



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES March 2024



Access of Cyclists to Ferries

The Irish Cycling Campaign has urged the support of an Uplift petition to the CEO of Irish Ferries and other ferry companies about their ban on the carriage of bikes on certain Irish routes. Maynooth Cycling Campaign endorses their campaign and would everyone to add their name to the petition. The petition can be found [here](#).

Annual Meeting AGM

Maynooth Cycling Campaign organised an AGM last November but we did not get enough attendees to constitute a quorum. Consequently, we are considering organising a second one in March in order to regularise a number of issues. The most important one is that we are considering moving from an organisation with a mailing list of supporters to a membership based organisation with an annual cost is €30. This is in line with cycling campaigners elsewhere in Ireland and would allow us to become a more effective organisation with a greater impact on the provision of cycling infrastructure in Maynooth and Kildare in general.

In part, this has arisen as Maynooth Cycling Campaign is in the process of making an application for funding under the Community Climate Action programme. One of the requirements is that applicants are locally based and have a local bank account. National organisation are not eligible. Maynooth Cycling Campaign supports the Irish Cycling Campaign and had intended to join it but to do so would disqualify us from applying for the said funding.

St. Patricks Day Parade

Maynooth Cycling Campaign will be taking part in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in partnership with St. John of God. The theme for the parade is Pirates so we would invite parents who would like to join us with their children to get "decked out" for the parade. Let us know at maynoothcycling@gmail.com if you can join us.

Cycling Without Age

Maynooth Cycling Without Age closed down for the winter months but now is ready to open up again. Maynooth Cycling Campaign will be in touch over the next few week to organise training for pilots.

We have also been in touch with St. John of God/Genil Training in relation to training some of their staff members.

Flooding at Hayfield Estate

Some years ago, Maynooth Cycling Campaign made representations to Kildare County Council about the repeated ponding of water of the cycle track at the entrance to Hayfield Estate. It was discussed at a recent meeting of the campaign and we are grateful to Cllr. Peter Hamilton who offered to look for an update on the situation. He received a response that the developer has agreed to complete the wearing course at the entrance in the short term in order to alleviate the ponding issue.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. If you wish to join us, email us at maynoothcycling@gmail.com . Further information on the campaign is available on our website.