

Agenda Reports
Maynooth Municipal District Meeting
07 September 2018

1. To approve the minutes of the monthly Maynooth Municipal District meeting and the annual meeting held on Friday, 06 July 2018 and to note the progress report.
2. To receive an update on the municipal district road works.
3. To consider holding an in-committee meeting on 05 October 2018 in respect of the Draft County Speed Limit Review process.

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

4. Adjourned Motion – Councillor Murray

That an update is given on the progress of the publication of the HGV limitation by-laws for Maynooth Town.

Report: The Road Traffic (Control of Traffic) Regulations 2006 provide for the application of regulatory provisions which include the imposition of prohibitions and restrictions on the entry to a specified public road by certain non-passenger vehicles e.g. goods vehicles (by reference to total number of axles) with provision to provide for operative periods and exemptions through issue of a permit.

The introduction of a permit system would require an on-line permit application system, incurring significant IT costs to Kildare County Council and additional costs to commercial vehicles. A review of the current HGV signage in place has been carried out by the Maynooth Municipal District Office. It is noted that this signage pre-dates the extension of the M4 to Kilcock and the current Maynooth interchange. Signage is not in place or partially complete on a number of roads in the vicinity of Maynooth, i.e., L1012, R418, R408, R405. The preparation of a HGV strategy for Maynooth would require engagement with An Garda Síochána, TII, Eurolink, Irish Road Hauliers Association, Kildare Chamber and other key stakeholders, and ultimately a public

consultation process. Notwithstanding the considerable resources that the preparation of this strategy would require, the identification of an alternative HGV route remains a constraint in Maynooth at this time.

5. Motion – Councillor McGinley

That a footpath be constructed from the new footpath/cycle path at the bottom of The Harbour Field to where the footpath ends at the adult exercise equipment, so that parents do not have to push buggies through the grass.

Report: There are no current plans to do further works in the Harbour field until agreement is reached on an overall vision and direction for improvements to this amenity facility.

6. Motion – Councillor McGinley

That 30kph Slow Zone signs be erected at the entrances to Parklands, Castlebridge, Silken Vale and The Arches estates, similar to those already erected in other housing estates in Maynooth.

Report: It is proposed to include all housing estates, in charge, in the forthcoming Draft County Wide Speed Limit review. Subject to funding, slow zone signs will be erected in all housing estates on a phased basis. The members will be updated on the Draft County Wide Speed Limit review at a meeting scheduled to take place on 05 October 2018, in advance of the municipal district meeting.

7. Motion – Councillor Weld

That extra funding be provided for bog roads in this municipal district for urgent repair following the recent very dry spell, as these roads are breaking up.

Report: The council share the councillors views on the need for increased maintenance on a number of bog roads which are in serious distress due to the drought conditions experienced over the summer. Unfortunately, the council has been advised that no additional funding will be made available from Central Government or from the local authority's financial resources for this purpose.

8. Motion – Councillor Weld

That the bus stop at the junction of Windmill Cross (Derrinturn) L5022 be relocated so that passengers enter and exit the bus onto an existing footpath.

Report: This has been examined and accepted as a good solution with little or no cost implication. The council will further liaise with Bus Éireann on this issue.

9. Motion – Councillor McEvoy

That signage and other options are considered on the R407 Clane/Kilcock Road near the L5078 junction at Capdoo following several reports of speeding cars colliding with nearby boundaries.

Report: Work is ongoing on this issue.

10. Motion – Councillor Ward

That the council examine the numerous road signs in and around Kilcock that are in a very poor state of repair and replace accordingly.

Report: The council will endeavour to address this when our Road Works Programme is completed.

11. Motion – Councillor Ó’Cearúil

That a detailed design is carried out of the Newtown Road to address the lack of adequate footpaths and that no traffic re-routing is part of such a process.

Report: The council is currently in negotiation with a number of residents on this road and hope to commence on site in October. No re-routing of traffic is planned.

12. Motion – Councillor Cronin

That clearer markings or signage be erected to indicate to drivers that Leinster Street is now a shared space.

Report: The issues raised will be discussed with the designer.

13. Question – Councillor McGinley

In light of the decision by An Bord Pleanála to grant planning permission for 462 dwellings and student accommodation at Mariavilla/Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, and given the increased traffic that the development will generate

on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, what plans do the council have to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth near Pebble Hill House, as it constitutes a serious traffic hazard if the road is not straightened at this point?

Report: As part of the planning process, Kildare County Council requested that An Bord Pleanála include a condition that the applicant make a financial provision for road safety improvements. This request was not included on the conditions.

14. Question – Councillor Weld

Can the site line be improved at Kilkaskin (Carbury) junction L5022 - L50222 or a concealed entrance sign be erected?

Report: The council will take this on board and order signage.

15. Question – Councillor Weld

Can the footpath from Ward's Shop, Cooleragh towards the village of Coill Dubh be repaired and improved and the hedge cut?

Report: The council has previously undertaken to repair this path, however funding and time to deliver it in 2018 are challenging, so the council will re-list the scheme for 2019.

16. Question – Councillor McEvoy

Can this municipal district committee be updated on plans to improve sight lines along the R148 at the junction in Killeighter?

