

Business Hub needed for Kilcock

by Lisa Deeney

KILCOCK is lacking business spaces and hubs for potential growth and this must be addressed.

This is according to the Kilcock Business Association who made a presentation at this month's Lane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting last Friday (6th May).

Tara Lane told the meeting that their mission is to provide business support and peer to peer networking for the town.

"With a population of 6,000 people, three national schools and one primary school, there is a lack of suitable premises and we want to solve that problem," she said.

She recommended a new incubator hub to attract startup businesses. She questioned why big busi-

nesses have been lost to Kilcock such as Kelly's Bakery and Rye River Brewing and said it was because of a lack of business space.

"Businesses are being squeezed out of town. We are losing opportunities because of a lack of facilities. We want to develop to work towards a hub to keep jobs local," Lane added.

The Kilcock Business Association has earmarked a potential solution, 31 acres on the Cow Park, Kilcock and it is seeking the support of Kildare County Council.

Also speaking was Gerard McGeeney of McGeeney Garage, where

he employs 15 people in the town.

"A unit is definitely needed in Kilcock," he said.

Also speaking was businessman Flan Hedderman of Cross Interiors.

"There is a large demand for light space. It is proven difficult to attract staff because of its isolated rural setting. Without a business park we are forced to leave," he said.

Cllr Tim Durkan (FG) added his support to the proposal.

"We need to be placing units with people who want to live and work in Kilcock."

Cllr Bernard Weld (FG) recognised the frustration felt by businesses and acknowledged the need for a bigger premises.

Cllr Angela Feeney (Lab)

said Kilcock should be back to the glory it was.

Cllr Naoise O Cearúil (FF) noted it would be difficult to find funding but would have no problem

helping the Kilcock Business Association meet with IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland.

Cllr Paul Ward (EF) recommended a study be

undertaken to see what is feasible.

Cllr Peter Hamilton (GP) said dormitory towns should be a thing of the past and offered his sup-

port. Cllr Padraig McEvoy (Ind) welcomed the report and noted the sustainable transport aspects that will also have to be addressed.



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Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) (PART 8)

Proposed Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge in Celbridge Town Centre

Planning Reference: P82022.07

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council proposes to provide a shared pedestrian and cycle bridge over the River Liffey in Celbridge town centre.

The site extends to the following locations in Celbridge:

- Main Street and English Row at the R405 / R403 Junction.
- Celbridge Bridge (R405) from the Main Street Junction to the Newtown Road / Dublin Road (R403) and R405 Junction.

The proposed development comprises of a shared pedestrian and cycle bridge from the footpath adjacent to the former Bank of Ireland car park in Celbridge to the footpath outside the Abbey Lodge public house. The bridge will span over the River Liffey for approximately 50m. It will be constructed directly adjacent to the existing road bridge.

The existing footpath will be removed from the existing road bridge and a rubbing strip will be installed at both sides.

The kerb line will be built out slightly in front of the Abbey Lodge and the existing pedestrian crossings will be maintained on all three arms of this junction.

The footpath will be built out on Main Street at the arm of the junction and a new pedestrian crossing will be provided.

Particulars of the proposed scheme will also be available to view on Kildare County Council's website at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-proposed-pedestrian-cycle-bridge-celbridge-town-centre-planning-ref-p8202207> from Tuesday, 10 May until Wednesday, 08 June 2022.

Particulars of the proposed scheme will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Kildare County Council, Level 4, (Public Display Area) at the address below BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments must be made in advance for the Public Display Area at <http://kildare.ie/countyCouncil/OnlineBookingSystem/> (Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:24 p.m., Monday to Friday).

The proposed scheme will also be available for inspection at Celbridge Library, St Patrick's Park, Celbridge W23 VA47. (Opening hours 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday).

The proposed development has undergone **Appropriate Assessment Screening** under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning Authority has determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in this instance. In addition, the proposal has also undergone screening for **Environmental Impact Assessment** under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU (and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended) and the Planning Authority has determined that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and therefore an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. In accordance with Section 120 of the Planning & Development Regulations (as amended), any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated can be made online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-proposed-pedestrian-cycle-bridge-celbridge-town-centre-planning-ref-p8202207>

OR in writing to: A/Senior Executive Officer, Roads Transportation and Public Safety Department, Kildare County Council, at the address below on or before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 June 2022. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions should be headed: "Proposed Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge in Celbridge Town Centre, Planning Reference: P82022.07"

All comments, including names of those making comments, submitted to the Council in regard to this scheme will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.

Kildare County Council is subject to the provisions of Freedom of Information (FOI Acts 1997 and 2014) and the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2013.

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