a building which will hold its value and look well into the future. Many poor quality apartment dwellings built during the “boom” will lead to many future social issues and we must ensure that it is a high quality build within towns and villages. Garden/Green areas with trees must be included.

Response:

Agreed.

The proposed Draft CDP will include an Urban Design chapter with policies and objectives to require higher density developments are design to integrate into their existing urban fabric in terms of form, scale, design and materials used. The Development Management section of the proposed Draft CDP will also include policies on the size, design and layout of apartment units, in accordance with ‘Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (September 2007)’. Standards on relation to the quantum, type and location of both public and private open space will also be set out.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

25/0915SP – M Lynch

Building levees within a town/village centre can be reduced to counter the higher cost to build to such a high spec project and can also be increased on urban sprawl housing estates to keep the income generated from home building unaffected.

Mr. Keaney drew the attention of the members to the fact that the draft development contributions scheme 2015 – 2022 was currently on display until the 28th September, 2015.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The review of Building Levies is a separate function of the Council and not a matter for the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and not adopt the motion.

26/0915SP – M Lynch

It is important that our current large town centres retain a living population with the centre and that smaller villages are likewise inhabited. This will create better community structures, which can be better serviced by public services such as public transport, post office etc.

Response:

Agreed.

In accordance with the “Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas” published by the DoEHLG (May 2009), the proposed Draft CDP will

use the principles of the sequential approach when zoning lands for new residential development. This approach considers sites closest to the town centre first and then works its way out towards the town boundary. Other factors taken into account when reviewing residential lands include: building completions since the previous plan, current valid planning permissions, uncommitted residential zoned lands and the location and availability of services.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

Economic Development 27/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- The Development Plan should emphasise the importance of attracting multinational investment in the county. With its proximity to the capital, its transport infrastructure, dynamic workforce and lower land/lease costs than neighbouring Dublin, Kildare provides an excellent opportunity for location of large scale business.

Response:

Agreed.

In consultation with key stakeholders, the forthcoming Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) will include a number of specific objectives and actions aimed at maximising investment potential of multinational companies and FDI within the county. These objectives and actions will be incorporated into the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. T. Redmond, seconded by Cllr. M. Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

28/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Craft breweries have become a much more common sight in recent years yet are not catered for specifically in planning guidelines. Kildare County Council should be supportive of the establishment of micro-breweries in town centre locations where a food/beverage offering is also available. Equally, where space permits, existing establishments could seek to develop a small brewing facility on site. This will help to bring culture, tradition and business to our main streets.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification.

A broader policy to encourage the development of local food production and manufacturing within towns and villages in the county, of an appropriate type and scale, will be included in the review of the CDP. Individual LAPs can then assess the suitability of different enterprises given the location, scale and nature of the use proposed and then include relevant site specific objectives to facilitate these uses where appropriate.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. M. Miley Jnr., seconded by Cllr. F. O'Loughlin, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

29/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Craft brewery “production only” facilities may be better suited to industrial zoned lands or potentially on agricultural lands where the business owner is supplementing his/her farm income.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification.

As per response given above, a broader policy to encourage the development of local food production and manufacturing within towns and villages in the county, of an appropriate type and scale, will be included in the review of the CDP. Individual LAPs can then assess the suitability of different enterprises given the location, scale and nature of the use proposed and then include relevant site specific objectives to facilitate these uses where appropriate.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. M. Miley Jnr., seconded by Cllr. B. Hillis, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

30/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That a survey of lands zoned for industrial and employment in the county be set out and that the allocation is considered in the context of the settlement hierarchy, the reduction of carbon emissions, the need to limited the weakening of economic activity by development that leads to job displacement and to balance this with the need to support the rural economy with appropriate policies

Response:

Agreed.

A review of the CDP will include a review of the lands zoned for employment uses within the county. The forthcoming LECP will also include a number of specific objectives and actions relating to the strategic location of future employment zones within the county based on the findings of the LECP baseline research report (AIRO). These objectives and actions will be incorporated into the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

31/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That an economic impact assessment of the policies set out in the CDP.

Response:

Not Agreed.

There is no statutory requirement to carry out a full economic assessment of policies and objectives in a CDP and such an additional process would require a large amount of resources. However the economic objectives and actions in the forthcoming LECP, which includes direct input from an economic consultant and a wide range of relevant economic stakeholders, will be incorporated into the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and not adopt the motion.

32/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That the CDP and LAPs address the need for an appropriate amount of casual trading in each settlement, so that Bye Laws can be linked to planning policy.

Response:

Not Agreed.

There is no statutory requirement to carry out a full economic assessment of policies and objectives in a CDP and such an additional process would require a large amount of resources. However the economic objectives and actions in the forthcoming LECP, which includes direct input from an economic consultant and a wide range of relevant economic stakeholders, will be incorporated into the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

33/0915SP – M Lynch

Developers both single and multiple should be given discounted development rates to build high quality builds, and to counter this (say 50% levy discount to in town builds), levies could be increased on everything outside of this (say 5% to counter balance and be revenue neutral or just slightly positive) and make the initiative achievable and not revenue negative.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The Draft Development Contribution Scheme is currently on public display till the end of September submissions due before 28th of September 2015. The final scheme will be submitted to the members for consideration and approval.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Crowley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

Retail

34/0915SP – S. O'Neill

When does KCC will expect to publish its results of the full review of the retail guidelines in the county?

Response:

Comment noted.

As part of this CDP review, the Council is procuring consultants to review and update Chapter 9 "Retail" of the current CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

35/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Retail planning must continue to be town centered focused

Response:

Agreed.

“Retail Planning Guidelines” (2012) issued by the DOEHLG set out policy guidance to ensure that in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development, appropriate sites must be identified in the core area first and foremost and at all times, the vitality of the town centre and the effect particular retail proposals would have on the town centre must be considered in order to enhance the retail offer in a town as much as possible before other options are considered. Policies and objectives to incorporate this planning principle will continue to be included in the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

36/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Encouragement should be given to applications proposing to make use of existing unused retail sites.

Response:

Agreed.

Objective RT09 in section 9.7 of the existing CDP incorporates direction and will be included in the review of the CDP: To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of vacant, under-utilised and derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses, with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

37/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- It is important that a certain quality of retail offering is maintained within the town centre environment

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP and the review of the retail strategy will include objectives and policies to ensure high street retailers are maintained within existing town centres.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

**Movement and Transport
38/0915SP – I Cussen**

Movement and Transport

Road Projects: Celbridge river crossing. It’s imperative that we progress with a pedestrian/cycle safety bridge option in Celbridge.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The Celbridge/Castletown LAP will set out specific transport and movement policies and objectives, based on a more detailed review of the needs for this area. The draft CDP will consider the inclusion of policies and objectives regarding new bridge crossing in and around Celbridge town centre, to improve connectivity in the town and to serve the general area. However regard must be had in relation to the impacts on the visual and historic amenities of the area.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

39/0915SP – I Cussen

HGV rat racing through housing has to be eliminated.

Response:

Agreed.

The proposed Draft CDP will include policies and objectives to incorporate the guidance set out in the "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets" (2013). This will include policies and objectives that require appropriate design responses to manage movement of HGV's away from established residential areas.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

40/0915SP – I Cussen

Celbridge doesn't link with Leixlip and vice versa. Celbridge doesn't link with Naas and vice versa. This and other East/West movements must be addressed in Kildare.

Response:

Not agreed.

Kildare County Council is not a public transport service provider and does not have a role in selecting bus routes and timetables however, the Council will strive to continue working in partnership with national agencies to secure and develop major improvements to the public transport network. The existing CDP puts in place the necessary policy framework to encourage and facilitate the improvement of public transport. The Draft CDP will seek to carry forward such a policy framework and to identify and guide the development of future routes into the medium to longer term and look at how existing services may be improved. The Celbridge/Castletown LAP and the Leixlip/Collinstown LAP's will set out specific transport and movement policies and objectives for the area.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

Motion no.s 41/0915SP to 47/0915SP – I Cussen

- 41 .Points specifically about Celbridge/Leixlip
- 42. Bearing in mind there is no way from Ardcrough to Celbridge and vice versa except by car.
- 43. Hazelhatch Train Station too far from Main Street and most of the housing estates. Public bus service needed to link Clane Road, Shackleton Road, Maynooth Road and Main Street with Hazelhatch Train Station.

