

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 17 July 2018
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

Members Present: Councillor B Hillis (Mayor), Councillors A Breen, F Brett,
D Callaghan, C Kelly, S Moore, S O'Neill and R Power.

Officials Present: Mr P Minnock (Municipal District Manager),
Mr T McDonnell (Director of Services),
Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officer),
Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer),
Ms C Lidieth (Staff Officer),
Ms P O'Rourke (Executive Parks Superintendent),
Ms E O'Brien (Executive Engineer),
Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and
Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary).

Apologies: Councillor D Scully.

NS01/0718

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19 June 2018 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Breen that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19 June 2018, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS02/0718

Presentation from Hope Cottage

The Mayor welcomed Ms Noreen Ardill, regional family support co-ordinator from Hope Cottage to the meeting. Ms Ardill gave an overview of Hope Cottage and its services and informed the members that Hope Cottage was based in Kill and was a family support service for families of loved ones with addiction, catering for an area

of approximately 66km in Kildare and West Wicklow. She stated all policies and procedures operated within the facility complied with the National Drugs Rehabilitation Implementation Committee (NDRIC) framework and it was affiliated to the National Family Support Network. Ms Ardill listed the presenting needs and issues of family members such as physical and mental health, relationship and family life, drug debt and intimidation, housing, financial, violence, court/jail and school/work problems. Ms Ardill stated that the youngest person to present at Hope Cottage was 13 years old and had been an addict since the age of 9 or 10. She confirmed that there were 50 – 60 families on the books at Hope Cottage and that she was the only full time member of staff at the facility and there were two part time staff who were employed under the Community Employment (CE) Scheme. Ms Ardill stated that she was on secondment and that it expired at the end of the year. She informed the members that in order to sustain and increase services for Hope Cottage, funding needed to be secured and without such funding the service would cease to exist. Ms Ardill stated that the premises was secured by the Office of Public Works (OPW). She also stated that there were a shortage of services for young people and that there were no services for anyone under 11 years of age in the line of counselling.

Councillor Breen thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation and stated that she had worked as a nurse in the Rutland Centre and asked Ms Ardill what support could be received from these agencies. She also queried the issue of funding. Ms Ardill stated that the bulk of the funding was provided by the County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP) and a small amount from the Regional Drugs Task Force. She also stated that in terms of support, she looks at what else was available in the area.

Councillor Brett thanked Ms Ardill for the presentation and stated that he remembered when Hope Cottage was proposed for Kill, a community alert meeting was arranged where it was explained what Hope Cottage was and the community expressed their support for the proposal. He also stated that he was a representative on the LCDC and would see if they could help Hope Cottage to continue its services.

Councillor Moore asked Ms Ardill if Hope Cottage was her own project. Ms Ardill stated that the regional drug and alcohol task force saw the need for Hope Cottage. Councillor Moore stated that he would be expecting that the HSE would be involved in this. Ms Ardill stated that the aspiration was that the service would remain open and confirmed that she would also be speaking to the HSE. Councillor Moore stated that the reason he was asking about the HSE was that a lot of the services were overlapping.

The Mayor thanked Ms Ardill for her presentation.

NS03/0718

Municipal District Road Works

Mr Reel, Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works. He stated that minor improvement drainage works were completed on the R410 Newtownpark, Blessington, L2027 Boleybeg Cross, Ballymore Eustace, L2004 Digby Bridge, Naas and the L6035 Tipper South. Mr Reel informed the members that the first package of the road improvement works programme for 2018 for the Naas Municipal District were substantially completed on the L6044 Mullacash, L2027 Boleybeg, L6016 Turnings & L6013 Ladycastle, Straffan, L6011 Sherlockstown Cross, Sallins, Carnalway Cross, Kilcullen, L2020 Hartwell, Kill and R413 Kilcullen. He stated that works on the L6064 Lewistown, L6042 Blackhall & Walshestown, Punchestown, R409 Halverstown Cross to Naas, R409 Carragh to Liffey Bridge, L3013 Ballycane Road & L6043 Craddockstown Road, Naas, L6012 Sherlockstown, Sallins, L6076 Knockbounce, Kilcullen, L6041 Nunslan, Naas and L6038 Redbog, Blessington were at construction stage. In relation to the Naas Municipal District surface dressings 2018, Mr Reel stated that works had been completed on the R410 Blessington Road, L2032 Two Mile House to Corbally Cross, L6030 Punchestown Upper, L6011 Sherlockstown Cross to Turnings, L6018 Castlewarden, L6074 Logstown Road, L2018 Rathmore to Kiltel and L2021 Eadestown. Mr Reel stated that in relation to the Leinster Aquaduct – Canal Road Closure, Waterways Ireland had completed works to the parapet and Kildare County Council had placed a 3.5 tonne weight restriction on the road. He stated that the road had re-opened but the parapet was struck by a vehicle within a week of it being

