



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

June 2024

Bike Week 2024



Photos: Kilcock Family Cycle

Bikeweek started off on a perfect day for cycling with a small group visiting a number of our most historic graveyards. Maynooth Men's Shed headed off on Thursday along the Royal Canal Greenway and enjoyed a tea and a bun in Kilcock. The Chair gave a talk to some 130 transition year pupils in Maynooth Post Primary School and to some 60 transition year pupils in Maynooth Community College. The Campaign wishes to thank teachers Nicola Nelson and Jakki Byrnes in the two schools for facilitating the talks. A raffle was also organised in each of the schools for pupils who cycled to school. Bikeweek finished off with the always popular Family Cycle to Kilcock. With another beautiful day, ice creams were warmly welcomes when we reached Kilcock.

We are sorry that we were unable to proceed with the film Motherload. The makers recommend a two month lead-in in order to gain the maximum benefits so we have decided to postpone the screening until later in the year.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign

With Bikeweek over for another year, Maynooth Cycling Campaign will be focusing on reorganisation. A new Management Committee has been established and it has been decided that we will be moving to a fee paying membership. We are drawing up a list of people who would be interested in joining a fee based membership model. If you wish to join us, email your details to maynoothcycling@gmail.com.

You may have noticed that we no longer include the Cyclist.ie and the ECF logos in our header. Cyclist.ie no longer exists as cycle campaigning nationally has been renewed as the Irish Cycling Campaign. Maynooth Cycling Campaign has decided to remain as a local organisation.

LG24 - Local Government Elections 2024

The Local Government elections 2024 take place on 7th June. Our asks of those running for elections are as follows:

1. **Celbridge Road** - our top priority is for the delivery of improved cycling and walking provision at Celbridge Road - the location of two primary schools.
2. **“Leprechaun” Climate Targets** - for Kildare County Council to get rid of “Leprechaun” Climate Targets -targets which are unachievable as they add up to 150% rather than 100% of journeys.
3. **WHO’s H.E.A.T. tool** - for Kildare County Council to introduce WHO’s H.E.A.T. tool to calculate the benefits of active travel schemes and to estimate reductions in carbon emissions as carried out in multiple countries.
4. **Reporting of Committee Minutes** - for Kildare County Council to publish draft minutes of SPC and Sustainable Transport Forum meetings within 2 weeks as opposed to the current practice of circulating them nearly three months after the meeting.
5. **Kiss the Gates Goodbye** – for Kildare County Council (1) to identify substandard accesses to greenways and other active travel routes which are barriers to entry by cyclists and mobility impaired people; and (2) to seek funding for their removal.
6. **Safety Concerns at Moyglare Educational Campus** – we support the concerns of the three school principals as detailed in their letter dated 21st April to Kildare County Council re taking in charge, pedestrian crossing, shared paths and Moyglare Road traffic calming.

Road Safety

Traffic fatalities continue to increase. By the 21st May 2024, there had been 79 road fatalities including 14 pedestrians and 5 cyclists. In 2023, there were a total of 8 cyclist fatalities.

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.