- 44. Public bus service needed to link Celbridge with Train Stations in Leixlip.
- 45. Public bus service needed to link Celbridge and Leixlip.
- 46. Public bus service needed to link Celbridge/Leixlip with Maynooth University.
- 47. Public bus service needed to link Celbridge/Leixlip with Naas.

Response:

Not agreed.

Kildare County Council is not a public transport service provider and does not have a role in selecting bus routes and timetables however, the Council will strive to continue working in partnership with national agencies to secure and develop major improvements to the public transport network. The existing CDP puts in place the necessary policy framework to encourage and facilitate the improvement of public transport. The Draft CDP will seek to carry forward such a policy framework and to identify and guide the development of future routes into the medium to longer term and look at how existing services may be improved. The Celbridge/Castletown LAP and the Leixlip/Collinstown LAP's will set out specific transport and movement policies and objectives for the area.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

Motion no.s 48/0915SP to 53/0915SP – I Cussen

- 48. The Clane Road is only serviced by Bus Éireann, which is more costly and infrequent than
- 49. Dublin Bus. The residents on the Clane Road are poorly served with public transport.
- 50. Public Transport links between Leixlip and Celbridge.
- 51. Public Transport links between Leixlip and ITs Dublin, Blanchardstown and Tallaght.
- 52. Pedestrian links between Castletown and Wonderful Barn.
- 53. COLLINSTOWN TRAIN STATION Link from Collinstown to Celbridge.

Response:

Not agreed.

Kildare County Council is not a public transport service provider and does not have a role in selecting bus routes and timetables however, the Council will strive to continue working in partnership with national agencies to secure and develop major improvements to the public transport network. The existing CDP puts in place the necessary policy framework to encourage and facilitate the improvement of public transport. The Draft CDP will seek to carry forward such a policy framework and to identify and guide the development of future routes into the medium to longer term and look at how existing services may be improved. The Celbridge/Castletown LAP will set out specific transport and movement policies and objectives for the area.

The Draft CDP will seek to promote walking and cycling. Encouraging walking and cycling and improving the facilities and environment for this type of movement (through the implementation of the "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets") has a major role in transporting people over shorter distances (including access to public transport services). The CDP will seek to ensure that improvements to the local road/street network are focused on improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians to ensure that walking and cycling is a safer and more convenient option.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

Motion no.s 54/0915SP to 57/0915SP – I Cussen

Traffic Congestion

54. Some of the pedestrian lights on the Maynooth Road are adding to traffic congestion, there is a series of lights, ramps and more lights all very close together and there are times of the day when the delay causes a tailback to the Interchange Roundabout.
55. The pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road, at McNamees is in a dangerous position. With the free for all at the bridge every driver is looking for the gap in traffic to shoot across the junction.
56. The pedestrian crossing on the Hazelhatch Road is very close to the bridge and it's dangerous to use it.
57. The Bridge over the Liffey should be a project that is done once and once only. Stop gap measures serve no purpose only to push the inevitable further down the line and cost the tax payer twice in the long run.

Response:

Comment.

The issue of traffic congestion and movement patterns falls within the remit of the Transportation Section and is considered to be outside the control of the CDP. Section 6.5 of the existing CDP identifies specific road objectives. The Draft CDP will seek to review these objectives with a view to supporting an efficient and effective transport system and to encourage smarter travel choices based on available options, taking account of proposals at a regional level, including the GDA Cycle Network Plan (2014).

The Draft CDP will seek to promote greater use of public transport, increase walking and cycling, and direct growth around existing and planned services so that the demand for travel in general and for car based travel is reduced. Careful consideration will be given to any new road proposals in the County. The focus of any new road construction will therefore be for access to new communities and to support the economic development and tourism activities of the County. The Draft CDP will need to identify strategic routes that are required over the medium to long term in order to provide access to strategic lands.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

58/0915SP – I Cussen

Car Parking:

Disabled parking places need to be better highlighted. The vertical blue & white poles in Celbridge to denote a Disabled parking place are a good idea, a public awareness campaign and a rolling out of a similar plan in the rest of Kildare might be considered. Also an awareness campaign/signage to alert drivers of the right for anyone with a Disabled Driving Permit to park for free in any Local Authority parking place.

Councillor Cussen stated that an awareness campaign was needed.

Response:

Not agreed.

While local authorities have no legal obligation to provide parking bays for people with disabilities however, a number of spaces are available in all local authority on-street parking, local authority

car parks and public building car parks. The provision of on street disabled parking bays is generally carried out by Municipal District engineers as part of resurfacing or regeneration projects.

There are a range of parking facilities available to people with disabilities throughout the county. The Road Traffic Act 2002 introduced a fixed charge system for common parking offences. The fixed charge system came into effect in April 2006. A fixed-charge fine for missing a disabled parking spaces is €80 with 28 days to pay. If unpaid in that timeframe, the fine increases to €120 with a further 28 days to pay. Both traffic wardens and the Gardai may issue these parking fines. Drivers are also obliged to show evidence if requested of a European Parking Card and a traffic warden or Garda may inspect the Card.

Private car park operators are responsible for policing the use of designated disabled parking bays in their own car parks and cars parked illegally in these bays may be clamped. Fees for release will vary depending on the operator.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

59/0915SP – I Cussen

Walking & Cycling

Improvement of connections between hospitals, university etc.

Response:

Agreed.

The Draft CDP will seek to support an efficient and connected transport system and to encourage smarter travel choices based on available options, taking account of proposals at a regional level, including the GDA Cycle Network Plan (2014). The Draft Plan will seek to promote greater use of public transport, increase walking and cycling, and direct growth around existing and planned services so that the demand for travel in general and for car based travel is reduced.

Encouraging walking and cycling and improving the facilities and environment for this type of movement (through the implementation of the "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets") has a major role in transporting people over shorter distances (including access to public transport services).

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

60/0915SP – I Cussen

Cycle Trails in Donadea and other County Parklands.

Response:

Agreed.

A review of the Transport and Movement Chapter in conjunction with the Recreation and Amenity Chapter of the existing CDP will review routes which could be considered for general movement and for recreational purposes.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

61/0915SP – R Cronin

Transport

Focus on public transport connecting the towns and villages.

Response:

Agreed.

The Draft CDP will seek to support an efficient and connected transport system and to encourage smarter travel choices based on available options, taking account of proposals at a regional level, including the GDA Cycle Network Plan (2014). The Draft CDP will seek to promote greater use of public transport, increase walking and cycling, and direct growth around existing and planned services so that the demand for travel in general and for car based travel is reduced.

Encouraging walking and cycling and improving the facilities and environment for this type of movement (through the implementation of the "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets") has a major role in transporting people over shorter distances (including access to public transport services).

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

62/0915SP – R Cronin

Park & Rides in the major towns.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification.

Following a review of the Movement and Transportation Chapter of the existing CDP, the Draft CDP will include a policy supporting the provision of park and ride facilities at appropriate locations. This issue could be dealt with in a more targeted manner at Local Area Plan level. Whilst Kildare County Council is not a public transport service provider, the Council will continue working in partnership with national agencies to secure and develop major improvements to the transport network. The CDP will be framed around plans published by national agencies.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. T. Redmond, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

63/0915SP – R Cronin

Bilingual signage

Response:

Not agreed.

The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht promotes the Irish language as a vital part of the living heritage of the State. The Official Languages Act 2003 provides a statutory framework for the delivery of State services through the Irish Language. The Placenames Branch researches the placenames of Ireland and provides authoritative Irish language forms of those placenames.

Section 9 of the Official Languages Act 2003 specifically deals with signage and seeks to ensure Irish is principally prominent in signs.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

64/0915SP – R Cronin

Main road and footpaths in Prosperous needs to be repaired. Also urgent need for proper speed calming as per my many requests for same.

Response:

Agreed.

Policies, PR 18, PR 19, PR 20, PR 21 in the Small Town Plan for Prosperous (Variation No. 1, 2012) set out the footpath and road improvements that are prioritised in Prosperous. These policies will be carried forward where appropriate and consideration will given to the review of the Movement and Transportation objectives contained in the Small Town Plans with an emphasis on encouraging walking and cycling through the implementation of design principles set out the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

65/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That the provision of appropriate facilities for park and ride, feeder buses and cycle facilities at rail stations be an objective to improve public transportation services and to reduce car dependency.