re-opened causing the road to be closed again. Mr Reel advised the members that Waterways Ireland had been informed and stated they were developing a design for the repair of the parapet and minor improvements to the adjoining road, in conjunction with Kildare County Council. He stated it was hoped that the contractor would be on site in September and the road re-opened at the end of October or start of November. In relation to the N81 Pavement Improvement Scheme (Bishopslane to Blakestown), Mr Reel stated that the project was at pre-construction stage with an expectation to be on site in July 2018 and completed at the end of August. He informed the members that this was a 4km surface overlay project with associated drainage works and confirmed that works on the drainage element were currently taking place.

Councillor Kelly queried if it had been evident that the snow had caused deterioration to the roads. Mr Reel stated that roads had deteriorated due to the two periods of snow earlier this year and the extreme heat in recent weeks, where road temperatures were in the region of 50 degrees, and confirmed that the works programme was still being followed and works continued to be carried out. Mr Reel confirmed that it had been noted and stated that more sources of funding would be required over the next couple of winters. Councillor Kelly also queried if funding was provided as result of the snow earlier in the year to which Mr Reel stated that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) had indicated there would be funding towards the cost of the removal of snow but funding had not yet been received.

Councillor Moore queried if a submission for funding had been made to DTTAS following the severe weather episode earlier this year. The members were informed that the Roads Department had been asked to put together a note on what the municipal districts required and that this information was currently being gathered but has not yet been presented to the Department.

Councillor Breen sought an update on Coughlanstown Road. Mr Reel confirmed that the matter was with the design team and consultants had been procured. Councillor Breen requested an update for the next meeting.

NS04/0718

Mayor's Business

Councillor Hillis stated that he had no update under Mayor's Business at this time.

NS05/0718

Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Kingsfurze Avenue, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Ms Wright stated that this Section 38 related to road repairs and road lines.

Councillor Moore queried if there was another area in the same situation as Kingsfurze, could an application be made for a Section 38.

Ms Wright stated that a Section 38 is a reserved function of the members and that a map identifying the issues would be required which would then be brought to An Garda Síochána.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Kingsfurze Avenue, Naas, Co. Kildare be approved.

NS06/0718

Taking in Charge of Dowdingstown Lawns

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Hillis.

That the council commence the taking in charge of Dowdingstown Lawns, Two Mile House.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Hillis, seconded by Councillor Brett.

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that Dowdingstown Lawns had not been formally requested to be taken in charge as was required under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) by either the developer or the residents, and

as a consequence the Taking in Charge process, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) cannot commence. The wearing course was not complete and Building Control had not received any taking in charge documentation, as required under Kildare County Council's Taking in Charge policy. It should be also noted that the Bond associated with this development had expired.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Hillis, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted.

NS07/0718

Materials for Building Cycle Lanes

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill. That the council investigate the possibility of using recycled materials for building cycle lanes such as the Dublin and Kilcullen roads in Naas. Further information was available on the link below:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/netherlands-poised-for-pilot-test-of-recycled-plastic-paths-1.3524324?platform=hootsuite>

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Brett.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department was currently reusing/recycling roads materials, where feasible. The reuse/recycling was governed by the Institute of Asphalt Technology Best Practice for Cost In Situ Recycling of Low Volume Traffic Roads and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Guidelines on the Depth of Overlay to be used on Rural Regional and Local Roads.

Councillor Power sought clarification from Councillor O'Neill in relation to the recycled materials she referred to asking if it was recycled materials that were not necessarily road materials. Councillor O'Neill confirmed that it was prefabricated materials.