Report: The council will examine this and take this on board and order signage.

17. Question – Councillor McEvoy

Can this municipal district committee be updated on the plans to install and commission lighting outside the schools at Millicent, Clane and Newtown, Kilcock and if this will be completed before November?

Report: ESB advises that the timeline for the commissioning of the lights at Hewstson National School, Millicent is approximately 4 weeks. At Newtown Primary School, the lanterns have been installed and Airtricity will be submitting the RECI certificate this week. It is anticipated that ESB will connect the lights in mid October 2018.

18. Question – Councillor Ó’Cearúil

What notice was given to residents of the Back Lanes in Maynooth regarding the road resurfacing work?

Report: This work commenced on 20 August 2018 and finished on the 23 August 2018, one day ahead of schedule. Advanced notice was delivered on the 18 August 2018.

19. Question – Councillor Ó’Cearúil

What measures can be taken by the council to stop illegal parking in housing estates such as Silken Vale during match days?

Report: Within the bye law areas of Maynooth, pay parking is not regulated after 6.30pm on Saturdays and there is no regulation on Sundays. Outside of the bye law area, illegal parking is enforced by An Garda Síochána.

20. Question – Councillor Murray

Has a decision been made as to the best design for the upgrade of footpaths and cycle lanes on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth?

Report: This issue is still being discussed and no decision has yet been made.

21. Question – Councillor Cronin

What is the timeline for the construction of the footbridge and cycle lanes over the Lyreen River at Manor Mills?

Report: The designs of some of the elements of this scheme are still being evaluated and we hope to have a draft general arrangement for the end of September which can be shown to the members at the October meeting.

22. Question – Councillor Cronin

Has the council issued a report on the recent accessibility walkabout conducted in Maynooth Community Council or is one being prepared?

Report: A general walkabout was carried out with members of Maynooth Community Council. A number of issues were discussed and the outcome of the recent Health Check is awaited to determine what issues can be addressed and where the Accessibility Officer can assist.

Issued by: Ms E Wright, Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety.

Environment and Water Services

23. Adjourned Motion – Councillor Murray

That immediate action is taken to allow for the cleanup of the vacant site in Ballyshannon Manor, Derrinturn.

Report: This site is the subject of a court action by the council under the Waste Management Act.

24. Motion – Councillor Ward

That the lane way at the rear of the houses located at the Paddocks, Kilcock be cleared of large amounts of rubbish/debris and made good.

Report: The Environment Section has examined the area. The Area Community Warden will assist local residents with the removal of collected materials. It is noted that improvements with boundary fencing (private property) is required to deter illegal dumping/litter in this area. Reports of illegal dumping should be made to the council's Litter Report Freephone 1800 243 143.

Issued by: Mr L Dunne, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Department.

Planning and Strategic Development

25. Motion – Councillor McEvoy

That the Maynooth Municipal District committee make a submission to the An Bord Pleanála oral hearing on the Drehid Waste Facility in order to highlight issues of traffic, speed and noise for communities along the haul routes, and the need for technology to monitor compliance with the haul routes.

Report: An Bord Pleanála's guidelines on procedures for oral hearings indicate who may speak/make Submissions at the Oral Hearing, i.e.

- 1) Parties and other persons who have made submissions in relation to the appeal, referral or application and/or other persons representing them, and
- 2) Persons other than the above, where the Inspector considers this appropriate in the interests of justice and subject to payment of the appropriate fee for making submissions or observations

There is some scope for the Inspector to decide, at his/her discretion, to allow submissions at the hearing involving issues which have not been raised already in written submissions. A public representative looking to speak at the hearing may also be facilitated at the Inspector's discretion.

Issued by: Mr K Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Strategic Development.

26. Question – Councillor McGinley

What developments in Maynooth in the past ten years have failed to provide creches as per their planning permission and what enforcement action are the council going to take on the matter?

Report: The Planning Authority will review the various planning permissions for these developments and provide a detailed report for the October Municipal District Meeting.

Issued by: Mr M McLoughlin, A/Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Strategic Development.

Economic, Community and Cultural Development

27. Motion – Councillor Ó’Cearúil

That a full review is carried out on the equipment in the adult gym and the playground in Maynooth Harbour and that a schedule of cleaning works is provided.

Report: The equipment in the adult gym requires replacement. The works will be considered for the 2019 Capital works programme but this will depend on the funding

required and the need to fund other capital projects in the municipal district area. The playground is cleaned three times a week from March to October and once a week from November to February.

28. Question – Councillor Ward

When will the community garden in Kilcock be finished?

Report: The only remaining work in the garden is to complete the boundary rail. This is scheduled to be done by the end of September.

29. Question – Councillor Murray

Can the upgrade of the Maynooth playground include special needs outdoor equipment making it suitable for all users?

Report: The playground in Maynooth already contains equipment which is accessible. These are the basket swing, interactive play unit, multi units with transfer platforms, 4 way-springer, talk phones and play panels. The accessibility of the swings could be improved as part of the upgrade. However there is no scope to provide additional equipment due to the need to preserve safety zones around existing equipment.

Issued by: Mr S Wallace, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Community and Cultural Development.