Councillor McEvoy stated that specific objectives were needed to target the issue.

Response:

Agreed with modifications.

It would be inappropriate at this stage to agree to identify park and ride facilities without a comprehensive review of the Transport and Movement Section. The Draft CDP will seek to support an efficient and effective transport system and to encourage smarter travel choices based on available options, taking account of proposals at a regional level, including the GDA Cycle Network Plan (2014). However it is considered that this particular issue should be dealt with at a Local Area Plan level and it would be more appropriate to designate Park and Ride sites within the context of the LAPs.

Whilst Kildare County Council is not a public transport service provider, the Council will continue working in partnership with and support national agencies to secure and develop major improvements to the transport network. The CDP will be framed around plans published by national agencies.

Careful consideration will given to the review of the Movement and Transportation objectives contained in the Small Town Plans with an emphasis on encouraging walking and cycling (through the implementation of the "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets"), by improving the walking and cycling environment and engaging in behaviour change initiatives. The CDP will seek to ensure that improvements to the local road/street network are focused on improving

facilities for cyclists and pedestrians to ensure that walking and cycling is a safer and more convenient option.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

66/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That policies that relate to the development of sites, upland areas, infrastructure and forestry take account of the need to sustain Public Rights of Way, as might be impacted by such development, and ensure that the substantial rights of access are preserved or replaced as appropriate. It should be noted that policies are set out in many other CDPs to support the use of Public Rights of Ways.

The members raised issues concerning the use of canal buildings, the blue way, the installation of ducting in towpaths and the need to take a strategic view of walking routes.

Response:

Agreed with modifications.

Section 14.12 of the existing CDP contains policies which support the development of walking and cycling trails throughout the county. The Draft CDP will build upon this framework and will include policies and objectives to consider the strategic importance of these routes and support the development of the Barrow Blueway in conjunction with Waterways Ireland to develop both the Grand and Royal Canals for recreational purposes. This includes using canal buildings for recreational/tourism purposes, provision of cycle paths and walkways to facilitate the installation of ducting in towpaths and navigational improvements as appropriate. At a local level, walkways and cycle routes are identified in LAPs. The Council will work with NPWS and communities in developing local routes across the county.

The existing plan and the Draft CDP will also focus on the promotion and enhancement of the value of our natural and built heritage for tourism, leisure and related purposes, while continuing to ensure appropriate levels of protection and conservation.

In accordance with Section 10 (2) (o) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2014 (as amended) it is a requirement that the development plan shall include objectives for the preservation of public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility, which public rights of way shall be identified both by marking them on at least one of the maps forming part of the CDP and by indicating their location on a list appended to the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Brett, seconded by Cllr. M. Miley Jnr., to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

67/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That the signage policy, as relates to road signage, be refined for clarity to minimise signage clutter.

Response:

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Agreed.

In terms of national roads, the DECLG “Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines” (January 2012) and the NRA’s “Policy on the Provision of Tourist & Leisure Signage on National Road” (March 2011) indicate a requirement to control the proliferation of non-road traffic signage on and adjacent to national roads.

In relation to tourist attractions, the Kildare-Wicklow Destination Strategy has to be branded as such, and signage put in place around the destination. It is an objective of this strategy that signs are erected at major attractions and locations around the two counties.

On a local level, it is considered more effective to include specific policies in relation to decluttering of town centres etc in the LAP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

68/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That the CDP recognise the importance of Public Rights of Ways to facilitate amenities in the county, and pending the completion of a light of PROWs, that walking routes as prospective rights of way should be protected.

Response:

Agreed.

In accordance with Section 10 (2) (o) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2014 (as amended) it is a requirement that the CDP shall include objectives for the preservation of public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility, which public rights of way shall be identified both by marking them on at least one of the maps forming part of the CDP and by indicating their location on a list appended to the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

69/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That policies that relate to the development of sites, upland areas, infrastructure and forestry take account of the need to sustain Public Rights of Way, as might be impacted by such development, and ensure that the substantial rights of access are preserved or replaced as appropriate. It should be noted that policies are set out in many other CDPs to support the use of Public Rights of Ways.

Response:

Agreed.

Response to motion 68 applies in this instance.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

70/0915SP – F Brett

That the Council include pedestrian crossings in Kill village due to its proximity to the N7 and its regular use as a "rat run" when traffic backs up on this busy thoroughfare. The crossings to be located at either end of the village adjacent to the Church and Shops.

Response:

Not agreed.

It would be inappropriate at this stage to agree to include a specific objective regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossings in Kill.

Consideration will given to the review of the Movement and Transportation objectives contained in the Small Town Plans with an emphasis on encouraging walking and cycling (through the implementation of the "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets"), by improving the walking and cycling environment and engaging in behaviour change initiatives. The CDP will seek to ensure that improvements to the local road/street network are focused on improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians to ensure that walking and cycling is a safer and more convenient option.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

71/0915SP – P McEvoy

That the council set out a method statement to ensure that traffic surveys and proposals by applicants align with and can be fed into Traffic Management Plans being developed by the council for the wider areas.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The KCC Roads and Traffic Sections cannot agree to a method statement being produced for traffic impact assessments being prepared by applicants for future development. Traffic Impact Assessments (TIAs) or more recently Traffic and Transport Assessments (TTAs) are a comprehensive appraisal of the traffic and transport issues for any given development. They are required to demonstrate the sustainability of developments in transport terms and that they comply with local and national transport policies and objectives. The TIA can be produced as a stand alone report or combined into an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS.)

Development that TIAs are required for include major commercial, retail, industrial, mixed use, residential, office, hotel, leisure and nursing home developments. All TIAs are normally prepared in accordance with the Institution for Highways and Transportation 'Guidelines for Traffic Impact Assessment' and the National Roads Authority 'Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines' documents.

Councillor McEvoy submitted an amended motion to the meeting as follows:

"That the council develop traffic models and traffic management plans for towns in Kildare which incorporate targets for sustainable transport and that proposals by applicants align with and can be fed into the said models."

The amended motion was discussed and was acceptable to the members and the Chief Executive recommended that it be adopted.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. A. Larkin, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the amended motion.

**Infrastructure
72/0915SP – Fianna Fail**

- That where possible cables are under grounded in town and village centres.

Response:

Agreed

Policy KL 9 contained in Variation No. 1 (Small Town Plans) supports the undergrounding of cables in Kill village. It is considered appropriate to include this as a policy within the Draft CDP for all towns and villages.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

73/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- Roll-out of broadband is of vital importance to supporting business and communities within Kildare. The development plan must assist this process wherever possible.

Response:

Agreed.

Section 8.10 of the existing CDP addresses the issue of broadband provision within the county. Policy TL 2 indicates the Council's intention to support and facilitate the provision of an appropriate telecommunications infrastructure, including broadband connectivity and other technologies within the county. The telecommunications chapter will be carefully considered as part of the Draft CDP and a policy included supporting service providers in the provision of high quality broadband for businesses and communities in the county.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

74/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- The development plan should note the need for a new bridges in Carragh and Celbridge

Response:

Agreed.

Careful consideration will given to the review of the specific objectives contained in the Movement and Transportation Chapter of the existing CDP.

The Celbridge/Castletown LAP will set out specific transport and movement policies and objectives, based on a more detailed review of the needs for this area. The draft CDP will consider the inclusion of policies and objectives regarding new bridge crossing in and around Celbridge town centre, to improve connectivity in the town and to serve the general area. However regard must be had in relation to the impacts on the visual and historic amenities of the area. In relation

to Carragh consideration will be given to the provision of a new bridge as part of the review of the village plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

75/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That interconnectivity between towns and villages is supported through the provision of cycle and footpaths as much as possible.

Response:

Agreed

The Draft CDP will seek to support an efficient and effective transport system and to encourage smarter travel choices based on available options, taking account of proposals at a regional level, including the GDA Cycle Network Plan (2014). The Draft CDP will seek to promote greater use of public transport, increase walking and cycling, and direct growth around existing and planned services so that the demand for travel in general and for car based travel is reduced.