Ms Wright stated that she looked at the website link provided and the materials being trialled in Netherlands were being used on new roads however the Dublin and Kilcullen Roads were existing roads not new roads. She also confirmed that the Roads Department were using recycled roads materials however not the same materials as was being trialled in the Netherlands.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted.

NS08/0718

Residential Parking Space on Friary Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council consider reinstating the residential parking space which was on Friary Road and was available for a considerable time to a local resident.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were eight parking spaces on Friary Road and the objective was to ensure that these short-stay spaces were prioritised to support retail/commercial businesses in the area by ensuring turnover. This was in line with the council's County Parking Policy. Free parking was available on Friary Road after 5.30pm Monday - Saturday and all day Sunday. Long stay parking was available at Boyles Car Park and Hedermans Car Park, in addition to private car parks in the vicinity.

Councillor Breen stated that this family were residents at the property for a number of years and had now been told that they would have to park in Hedermans Carpark as their residential parking space had been made unavailable.

Councillor Moore stated that when the widening of Friary Road was taking place, this gentleman was allocated a residential parking space by Naas Town Council and that he was now in ill health and would not be able to walk to Hedermans Carpark. He

also confirmed that the family would be happy with one parking space either on Friary Road or in Boyle's Carpark.

Councillor Kelly stated that Boyle's Carpark would be more suitable than Hedermans Carpark.

Ms Wright stated that there were eight spaces on Friary Road prioritised to support businesses in accordance with the council's County Parking Policy and Bye-Laws. She also stated that if the gentleman had mobility issues he may be entitled to a disability permit to park in a disabled parking space. Ms Wright further stated that providing a residential parking permit does not guarantee a parking space.

Councillor Moore stated that there were loads of options in the Boyle's Carpark and what was previously provided to this family should be honoured.

Ms Wright stated that the Roads Department would review the matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and the matter be reviewed by the Roads Department.

NS09/0718

Entrance to the Old Concrete Pipes Site

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.

That the council install barriers at the entrance to the old concrete pipes site, Naas, to prevent illegal encampments and dumping at this location.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Power.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this area had been cleaned and litter removed and other improvements, including CCTV, completed over the past weeks by Transport Infrastructure Ireland's maintenance contractor, GSJ. All relevant stakeholders were in agreement regarding deterring unauthorised encampments in the area. However, the installation of bollards or any other type of obstruction would need to ensure that

a hazard was not introduced to road users travelling on the rotary of the Dublin Road roundabout and such barriers might block access to privately owned lands.

Councillor Brett stated that in recent years it had cost the council thousands to move people on from this location and that there was ongoing anti social behaviour here, with cars and trucks parked there at all times of the day and night. He also stated that Cemex had no problem blocking this area off and suggested moving boulders from the Fairgreen in Naas and putting chevrons on front of them so people cannot stop at this location.

Councillor Power stated that there were safety concerns at this location and it would be better for everyone if the area was cordoned off altogether.

Mr Reel stated that this was a Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) issue with the relevant landowner and that the piece of land was acquired as part of the M7 upgrade and nothing could be done until the relevant landowner was identified and funding secured.

Councillor Moore queried the relationship between TII and Kildare County Council and noted that it appeared that Kildare County Council manage the site on their behalf. He also asked who removed rubbish from the site and if TII asked Kildare County Council to manage the site.

Ms Wright stated that the lands are registered in Kildare County Council's name but that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) had control for safety under the M7 project. She confirmed the GSJ were the contractors that looked after the grass cutting and who cleaned the area and installed CCTV.

Councillor Brett stated that he would seek permission from Applegreen for the location to be blocked off.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Power that the report be noted.

NS10/0718

Pipers Hill, Killashee

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council examine the feasibility of providing a second entrance to facilitate access to the educational campus at Pipers Hill, Killashee.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the provision of a second entrance to facilitate access to the educational campus at Pipers Hill, Killashee is a matter for the Department of Education/KWETB and other relevant stakeholders. A proposal for a second entrance would require planning permission.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the report be noted.

