



To the Mayor and members

Monthly Management Report – March 2017

The following sets out the information relating to the monthly management report for February 2017 for noting by the members at the council meeting on Monday, 27 March 2017.

Financial Reports

Requirements and progress in respect of the introduction/roll out of Government Policy through the local government system.

The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2016 is currently being prepared it will be presented to Council when complete.

Actual expenditure v budget for 2017 will be submitted to Council as part of the monthly management report from March onwards.

Rates Revaluation

As you are aware the revaluation of commercial properties in the Kildare County Council rating area commenced in November 2015 as part of the ongoing programme to revalue all commercial properties within the State. The Valuation Office issued Proposed Valuation Certificates to all ratepayers/occupiers of commercial properties on March 10th 2017 – This certificate states the 'Proposed Valuation (Net Annual Valuation) for each property. The Proposed Valuation of the property is multiplied by the 'Annual Rate on Valuation' (ARV) to calculate the indicative amount of commercial rates payable for 2018. Based on these proposed certificates, Kildare County Council has estimated an indicative ARV of .24 – the final ARV for 2018 will be determined as part of the 2018 budget process. All queries relating to the revaluation of properties should be addressed to the Valuation Office either by email at reval2017@valoff.ie or by telephone at Lo-Call 1890 531 431 or 01 8171033

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between 9.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. Any representations to the Valuations Office in respect of these Proposed Valuation Certificates must be made by 18th April 2017. Final Valuation Certificates will issue in September 2017 and will take effect from 1st January 2018. The Valuation Office gave a presentation to Members on February 27th 2017 explaining the revaluation process. Valuation Office staff will be on site in our Council Offices in Aras Chill Dara, Naas on 20th and 21st of March between 9.30am and 4.30pm to meet with ratepayers/occupiers who have queries on the Proposed Valuation Certificates. No appointment necessary.

Full details are available on the Kildare County Council website.

Housing

Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status March 2017
Highfield/The Paddocks, Kilcock	19 units	Construction commenced on site December 2016. Contractor: Kercon Construction. Construction programme: 11 months.
Athgarvan Road, Newbridge	13 units	Approval Stage 4 received Q1 2017
Dominican Priory, Athy	7 emergency accommodation units and 1 staff accommodation unit	Work commenced in November 2016. Completion anticipated in March 2017.
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	4 units	Tender for design team services to be issued to the National Framework Agreement for Architect Lead Design Team Services administered by the Office of Government Procurement.
St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase 1)	Refurbishment of 23 Units	Lot 1 (4 units): Works commenced on site in January 2017. Contractor: Noonan Construction Ltd. Construction programme: 15 weeks.



St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase's 2 & 3)	Demolition of 21 units, refurbishment of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	Resident information session held 2 March 2017. Part 8 to follow.
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Part 8 on display 28 th February 2017 to 11 th April 2017. Submissions by 28 th April 2017. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by March 2017. Tender process: May 2017.
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Part 8 on display 14 th March 2017 to 2 nd May 2017. Submissions by 19 th May 2017. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by March 2017. Tender process: June 2017.
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Part 8 to be launched April 2017.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Part 8 to be launched April 2017.
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Tender for the appointment of consultants complete. Design Team Consultants appointed. Design proposals currently being prepared.
Dominican Lands Athy	25 units	Approval Stage 1 application submitted to DHPCLG in December 2016.

Approved Housing Body Schemes

Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Respond Housing Association –Part 8 Briefing meeting for Athy MD Members on 20 th March 2017
Castlefen, Sallins	28 units	Tuath Housing Association – Part 8 to be launched in Quarter 1 2017.



PPP Schemes

Craddockstown, Naas	74 units	Part 8 to be published by the end of March. Section 85 agreement to be presented to MD Members at March meeting.
Butterstream, Clane	80 units	Design Development stage. Part 8 to be launched in Q2.

Infill Schemes

Narraghmore	4 units	Stage 1 Application submitted to DHPCLG Q4 2016.
Newtown House	4 estimated	Feasibility Investigations in progress
Glandore, Athy		Feasibility Investigations in progress
Skenagun, Castledermot		Feasibility Investigations in progress

Part V

Completed	4 units
In Progress	9 units

Acquisitions

Acquisitions	14 units
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Housing Maintenance

A total of 475 calls were logged and assigned by the Response Maintenance Team in February. Of these, 330 were assigned to either a Clerk of Works or a contractor for completion. The remaining number of 145 requires further assessment or are deemed to be the responsibility of the tenant

Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Initiative

A key component of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness is a new scheme, the Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Initiative, which targets the delivery of social housing and also ensures that existing housing stock is used to the maximum degree possible. The initiative was piloted in Waterford and Carlow in 2016 and is now being rolled out nationally. The basis of the scheme is that repair and improvement works to suitable



vacant properties are funded to bring them up to standard for rented accommodation and the cost of the works is then deducted from lease payments over an agreed lease term. There are a number of requirements in relation to the scheme:

- The property must be vacant.
- There has to be a social housing demand for the property.
- The property has to be assessed as being viable to provide accommodation.
- The minimum lease term is 10 years and is preferably 20 years.
- The lease payments are based on the current market rental rates in the property location, less 20% to cover vacant periods and administration/management.
- The scope and cost of the works, and the recoupment of the works cost through the lease payments, are agreed between the owner and the local authority.
- The initiative is not available for private renting.