Encouraging walking and cycling and improving the facilities and environment for this type of movement (through the implementation of the "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets") has a major role in transporting people over shorter distances (including access to public transport services). The CDP will seek to ensure that improvements to the local road/street network are focused on improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians to ensure that walking and cycling is a safer and more convenient option.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

76/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Development plan should include objectives to tackle the flooding problem at Hazelhatch for existing and new stakeholders.

Response:

Not agreed

It would be inappropriate at this stage to agree to include a specific objectives regarding flooding at Hazelhatch. A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment will be carried out as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP. Specific policies and objectives will have regard to the results of same. Detailed FRA will be undertaken as part of the review of the Celbridge/Castletown LAP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

77/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That the provision of a new recycling facility in the north of the county be a priority to address the needs of residential populations and commercial areas.

Response:

Agreed.

A review of the existing Environmental Services chapter will be carried out as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP. Specific policies and objectives regarding locations of new waste recycling facilities will be included as deemed appropriate.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

78/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That any revisions of policy with regard to waste processing in 2011-2017 CDP take account of the decisions by An Bord Pleanála, including PL09.243638, PL09.EA2004, PL09.RL3029, PL09.RL3216 and PL09.244409 in respect of the scale of appropriate development in rural areas and clarity on the appropriate use (or otherwise) of exempt development assessments in relation to waste processing.

The members clarified the fact that they did not want to be site-specific but rather to construct a general policy on the topic which could be included in the Waste Planning and Management.

Response:

Comment

a) The Draft CDP shall include objectives for waste recovery and disposal facilities. Section 22(10A) of the Waste Management Acts 1996-2008, requires development plan to include objectives of the relevant Waste Management Plan. In this regard the Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 - 2021 which includes County Kildare provides the framework for waste management for the next six years and sets out a range of policies and actions in order to meet the specified mandatory and performance targets. Local communities will have an opportunity to input into the formulation of policy in relation to this issue as part of the review of the CDP.

As part of the consideration of any planning application issues regarding siting and scale of waste recovery and disposal facilities will also be informed by proper planning and sustainable development considerations including the provisions of the development plan, the proposed location, infrastructure, proximity to residential properties, protection of amenities, natural and built heritage, visual impact etc.

b) Under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act any person, on payment of the prescribed fee, may request in writing from the planning authority a declaration as to what in any particular case is or is not exempted development within the meaning of the Act. The Planning Authority cannot prescribe the nature of the application which can be accepted. Where a dispute exists any person can refer a particular case to An Bord Pleanála for review.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

79/0915SP – Independent Cllrs.

That the cost of development and associated public services be considered when determining the sequence and priority of development at a distance from town centres.

Response:

Agreed.

Land use zoning should be based on the principles of sequential approach. This approach considers sites closest to the town centre first and then works its way out towards the town boundary. Other factors taken into account when reviewing residential lands include:

- Building completions since the previous plan;
- Current valid planning permissions;
- Uncommitted residential zoned lands; and
- Location of lands.

The location and availability of services is considered when zoning lands and whilst cost of development and associated public services is a consideration, it not an overriding factor.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

80/0915SP – M Lynch

The laying of fibre optic wiring should be a pre requisite for all large scale house building projects including estates and large commercial projects. This is to ensure the best telecommunications and the future proofing of the county as a best in class for new home/commercial builds. Many now work as tied agents or sole traders from their home and it is vital that they have to hand the best in international technology and internet connection.

The members discussed the issue and stated that it should be a policy that high quality ducting be installed in new developments as the cost wouldn't be prohibitive and would assist with social inclusion. The members also noted that national building regulations should also require this.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification.

The physical roll out of higher quality broadband is currently being undertaken at a national level. The National Broadband Plan aims to deliver reliable high speed broadband throughout Ireland through a combination of State and commercial investment. As part of this the "Connecting Communities" project will extend reliable high speed broadband to every premises in the country where there is no current or planned high speed broadband network. Connecting Communities is a complex and ambitious national infrastructure project to build a high speed broadband network. This network will provide at least 30Mbps to homes and businesses across the country. Connecting Communities will address current connectivity challenges in a sustainable and meaningful way. The Draft CDP will include policies to encourage the provision of high quality broadband infrastructure for businesses and communities.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. M. Miley Jnr., seconded by Cllr. M. Lynch, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

**Environment
81/0915SP – B Young**

In order to ensure sustainable residential development and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, KCC will apply Part L of the Building Regulations in full and will prioritize development which is

designed to a higher standard regarding energy conservation than specified in Part L.

Response:

Not Agreed.

Current building regulations govern the requirements in relation to renewable energy. The new CDP will contain policies and objectives to ensure that all development meet national standards in relation to energy efficiency.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

82/0915SP – I Cussen

Telecoms/Masts not to be sited near schools or residential areas.

Response:

Agreed.

Policy TL 5 contained in Section 8.12 of the existing CDP states that it is the policy of the council to have regard to the provisions of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996.

Circular Letter: PL 07/12 was issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2012 to update certain sections of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines (1996). This Circular Letter stated that there had been a growing trend for the insertion of development plan policies and objectives specifying minimum distances between telecommunications structures from houses and schools, e.g. up to 1km.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

83/0915SP – I Cussen

Community Art to be encouraged to mask/cover up the ugliness that is in our midst.

Response:

Comment.

This is not an issue for the CDP. Public and Community Art is co-ordinated and funded by Kildare County Council Arts Service. The Draft CDP will include policies and objectives to improve the image of Kildare's urban areas including the encouragement of appropriate provision of public art to enhance the public realm.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

84/0915SP – I Cussen

Polluter Pays – Vending Machines for recycling bottles (plastic and glass) could be rolled out. Bring your bottles for cash/tokens to spend locally.

The members discussed the issue and the possibility that a motion be brought to full council for

debate in the future.

Response:

Not agreed.

This is not an issue for the CPD. The Environment Section of Kildare County Council is responsible for the co-ordination and delivery of recycling services, promotion of waste reduction and responsible disposal within the County as deemed appropriate.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

85/0915SP – I Cussen

Bins for Dog Litter on all dog walking routes.

The members discussed the issue and the possibility that a motion be brought to full council for debate in the future.

Response:

Not agreed.

This is not an issue for the CPD. The Environment Section of Kildare County Council co-ordinates the delivery of facilities for litter (including dog litter). It is not within the remit of the CDP to address this issue. The Environment Section manage the issue of litter through a combination of education and enforcement. This section also supports community groups through the provision of grants and equipment for litter control.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

86/0915SP – I Cussen

CFL "white light" is to be implemented in all new residential developments. However these are creeping in to old residential estates and they are in sharp contrast to the existing lighting. Is this the way forward?

Response:

Comment.

This issue is addressed in the current CDP in Development Management Standards, Section 19.6.5 Street Lighting and Public Utilities. An update of this section carried out by Planning and Transportation will be included in the Draft CDP. The Transportation Department is currently preparing Specification for Kildare County Council Public Lighting.

For replacement lights in old estates the policy is to replace any old low or high pressure sodium lamps with whiter PLL or CFL lights. They are more efficient than sodium lamps and emit a whiter light. Globally manufacturers are phasing out the production of sodium lanterns and replacing production with the manufacture of LED lanterns so a change to LED's in the county is inevitable.

Any new planning applications for residential development is now subject to a condition requiring the installation of energy efficient LED fittings.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

87/0915SP – I Cussen

All new Residential Developments to be given Irish Names.

The members were informed that name plates would need to be bilingual and that the SPC would have to bring such a policy before full council.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification.

Section 19.4.11 of the current CDP states that names of residential development shall reflect local heritage by encouraging the use of local place names or geographical, historical and cultural names. Developers shall provide an Irish language translation. All names are approved by the council. This is considered sufficient in order to avoid confusion with regard to similar names in other locations.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. M. Miley Jnr., seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

88/0915SP – I Cussen

Speed Limits – Residential Areas and Housing Estates.

Response:

Comment.

A review of speed limits is carried out by the council every 2-5 years outside the CDP process. Speed limits are set having regard to the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland, published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in 2015.

In addition to these guidelines walking and cycling is encouraged through the implementation of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets 2013, by improving the walking and cycling environment and engaging in behaviour change initiatives. Walking and cycling have a major role in transporting people over shorter distances (including access to public transport services). The Development Plan will seek to ensure that improvements to the local road/street network are focused on improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians to ensure that walking and cycling is a safer and more convenient option.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

89/0915SP – I Cussen

Bus shelters to be provided.