NS11/0718

Traffic Light Boxes in Naas Town

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Neill.
Will the council allow Tidy Towns to paint the traffic light boxes around Naas town as some are in a bad state and affect the look of the streetscape?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the public utility boxes are part of the traffic management infrastructure and are specially manufactured with a lacquered finish. The Traffic Management Centre will arrange for its maintenance contractor to inspect and examine the boxes in Naas and arrange for cleaning and any other treatment deemed necessary.

The report was noted.

NS12/0718

Naas Inner Relief Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen. With regard to the proposed Naas Inner Relief Road, is there another proposal other than routes 1, 2 and 6 being considered?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that routes 1, 2 and 6 of the proposed Naas Inner Relief Road, are now under consideration by Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (Kildare County Council's Engineering Consultants) as announced at the Non-Statutory Consultation of 21 February 2018. The original number of routes under examination was eight and the three best route options (based on Engineering, Environmental and Economy criteria) were identified as Routes 1, 2 and 6. Work is continuing inter alia, air, noise, environmental, flood risk, drainage and traffic reports, and when the single preferred route is identified, the statutory Part 8 process will get underway. The report was noted.

NS13/0718

Pedestrian Crossing in Kill Village

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly. Can the council advise what steps have or will be taken towards the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Kill village?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this can be examined by the Road Design and Traffic Management Centre and considered as part of the proposed Naas-Kill cycleway.

Councillor Kelly asked if there was a timeframe on the Naas-Kill cycleway. Ms Wright stated that she could not give a timeframe and that she would query it with the Senior Engineer.

The report was noted.

NS14/0718

Part 8 Castlifen, Castlesize, Sallins, Co Kildare

The members considered the Part 8 report for the Proposed 29 Residential Units and associated site works at Castlifen, Castlesize, Sallins, Co. Kildare.

Mr McDonnell, Director of Services proposed an amendment to condition number 7, section 3(a) to remove a possible conflict in interpretation.

Amendment: The existing trees along Liffey Avenue shall be retained in full, except where their removal is necessary for the provision of car parking spaces as set out on drawing ref: 1649-PA-000.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that the Part 8 proposed for 29 residential units and associated works at Castlifen, Castlesize, Sallins, Co. Kildare be approved with the modification as set out above.

NS15/0718

Naas Community Fete

Mr Reel informed the members that the Naas Community Fete would be taking place on 28 July 2018 and Naas Main Street would be closed from Murtagh's Corner to Poplar Square and that the An Garda Síochána were managing this.

NS16/0718

Land between Des Kelly's and Castlesize, Sallins

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council undertake to clean and maintain the land they own between Des Kellys and Castlesize, Sallins, which has become a haven for rats and anti-social behaviour?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Housing Department undertook to clean and maintain the site.

The report was noted.

NS17/0718

Housing Stock in Naas Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Neill.
Can the council confirm whether they use a paper-based or a mobile/computerised system for tracking the turn around when re-letting its housing stock in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that vacant properties are managed through the housing system I-House and through the use of databases.

The report was noted.

NS18/0718

CFRAMS Presentation

The members received a presentation on Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Studies (CFRAMS) Flood Risk Assessment Plans. Ms O'Brien stated that the Flood Risk Management Plan had been delivered by the Office of Public Works (OPW) as a road map to manage flood risk in Ireland. In relation to Naas Municipal District, Ms O'Brien stated that Turnings/Killeenmore area had already been fast tracked. She stated that the OPW found it very difficult to model Naas as there was poor data to collaborate but that they now had a year's worth of flow data. Ms O'Brien informed the members that 412 residential properties and 73 commercial properties were affected and an event in years to come could cause an overflow and affect these properties. Some of these properties include St Corban's Lane, Millbrook Villas, Spring Gardens, Sunday's Well, areas at the lakes and back of the hospital, the driving test centre and Johnstown. Ms O'Brien stated that it was possible to protect the areas that were at risk by introducing hard defences such as a wall or embankment. She concluded the presentation by informing the members that the plans had been approved by the Department of Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform and had been submitted to Local Authorities for adoption. She confirmed that the OPW had €1,000,000,000 available for implementation of the Final Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) and full details of the plan could be found on www.floodinfo.ie.

Councillor Kelly asked if insurance companies can refuse to insure properties in the risk areas and Ms O'Brien confirmed that they can and advised the members that the OPW would rather have a plan put in place now in case something was to occur in the future. She also informed the members that insurance companies would be contacted once the schemes were implemented. Ms O'Brien stated that working groups would be set up and that Naas would most likely be one of the first.