The members discussed the need for the provision of shelters for new and for existing routes and the fact that funding was not available.

Response:

Comment.

Policy ST 3 of the current CDP support the implementation of Quality Bus Networks in the county in co-operation with the NTA. The Draft CDP will contain policies supporting the provision of bus shelters at appropriate locations. However it is more appropriate to identify specific objectives in LAPs.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

90/0915SP – I Cussen

Provide a place to put Urns or a Plaque Wall in the existing burial grounds in county.

Response:

Not agreed.

This is not a matter for the CDP. The Environment Section of Kildare County Council manages the maintenance and delivery of burial grounds.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

91/0915SP – I Cussen

Public Art is encouraged to reduce the negative impact of unsightly structures such as existing ESB masts.

The members were informed that there were legacy issues involved and that it would only be possible to examine new proposals. The local area plans would also need to be examined in this regard.

Response:

Agreed with Modifications.

The new CDP will include policies, objectives and design guidelines to improve the image of Kildare's urban areas including the encouragement of the appropriate provision of public art to enhance the public realm. Any modifications to ESB masts is the responsibility of the ESB.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. I. Cussen, seconded by Cllr. W. Crowley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

92/0915SP – I Cussen

Provide better design solutions for appropriately sized and located wheelie bin storage area.

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 19 -The Development Management Standards of the existing CDP contains design standards to ensure the provision of adequate screened storage for a minimum of 3 no. wheelie bins. The inclusion of a standard to ensure a better design solution for the storage of the 3 no. bin system particularly in higher density residential schemes will be considered as part of the review of

the new CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

93/0915SP – I Cussen

Include a policy in relation to the control of Ragwort by the Local Authority within Kildare.

Response:

Agreed.

The new CDP will include policies and objectives to address the issue of noxious weeds.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

94/0915SP – I Cussen

The control of horses and dogs is a function of Kildare County Council. Necessary resources (including byelaws) must be sought to carry out this function and promote responsible animal ownership in order prevent cruelty and damage done by loose animals.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The CDP is a spatial land-use plan. The issue of animal welfare and Byelaws for the Control of Horses is not a matter that can be addressed in the CDP. The matter will be forwarded to the Council's Veterinary Services and Environment Section for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

95/0915SP – I Cussen

In the interest of animal welfare Bye Laws should be prepared regarding the practice of sulky racing.

Councillor Doyle stated that there was a need for clarity on this issue.

Response

Not Agreed.

The CDP is a spatial land-use plan. The issue of animal welfare and Byelaws for the Control of Horses is not a matter that can be addressed in the CDP. The matter will be forwarded to the Council's Veterinary Services and Environment Section for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

96/0915SP – R Cronin

Dog litter bins.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The CDP is a spatial land-use plan. The provision of dog litter bins is the responsibility of Council's Environment Section. It is not within the remit of the CDP to address this issue. The matter will be forwarded to Council's Environment Section for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

97/0915SP – R Cronin

New estates to have names that reflect our Irish heritage.

Response:

Agreed

Chapter 19 - The Development Management Standards of the current CDP includes a section on naming estates ensuring that residential developments reflect local heritage by encouraging the use of local place names or geographical, historical, cultural names in the naming of residential developments. This policy position will be reviewed during the preparation of draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

98/0915SP- R Cronin

Housing estates to have traffic calming measures and ramps etc kept in good order.

The members discussed the need for sheep grids at certain locations and also the legacy issues surrounding the fencing in of housing estates. The need for the provision of funds for ongoing maintenance of such fencing was also discussed.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification.

Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) provides design guidance in relation to the design and layout of residential developments based on best national and international practice. Policies, objectives and design standards that reflect the requirements set out in DMURS will be considered in the review of the CDP. The requirements for sheep grids at certain locations and also the legacy issues surrounding the fencing in of housing estates will be considered as part of the review of this policy.

The issue raised with regard to the maintenance of traffic calming measures within existing residential developments is not a matter for the CDP and would be more readily addressed through the detailed design process for improvement works and ongoing maintenance works by the Municipal District Engineers

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Breen, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

99/0915SP – R Cronin

A proactive policy for energy conservation and production in line with my motion I submitted to KCC that has been referred to Energy SPC

Motion referred to SPC 17/06/15: That this council endeavours that all social housing building projects within the county are built with not just energy conservation but with energy production in mind, including water harvesting, geothermal energy collection in public spaces and PV solar energy collection on suitable positioned roofs.

Response;

Agreed.

Current building regulations govern the requirements in relation to renewable energy. Kildare County Council strives to meet current standards using 'passive' means where possible resulting in a reduced reliance on 'active' means of energy production within its social housing developments. The Architects Department are currently considering the use of water harvesting systems dependant on capital costs and ongoing maintenance costs. The review of CDP will include policies and objectives to ensure that all residential developments, both private and public meet requirements in relation to energy efficiency as set out in the Building Regulations and promote the concept of "passive design".

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

100/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

Given that "Green Infrastructure" policies are to be adopted under the Regional Planning Guidelines, that the layout of the County Development is structured to ensure that the policies and objectives are coherently identified ease of use and for clarity.

Response;

Agreed.

The Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that the CDP, as far as is practicable, be consistent with national plans, policies and strategies such as 'The Regional Planning Guidelines for the GDA 2010-2022'. Green Infrastructure will inform the draft CDP and will be reflected throughout the plan as a cross cutting theme, in order to improve Kildare's resilience and ability to adapt to climate change and the ensure the development of a sustainable County.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

101/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That policies are developed to identify preferred locations for industrial development where airborne emissions should be controlled to avoid odours or dust from impacting the surrounding environment, amenity or land use.

Response;

Agreed with modifications.

The Council's remit in relation to air pollution is promote a reduction in air pollution through the implementation of relevant legislation and through the provision of advice and guidance on best

practice. Land-use zoning will identify the most appropriate locations for development. Each application for Industrial Development is judged on its merits and any significant proposal will require the submission of an Environmental Impact Statement which is required to assess the impacts of the development on a range of topics including human beings, flora, fauna, water soil, air, landscape, material assets and cultural heritage.

Chapter 7 - water, Drainage and Environmental Services of the existing CDP includes policies and objectives to address the issue of pollution. These policies and objectives will be considered as part of the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. B Caldwell, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion with modifications.

102/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That updated policies and objectives are developed to seek the reduction of noise from vehicle movements on major road networks, particularly where the surfaces used are known to emit higher levels of noise compared to modern materials.

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 7 - Water, Drainage and Environmental Services of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to noise pollution which will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the new CDP. Furthermore the draft CDP will consider the recommendations of the Kildare Second Noise Action Plan 2013 with regard to planning policy. The Transportation Department will seek publications on the noise from wearing course pavement materials utilised by the Council in order to assess and manage environmental noise caused by traffic. The new CDP will include policies and objectives to ensure that noise levels caused by traffic will be avoided, prevented and reduced where possible.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

103/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That updated policies on renewable energy technologies are set out to minimise impact on landscapes and neighbouring residences.

Response:

Agreed.

The new CDP will place particular emphasis on renewable energy sources and those which are less carbon intensive to support the government targets of having 40% of electricity consumption generated from renewable energy sources by the year 2020. The Council's goal is to support the development of sustainable renewable energy sources at appropriate locations. Chapter 8 - Energy and Communications of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives to support sustainable energy conservation and production. These policies and objectives will be considered as part of the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

104/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That the development of areas for water-skiing, jet skiing and powerboat uses be controlled on account of the noise

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 7 - Water, Drainage and Environmental Services of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to noise pollution which will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the new CDP. Furthermore the draft CDP will consider the recommendations of the Kildare Second Noise Action Plan 2013 with regard to planning policy. The new CDP will include policies and objectives to ensure that noise levels caused by recreational uses will not impact on the amenity of adjoining land-uses.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

105/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That the development of noise generating sports will not normally be permitted where there is conflict with the enjoyment of amenities used in informal recreation.

Response:

Agreed.

Response to motion no. 104 applies in this instance

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

106/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That the council introduce appropriate requirements on water harvesting, energy ratings, renewable energy use in domestic development.

Response:

Not Agreed.

Current building regulations govern the requirements in relation to renewable energy. The new CDP will contain policies and objectives to ensure that all development meet national standards in relation to energy efficiency.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. S. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

**Social and Community
107/0915SP – S O'Neill**

I don't agree with the policy of leaving mental health up to the HSE - it's not enough to tackle this problem. Promoting good mental health practices via workshops etc will help change the culture on the subject.

Response:

Comment.

The provision of public health care services for County Kildare is the responsibility of the Health Care Executive. The CDP is a spatial land-use plan. Chapter 11- Social, Community and Cultural Development of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to the provision of health services for groups' specific design and planning needs. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comments.

108/0915SP – S O'Neill

I move to direct the CE that we make more of a proactive approach to improve good practice with mental health in communities.

Response:

Comment.

Response to motion no. 107 applies in this instance

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comments.

109/0915SSP – B Young

In order to promote community and multi-use of public buildings, community access to public buildings, including school buildings, will be a condition of planning permission – in particular those buildings built as Public Private Partnerships.

Response:

Not Agreed.

Chapter 11- Social, Community and Cultural Development and Chapter 14 - Landscape, Recreation and Amenity of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to the shared use of educational and community facilities where possible to maximise the sustainable use of social infrastructure. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP. The shared use of public buildings cannot be imposed as a condition of planning without the agreement of the relevant statutory bodies/groups.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

Motion no.s 111/0915SP to 116/0915SP – I Cussen

- 111. Provision should be made for a Gaelcholáiste required in the Celbridge-Leixlip area
- 112. The commercial revitalisation of the Clane Road should be encouraged as residents of the housing estates on the Clane Road must go to Celbridge Village or Tesco's for shopping.
- 113. Amenity Park at the grounds of Celbridge Abbey could be developed. This is an unused gem

- in Celbridge which was closed as a result of the anti-social behaviour of a few.
114. Skatepark should be developed possibly up the Hatch Road or on council owned lands
115. Swimming pool should be developed in Leixlip.
116. Improved childcare facilities should be provided in the Celbridge/Leixlip area.

Response:

Not Agreed.

Chapter 11- Social, Community and Cultural Development of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to the provision of social and community facilities. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP. The CDP sets out the overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County. Issues relating to a specific town are considered during a review of the relevant LAP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

117/0915SP – I Cussen

Safe Routes to/from all schools should be provided.

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to the provision of safe routes to schools. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

118/0915SP – I Cussen

Increased library services are required.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The CDP is a spatial land-use plan and will encourage community facilities as appropriate. The management and delivery of library services is a matter for The County Library Service. The matter will be forwarded to The County Library Service for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

119/0915SP – I Cussen

Improved and increased Garda Service is required.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The CDP is a spatial land-use plan. Increased provision of Garda services is a matter for Garda Commissioner. It is not within the remit of the plan to address this issue.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

120/0915SP – I Cussen

Sheltered Housing should be provided in Celbridge/Leixlip.

Response:

Not Agreed.

Response to motion no. 111 applies in this instance.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

121/0915SP – I Cussen

Cultural Facility is required in the Celbridge/Leixlip area

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 11- Social, Community and Cultural Development of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to improved cultural facilities including the provision of a performance arts space in North Kildare. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

122/0915SP – I Cussen

Meeting place for the elderly should be provided in Celbridge/Leixlip.

Response:

Agreed.

Response to motion no. 111 applies in this instance.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

123/0915SP – I Cussen

Meeting place for the teenagers should be provided in Celbridge/ Leixlip.

Response:

Agreed.

Response to motion no. 111 applies in this instance

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

124/0915SP – I Cussen

Cinema/Theatre (provision of a cultural facility) should be provided.

Response:

Agreed.

Response to motion no. 121 applies in this instance

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

125/0915SP – I Cussen

Wheelchair friendly swings to be provided in playgrounds

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 11- Social, Community and Cultural Development of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to the provision of recreational facilities for children with disabilities. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

126/0915SP – I Cussen

Nursing home should be provided in the Celbridge/Leixlip area

Response:

Agreed.

Response to motion no. 111 applies in this instance

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

127/0915SP – R Cronin

Urgency to deliver Primary Health care and community centre in Kilcock

Response:

Comment.

The CDP sets out the overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County. Issues relating to a specific town are considered during a review of the relevant LAP. The draft Kilcock LAP includes policies and objectives to provide a primary health care centre and community centre in Kilcock. Planning permission has been granted for a Primary Health Care Centre and a Community Centre in the Bawnogues.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

128/0915SP – R Cronin

Playgrounds delivered in any villages/towns without

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 11- Social, Community and Cultural Development of the existing CDP contains objectives in relation to the increased provision of playgrounds. A review of these objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

129/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Appropriate lands should be zoned near Bodinstown cemetery to allow for a County burial ground

Response:

Not Agreed.

Chapter 11 - Social, Community and Cultural Development of the existing CDP contains objectives in relation to the provision of burial grounds including the provision of a regional type burial ground at an appropriate location. As part of the review of the CDP a study will be carried out in order to identify the optimum location for a regional/county burial ground. It is premature to identify any location prior to the completion of this study.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

130/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That parks be developed all around the county.

Response:

Comment.

Chapter 14 - Landscape, Recreation and Amenity of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to provision of parks and open space. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

131/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Where new parks are being built within the county every effort should be made to see that facilities for people with disabilities are provided.

Response:

Agreed

Chapter 11- Social, Community and Cultural Development of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives in relation to the provision of recreational facilities for people with disabilities. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

132/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Where new playgrounds are being built the council should endeavour to fit them out with units which are suited to children with disabilities.

Response:

Agreed.

Response to motion no. 115 applies in this instance.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

133/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That appropriate zoning for a secondary school in Newbridge be included.

Councillor Pender stated that there was a need for choice at county level. Mr. Keaney informed the meeting that the requirement for a new secondary school would be dealt with as part of the review of the Newbridge LAP 2013 - 2019 and informed by consultations with the Department of Education and Skills.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The Newbridge LAP 2013 - 2019 in consultation with the Department of Education and Skills concluded that a reserved site for post primary school was not required. The need for reserved site for education will be re-evaluated when the Newbridge LAP is next reviewed.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

134/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That KCC work with communities to promote the purple flag programme across the county

Response:

Agreed.

The Purple Flag is an international accreditation awarded to city and town centres that meet or surpass the standards of excellence in managing the evening and night-time economy. This issue will be considered as part of the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

135/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That criteria be established for adequate childcare and leisure/recreational facilities according to population growth.

Councillor Doyle stated that policy needed to reflect the need for locations other than in housing estates.

Response:

Agreed.

The "Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (June 2001) have established the criteria for the delivery of childcare facilities and the "Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Towns & Villages)" (May 2009) have established the criteria to the delivery of leisure/recreational facilities in line with population growth respectively. Council will have regard to these policy position outlined in both sets of Guidelines when preparing policy for the Draft CDP in relation to both these areas. Policy options will be examined in relation to the collocation of childcare facilities on school and nursing home sites.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

136/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That walking routes be developed all around the county

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 6 Movement and Transport and Chapter 14 Landscape Recreation and Amenities of the existing CDP contains objectives in relation to supporting and encouraging the continued development of walking routes throughout the county and to co-operate with relevant organisations and bodies, including walking groups and local communities. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. F. Brett, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

Urban Design and Architecture 137/0915SP – I Cussen

Public Realm/Main Streets

Response:

Comment.

Chapter 15 - Urban Design Guidelines of the existing CDP includes policies, objectives and design guidelines to improve the image of the public realm. The review of the CDP will seek to ensure the provision of policies, objectives and design guidance to enhance town centres and main streets throughout the County. Furthermore the draft CDP will consider the recommendations of the County Kildare Shopfront Guidelines (2013) when formulating policies, objectives and design guidance.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

138/0915SP – I Cussen

No gaming allowed.

Response:

Agreed

Chapter 9 - Retail of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives precluding amusement/gaming arcades as they are considered to be an undesirable use. These policies and objectives will be considered during the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

139/0915SP – I Cussen

Cut out the plastic/neon lights. Bring back the old shop fronts with encouragement to shop owners to partake in this.