Councillor Moore stated that insurance companies relate to the OPW and expressed his concern for Oldtown Demesne as he was afraid it will dry up, he referred to the pond and aldergrove areas in particular.

Councillor Brett stated that insurance companies are still quoting CFRAMS in Johnstown. Ms O'Brien stated that this had been raised with the Department of Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform also.

NS19/0718

St Martin's Avenue, Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council conduct a study of the roads and drains in St. Martin's Avenue, given the street sits on the site of an old jail and subsidence issues have historically occurred and have been reported again recently.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer would examine the roadway in due course and the members would be advised of the outcome.

A report was also received from the Water Services Department informing the members that recent CCTV surveys of the sewers carried out under an Irish Water Sewer Rehab Project in the adjacent Sarto Road and Harbour View did not indicate any issues. In addition to this there had been no recent occurrences or reports of blockages in the foul sewer network on St Martin's Avenue. Therefore, it was not

considered that any reported subsidence was having an effect on the foul sewer network in the area.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted.

NS20/0718

Water Sampling

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the council seek the re-instatement of the discontinued monthly water sampling reports from Irish Water, previously supplied to members by Naas Town Council, on the analysis of findings on possible contaminations of treated drinking water across multiple locations in Naas Town by Health Service Inspectors and can these reports be provided at least quarterly?

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that this is a matter for Irish Water. Kildare County Council was instructed not to publish water sampling results on its web page since 2014. Requests for information should be sent directly to Irish Water who can be contacted via the dedicated Irish Water Local Representatives email or phone line, the details of which are below:

Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

Ph: 1890 178178 or 01 7072854

Councillor Moore stated that it was a pity the water sampling report did not come through Kildare County Council and that he would accept quarterly reports. Ms Lidieth stated that Kildare County were instructed not to publish water sampling results and that this was a matter for Irish Water. She stated that she would relay Councillor Moore's comments to Irish Water.

The report was noted.

NS21/0718

Election Posters

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. Following the recent highlighting of the dangers imposed by badly hung election posters in Naas, their unsightly proliferation on poles and walls, their environmental degrading of an otherwise well presented and beautiful town and in order to support the efforts of the Naas Tidy Towns Committee to win the Overall Best Town in Ireland Award, that members of the Naas Municipal District and their parties, agree a protocol to share twenty, long, height-readable, billboard type poster stands, positioned in suitable locations around the town of Naas that would be erected by the local authority in order to keep the center of Naas poster free in next year's local elections.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Power.

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the issue of election posters was dealt with in current legislation wherein there are exemptions [subject to conditions] outlined in the Litter Pollution Act. This proposal would require a protocol to be agreed locally by candidates/political parties, but this would have to be on a voluntary basis. In the event that this matter is progressed, it should be noted that an appropriate budget allocation will be required to cover the relevant costs.

Councillor Moore stated that the local elections were taking place next year and Tidy Towns were hoping to win the Overall Best Town in Ireland Award and it would be a pity if the centre of the town was overloaded with election posters.

Councillor Power stated that that the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District members passed a motion in relation to limiting the number of election posters which had been forwarded to the Environment SPC.

Councillor O'Neill stated that she supported the motion and that it was a terrible waste of money and resources having election posters all over the place.

Councillor Kelly stated that she also supported the motion.

The Municipal District Manager stated that in Leixlip the election posters were banned from the Main Street.

Councillor Brett stated that he did not think reducing the number of election posters would work unless there was national legislation and the council had powers that if election posters were erected, they could be taken down.

The members agreed to send a letter to the Environment SPC stating that the Naas Municipal District members supported the item submitted by the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District members to the SPC.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Power that the report be noted and a letter of support for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District members on this matter be issued to the Environment SPC.

NS22/0718

Graffiti Wall Locations

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That members and officials agree to continue the relentless campaign against offenders of illegal graffiti daubing and as a reward for restraint on this type of abuse along with the support of the Naas Tidy Towns Campaign, that a number of graffiti wall locations be identified or built to suit and incentivise urban art forms in suitable locations around the town.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the motion may have merit in the context of enhancing a particular area in the town. The matter would require local engagement and would require the support of a number of sections in the council.

Councillor Moore stated that Naas was doing very well in terms of graffiti compared to 10 years ago and that the message that graffiti was not accepted seemed to have been adhered to in the most part. He also stated that he thought there was a great opportunity for Kildare to lead the way for a culture change and suggested examining the possibility of introducing one graffiti wall initially. Councillor Moore stated that previously there had been problems in relation to skateboarding but with the introduction of skate parks there was no longer a problem.

Councillor O'Neill stated that she supported the motion and that there were some fantastic examples of street art but that it should be controlled and managed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the report be noted.

NS23/0718

Recycling of Glass

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. What figure of money is allocated in the annual budget for Naas Town for the service provision of the recycling of glass at the several bottle banks?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the budget for the operation and management of the bottle bank locations is agreed at county level (and is not allocated on a per town basis). The total budget for 2018 is €72,585 (giving each of the five municipal district areas a notional €14,517).

However, the budget is split between the tonnage charge for glass, the additional works at recycling bank sites in terms of signage as well as clean up and enforcement costs. Some sites therefore require more resources than others to ensure they are kept to the appropriate standard.

The report was noted.

NS24/0718

Part 8 Sallins Playground

The members considered the Part 8 report for the Sallins Playground. Ms O'Rourke gave an overview of the Part 8 report to the members informing them that submissions were due by 22 June 2018. She also stated that the playground would be sited within the grounds of Sallins Parish Church to the east of church, west of the school and to the rear of the parish church off Chapel Avenue in Sallins with a 2.4m high perimeter fence proposed, pedestrian access on the school side and new access road to the playground site from Chapel Lane with provided play for 1-12 year olds. Ms O'Rourke informed the members that 3 internal submissions were received, 100 public submissions with 97 in favour and 3 objections. Positive comments in the main were received including amenity value and playground design. The objections consisted mainly of traffic/parking concerned, privacy, noise and the need for public toilets. In relation to the planning policy, Ms O'Rourke stated that the proposed development was in line with the national, county and local policies and also in accordance with the provisions of the Kildare County Development Plan and the Local Area Plan. Ms O'Rourke stated that it was recommended that the development be proceeded with subject to the following modifications:

- Completed as per the Plans displayed
- To agreed the proposed signage and boundaries with the Planning Authority
- Final Design details to be agreed with Planning Authority and the final design seek to minimise the impact on privacy of adjacent residential properties.
- Works to take place during working hours
- Prevent debris from being deposited on roads, footpaths by machinery and vehicles travelling on and off site.

She informed the members that tender submissions for the playground were requested on 19 June and were due back at the end of the month (27 July 2018 at 4.00pm). Ms O'Rourke stated that it was proposed to commence works in spring 2019 depending on weather/soil/site conditions and any unforeseeable circumstances with the hope that it would be completed by summer.

Councillor Kelly thanked the members and staff of Kildare County Council for their support in progressing the Sallins Playground and the Parish of Sallins for providing the land.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O'Neill and agreed by all the members that the Part 8 for the Sallins Playground was approved.

NS25/0718

Vintage Day

Councillor Brett informed the members that the Naas Christmas Lights Group was meeting next Thursday to organise Vintage Day which would take place on Sunday 19 August 2018. He also stated that a couple of businesses in the town had offered to become part of the Naas Christmas Lights Group and provide trees and lights.

Councillor O'Neill informed the members that Taste of Kildare was also taking place on 19 August.

Councillor Power stated that this was also the same day that the Village Festival in Caragh was taking place.

NS26/0718

Naas Town Hall/Library

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill. That this council applies to use the EXCEED model when upgrading the Naas Town Hall/Library to avail of the 30% funding from national government for public buildings with regard to energy saving schemes.

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A report was received from the Library Department informing the members that Kildare Library Services have asked the Design Team engaged for the Naas Town Hall/Library project, to consider the EXCEED model in order to avail of the 30% funding from national government for public buildings with regards to energy saving schemes. The Library Services has experience of the EXCEED model through the

recent development of the new Athy Library and would be committed to investigating energy schemes applicable to future projects.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted.

The meeting concluded.