Response:

Agreed subject to modification

The County Kildare Shopfront Guidelines (2013) were formulated in response to the decline in the quality of urban areas within the county, in particular the townscape quality of commercial streets which are being eroded by poor quality shopfronts. The design guide encourages and guides shop owners and designers to maintain the character and appearance of traditional shopfronts and to improve the quality of contemporary shopfront designs so that they respect and enhance their surroundings. The draft CDP will consider the recommendations of the County Kildare Shopfront Guidelines (2013) when formulating policies, objectives and design guidance.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. I. Cussen, seconded by Cllr. P. McEvoy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

140/0915SP – I Cussen

Vacant/derelicts/ penalties on the owners who leave these buildings in this manner.

Response:

Comment.

Issues relating to vacancy continue to pose problems and undermine the vitality and vibrancy of town centres. The Planning Authority proactively engages with all owners/prospective developers under the Development Management process in relation to uses (or indeed pop up uses) which are acceptable in town centre sites. In addition the Urban Regeneration Housing Act 2015 provides for a vacant site levy from January 2018. It is envisaged that this will encourage landowners to use or sell their vacant sites.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

141/0915SP – I Cussen

No political posters allowed in shop windows or on lamp posts.

Response:

Not Agreed.

The CDP is a spatial land-use plan. The display of political posters is the responsibility of Council's Environment Section. It is not within the remit of the CDP to address this issue. The matter will be forwarded to Council's Environment Section for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and not adopt the motion.

142/0915SP – I Cussen

Working with the Municipal Districts in respect of all street furniture, improvements and ideas.

The members stated that there was a need for standard Urban Design Guildlines for small towns and villages.

Response:

Comment.

Chapter 15 - Urban Design Guidelines of the existing CDP includes policies, objectives and design guidelines to improve the image of the public realm. The review of the CDP will seek to ensure the provision of policies, objectives and design guidance to enhance town centres. Public realm improvement works for specific towns will be included in the review of LAPs

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

143/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That the revitalisation of town and village centres be guided by appropriate public realm policies and the consolidation of areas to minimise job displacement to peripheral areas

Response:

Agreed.

Chapters 9 Retail and 15 Urban Design Guidelines of the existing CDP contains policies, objectives and design guidelines in relation to securing resources for the enhancement, renewal and regeneration of the public realm of the county's towns and villages. This can be expanded upon to address the issue of employment displacement. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

144/0915SP – M Lynch

This council when approving planning should actively promote natural native hedging over concrete, brick or wooden walls in and around all new residential and commercial development. A wall should only be allowed when it is a critical piece of infrastructure in a building project. Where a large wall is immediately required, established hedging can be installed in its place. This will reduce a builder's carbon footprint, cost and create a more scenic town and rural landscape

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 16 "Rural Design Guidelines" and Chapter 19 "Development Management Guidelines" of the existing CDP contain advice in relation to this matter. This issue will be considered as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion

145/0915SP – M Lynch

Where a large wall is immediately required, established hedging can be installed in its place. This will reduce a builder's carbon footprint, cost and create a more scenic town and rural landscape.

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 13 "Natural Heritage/Biodiversity" and Chapter 19 "Development Management Standards" will be reviewed as part of the proposed Draft CDP and will include specific policies and objectives to promote natural hedgerows and trees. LAPs will continue to include Green Infrastructure Maps and policies to protect natural heritage and habitats. Soft landscaping standards will also be set out where walls and built boundaries are required as part of any development to ensure that such developments are not visually unacceptable.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. T. Durkan, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion

**Landscape and Heritage
146/0915SP – I Cussen**

Role Kildare locals played in 1916 Rising. The Decade of Commemorations will have uncovered a wealth of information / knowledge – this can be incorporated into Kildare Heritage/History for Tourism and for the future of all Kildare citizens

Response:

Comment.

The CDP is a spatial land use plan. The Draft CDP will contain policies which support tourism/heritage development. However the detailed expression of the issue in terms of the location of monuments, signage, tourism trails etc will be delivered at LAP level.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

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147/0915SP – I Cussen

Padraig Pearse Celbridge Connection

Response:

Comment.

The CDP is a spatial land use plan. The Draft CDP will contain policies which support tourism/heritage development. However the detailed expression of the issue in terms of the location of monuments, signage, tourism trails etc will be delivered at local area plan level.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

148/0915SP – I Cussen

The link between Padraig Pearse and Celbridge is all the more relevant as we approach 2016. We should be encouraging all efforts to promote this link for the future.

Response:

Comment.

The CDP is a spatial land use plan. The Draft CDP will contain policies which support tourism/heritage development. However the detailed expression of the issue in terms of the location of monuments, signage, tourism trails etc will be delivered at local area plan level.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

149/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Whilst it is very important to conserve our heritage, KCC should not be over restrictive or prescriptive when improvement works need to be carried out on preserved buildings.

The members discussed the issue and the need to protect buildings and some had already been lost and the need for national legislation. The possibility of using the Development Levy Scheme to assist in keeping such buildings was also discussed.

Response:

Agree subject to modification.

It is a mandatory requirement for the CDP to include a Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The inclusion of a building on the RPS is a reserved function of the Council which recognises that the building is of "special quality" in the first instance. The DECLG has published "Architectural Heritage Protection, Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (2004) and the DAHG published "A Government Policy on Architecture 2009–2015", which contain important policy and advice for the protection of architectural heritage. This recommends that works to buildings on the RPS are informed by best conservation and design practice.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Caldwell, seconded by Cllr. T. Murray, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion subject to modification.

150/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That KCC give additional incentives to owners of derelict buildings to encourage works to be done

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 9 Retail and Chapter 17 Village and Plan and Rural settlements of the existing CDP contains objectives in relation to facilitating the appropriate redevelopment of derelict buildings. A review of these policies and objectives will be considered during the preparation of the Draft CDP. Council will use all powers at its disposal to encourage the reuse and redevelopment of derelict structures.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

151/0915SP – Fianna Fail

Landscape and national heritage- That our waterways in Kildare be promoted and supported

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will contain policies which support the development of Kildare waterways in conjunction with key stakeholders (e.g. Waterways Ireland, OPW) and the community through the local area plan process.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

152/0915SP – Fianna Fail

That all existing rights of way be catalogued.

Response:

Agreed.

In accordance with Section 10 (2) (o) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2014 (as amended) it is a requirement that the development plan shall include objectives for the preservation of public rights of way which give access to seashore, mount ain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility, which public rights of way shall be identified both by marking them on at least one of the maps forming part of the development plan and by indicating their location on a list appended to the development plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

153/0915SP – Fianna Fail

- To ensure that the Curragh is adequately protected.

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 10 “Architecture and Archaeological Heritage”, Chapter 13 “Natural Heritage and Biodiversity”, Chapter 14 “Landscape Recreation and Amenities” the existing CDP contain policies and objectives to protect the existing natural and built heritage of the Curragh. This issue will be considered as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

154/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That the landscape character assessment for County Kildare be updated to better inform decisions where large scale development can have an impact on local, district and regional landscapes.

The members referred to the effects of wind turbine locations in particular. Mr. Keaney briefed the members on the Government had launched the “National Landscape Strategy for Ireland 2015 – 2025” (NLS). The NLS is high level and strategic in nature. Further guidance is needed at a national and regional level before this issue can be dealt with at local level. It is unlikely that this national and regional guidance will be available to inform the preparation of the Draft CDP. Indeed the adopted CDP 2017 – 2023 may need to be reviewed when the aforementioned guidance on the NLS is available.

Members requested that a peer review is undertaken of the chapter 18 “Landscape Character Areas” of the Kildare CDP 2005 - 2011, chapter 14 “Landscape, Recreation and Amenities” of the Kildare CDP 2011 - 2017 and the NLS to ensure that the Draft CDP 2017 – 2023 contains appropriate and robust policies in this regard.

Response:

Agreed subject to modifications.

The Government have recently published a "National Landscape Strategy for Ireland 2015 - 2025" (NLS) prepared by the Dept Arts, Heritage and Gealtacht. The NLS sets out a framework for the management of landscape. One of the key outputs of the NLS is to prepare Landscape Character Assessment Guidelines for the implementation through the Development Plan process. It is considered premature to prepare in advance of the publication of such guidelines as they are unlikely to be available in time to inform the preparation of the Development Plan. Once the Guidelines are prepared the existing policies in the Development Plan will be assessed and amended where required. In the interim as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP 2017 – 2023 a peer review of the chapter 18 “Landscape Character Areas” of the Kildare CDP 2005 - 2011, chapter 14 “Landscape, Recreation and Amenities” of the Kildare CDP 2011 - 2017 and the NLS.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. P McEvoy, seconded by Cllr. A. Larkin, to accept the Manager’s recommendation and adopt the motion.

155/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That policies set requirements for appropriate use of photomontages, 3D landscape topographical representations, etc that are for use in development applications, so that the impact of developments can be clearly identified from where there are sensitive views.

Response:

Agreed.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2013 set out the requirements in relation to the plans, drawings and maps accompanying a planning application. This issue will be considered as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

156/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That policies that seek to protect the demesne at Castletown, Donaghcumper and St Wolstans in Celbridge take account of the Table 12: Regional Green Infrastructure Classifications and Actions in the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022.

Response;

Agreed.

The Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that the CDP, as far as is practicable, be consistent with national plans, policies and strategies. County Kildare boasts a large number of Country houses and Demesnes where grounds and settings constitute an intrinsic element of their character. It is an objective of the existing CDP to prohibit development in gardens or landscapes which are deemed to be an important part of the setting of a protected structure or where they contribute to the character of an Architectural Conservation Area. The review of the Draft CDP will take into account the 'The Regional Planning Guidelines for the GDA 2010-2022' and will seek the continued protection of Kildare's Country houses and Demesnes.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

157/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That Kildare take account of the regional objective to develop a Liffey Valley Park and that appropriate designations are assigned to the Liffey Valley in Kildare that are compatible with policies set out in neighbouring local authorities.

Response;

Agreed.

The existing CDP supports and promotes an extension of the proposed Special Amenity Area Order for the Liffey Valley from Lucan to Leixlip (which is envisaged by the Dublin Local Authorities) to other parts of the Valley within County Kildare. These policies and objectives will be considered and updated as appropriate during the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

158/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That appropriate protections are developed for the preservation of National Monuments, battlefields, sites of historic interest, as listed on the RMP and in the control or guardianship of the local authority and state

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Response:

Agreed.

The European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological heritage (Valetta, 1992) relates to the protection of archaeological heritage including the setting and context. 'The Framework and Principles for the Protection of Archaeological Heritage (1999)' outlines guiding policies for the protection of the archaeological heritage of Ireland. Archaeological heritage is legally protected through the powers and functions under the National Monuments (Amendments) Act 1994, which makes provision for the compilation of all recorded sites and features of historical and archaeological importance in the County. In addition works in the ownership or guardianship of the State or the subject of preservation orders and registration orders require the consent of the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The existing CDP contains policies and objectives to protect and preserve archaeological sites which have been identified in the RMP and identified subsequent to the publication of the RMP. These policies and objectives will be considered and updated as appropriate during the review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

159/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That appropriate setback distances be established for riparian zones based on the span of the river channels and where floodplains intersect riparian zones. Particular care should be given to sensitive spawning rivers and streams.

Response:

Agreed.

The relevant aspects of the Inland Fisheries Ireland's publication 'Planning for watercourses in an urban environment' will be incorporated into the draft CDP. In addition Chapter 14 - Landscape, Recreation and Amenities of the existing CDP contains policies and objectives to protect water corridors. These policies and objectives will be considered and updated as appropriate during a review of the CDP.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

160/0915SP – M Lynch

The Curragh Plains is a unique landscape both locally, nationally and internationally and this council should do more to ensure its protection and promotion as a special area of conservation. Proposed building projects on or within the visible hinterland of the Plains should be carefully managed and structures must be carefully monitored. Special consideration should be given to the horse racing industry and that we ensure the Curragh continues as the centre of Irish and international flat racing and that this is promoted by KCC.

Response:

Agreed.

Chapter 10 Architecture and Archaeological Heritage, Chapter 13 Natural Heritage and Biodiversity, Chapter 14 Landscape Recreation and Amenities the existing CDP contains policies and objectives to protect the existing natural and built heritage of the Curragh. This issue will be considered as part of the preparation of the proposed Draft CDP. Policies and objectives that recognise and support the development of the equine and bloodstock are set out in Chapter 5 Economic Development and Chapter 10 Rural Development. These policies will be reviewed to ensure that the equine and bloodstock industry in the county continues to be supported and encouraged in a sustainable manner.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Brett, seconded by Cllr. I. Keatley, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

Tourism
161/0915SP – Fianna Fail

KCC should continue to work with HRI and the three racecourses within the county to ensure their continued success as tourism generators.

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will contain policies which will support the work of HRI and the racecourses within Kildare. The CDP policies will be informed by the evidence base established by the Local Economic and Community Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

162/0915SP – Fianna Fail

In addition to walking trails the Development plan should support the equine industry by considering riding trails as part of the tourism offering

Response:

Agreed.

County Development Plan will contain policies to support the development of the equine industry through the development of riding trails as part of the development of the tourism offering.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

163/0915SP – Fianna Fail

KCC should work with appropriate bodies to encourage agri-tourism within the county.

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will contain policies to work with and support appropriate bodies to encourage agri-tourism within the county. The CDP policies will be informed by the evidence base established by the Local Economic and Community Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

164/0915SP – Fianna Fail

The Development plan should aim to improve cycle access to waterways throughout the county.

Response;

Agreed.

The CDP will contain policies which support working with key stakeholders (National transportation Authority, Department of Transport), the private sector and local communities in the delivery of cycle access to the waterways.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

165/0915SP – Fianna Fail

The importance of "shopping tourism" must be considered by the development plan. In particular there are many individuals travelling from outside the county to shop at the Whitewater, Kildare Village and Naas town. This must be encouraged over the lifetime of the plan.

Response:

Agreed.

The review and update of the CDP retail policies will examine and make recommendations in relation to the role of "shopping tourism".

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

166/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

That the CDP consider the Tourism policies and objectives in adjoining local authorities, and where appropriate consider how such policies should be reflected in the CDP. For example, Arthur's Way extends into South County Dublin, the Barrow Blueway there is potential to explore a greenway along redundant rail lines connecting counties Meath and Offaly via County Kildare, etc

Response:

Agreed.

The County Development plan will contain policies which will support the provision of tourism infrastructure with adjoining local authorities.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

167/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

Given that Cycling is the new "Golf", that the CDP take account of Fáilte Ireland's Strategy for the Development of Irish Cycling Tourism (2007) which recommends the designation of a cycling network around the country and the improvement of existing routes with better sign posting, road

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surfaces and greater safety for the cyclist. The NCPF (DOT 2009) includes a policy to construct this National Cycle Network and to expand it to include rural recreational routes, paying special attention to the opportunities of using both the extensive disused rail network and canal / river tow-path networks as cycling / walking routes. The development and expansion of the network will be implemented by various Government bodies including local authorities

Response:

Agreed.

The CDP will contain policies which support the delivery of cycling infrastructure throughout Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

168/0915SP – Independent Cllrs

To note the benefit of cycling to rural areas where economies can be enhanced with hire and service operations during peak and off peak times.

Response

Agreed.

The Draft CDP will contain policies which will support the promotion of cycling in rural areas

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and adopt the motion.

169/0915SP – S O'Neill

How are the % of topics calculated by the amount of submissions? There is a higher volume of submissions on tourism yet rates lower on the percentage on the total towards the subject.

Response:

Comment.

A total of one hundred and nineteen (119) submissions were made as part of the Pre Draft consultation. These submission raised four hundred and eighty one (481) issues. There were thirty one (31) submissions received which mentioned tourism. This equates to twenty six (26)% of total number of the one hundred and eighteen (118) submissions received. These one hundred and eighteen (118) submissions mention tourism thirty five (35) times across the four hundred and eighty one (481) issues raised. This equates to seven (7) % of all of the issues raised.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. B. Hillis, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy, to accept the Manager's recommendation and note the comment.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Keatley, seconded by Cllr. Hillis and agreed by all the members present, that the members direct the Chief Executive to prepare a draft county development plan in accordance with the Chief Executive's Report on Pre-Draft Consultation to the Kildare County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 and the Chief Executive's report on Pre-Draft Plan Submissions and consideration of Directions as amended by the minutes of the Special County Development Plan Meeting held on 16th September 2015.

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