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has prepared a list of frequently asked questions which can be accessed via the following link:

http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/repair-leasing-faqs_feb-2017.pdf

Consideration is currently been given to what resources, both technical and administrative, are required to manage the scheme and whether such resources are currently available in the Housing Department.

Planning and Strategic Development

1. Development Plans / Local Area Plans

- The County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 came into effect on the 1st March, 2017.
- Clane Local Area Plan. Material Alterations to the Draft Clane Local Area Plan went on public display for a period of four weeks from the 28th February, 2017 to the 27th March, 2017.
- Leixlip Local Area Plan. The members of Leixlip/Celbridge will consider the Chief Executive's report on submissions received to Draft LAP for Celbridge at a meeting of the members of Leixlip/Celbridge MD on 27th March, 2017.
- Celbridge Local Area Plan. The Chief Executive prepared his report on submissions received to the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan and this was issued to the members, on the 16th March, for their consideration.



2. Development Management

Number of planning applications received

	February	Year
2015:	76	1,192
2016:	109	1,376
2017:	120	213 (to date)

Planning applications decided: February 2017

Granted:	73
Retention:	18
Extension of Duration:	8
Refused:	20

Planning applications of note granted: February 2017

16/624 Marchford Limited: - Extension to Lawlor's Hotel, Naas comprising 80 additional hotel bedrooms, 140 parking spaces and ancillary works..

16/1360 Greyabbey Developments Ltd: Extension of duration to develop lands on site of approx 40.8 hectares to the east and west of the Nurney Road.

16/1249 Cumann Luthcleas Gael: The refurbishment and extension of the existing clubhouse facility and minor modification to the playing field and the enclosures. GAA Grounds, St. Conleth's, Newbridge.

New Applications of note received February 2017

17/144 Le Chéile Athletic Club, Leixlip: Development of additional facilities at athletics track in Leixlip Amenities Centre including floodlights.

17/147: Garyaron Homes Ltd: Revised site layout to provide 125 houses at Melitta Road, Kildare.

17/204: Arryton Properties Ltd: Development of 79 semi-detached and detached dwellings at Ballymore Eustace.

3. Building and Development Control –Taking in Charge

Building and Development Control has advertised the public consultation process of the taking in charge of the following estates.



1. Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.
2. Wolstan Haven, Celbridge.
3. Griffin Rath Manor (Phase 2), Maynooth.
4. Ard na Gréinne, Maynooth.
5. Ardnagappagh, Clane.
6. Emerson Court, Prosperous.
7. Killybegs Manor, Prosperous.
8. Radharc na hEaglais, Derrinturn.
9. Old Hollow Park, Kilshanroe.
10. Caragh Court, Naas.
11. Millbridge Way, Naas.
12. Corbally Court, Naas.
13. The Maudlings, Naas.
14. Racecourse Gate, Naas.
15. The Stables, Kill.
16. Curragh Grange, Newbridge.
17. Temple Mills, Rathangan.
18. Preston Brook, Rathangan.
19. Doctors Court, Rathangan.
20. Rheban Manor, Athy.
21. Hopkins Haven, Monasterevin.
22. Oak Park, Narraghmore.

Maps showing these developments are on display at the public counter in the Planning Department from 6th March 2017 to 7th April 2017 inclusive. Objections or representations may be made in writing to the Council in relation to the proposed declaration before 26th April 2017.

Building and Development Control will continue to engage with Irish Water in relation to completing the taking in charge of all estates which have been advertised. On receipt of consent from Irish Water, recommendations to take in charge the remaining estates will be finalised and listed for consideration for taking in charge by the members at the respective Municipal District meetings.



Library and Arts Service

Library Development Programme

Strategies Actioned from: IDEAS REALISED: Spreading the Word...

Kildare County Council Library Services Development Plan 2015 - 2019

Capital Projects and New Service Provision

Athy Capital Project

Tenders evaluated for the main contractor, work to commence onsite in March/April.

Naas Library Capital Project

Tender documents are being compiled for Stage 2 of tender process. Five, fully integrated design team (architect led) companies have been shortlisted to tender at Stage 2.

External WiFi at your Library

Works completed to enable external WiFi provision at Leixlip Library this will now complement the external WiFi provision at Athy Library. Investigations are taking place at Maynooth and Ballitore Libraries to provide external provision.

Library Management System - National Implementation

By the 23rd March all library authorities will be on the single Library Management System. All four Dublin Authorities are now co operating which will allow the provision of a single national catalogue and universal membership. Now Kildare members will be in a position to use their library membership in any public library in the Country.

National Book Distribution Service

Currently 20 library authorities are participating in the scheme. By the 10th April all library authorities will be part of this innovative service. **What does this mean to our members?** With effect from 10th April, Kildare members will have speedy access to books and other materials held in all library authorities nationwide. The delivery system is so effective that reserved material can be provided within a day.



eServices Roadshow

The eServices team are gearing up for their annual roadshow where they visit all 7 full time branches to demonstrate eServices provided by Kildare Library Service. This successful Roadshow will be complemented by a new eServices brochure.

Energy Audits

A number of energy audits have taken place for Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcullen libraries. Once completed the library service intend to apply for energy conservation grants to progress these essential works.

Review of National Library Public Library Policy

The current policy 'Opportunities for All' is under review; Kildare staff has participated in consultation in Dublin and has delivered a public focus group in the area of Adult Learning to assist informing the new public library policy. Kildare staff also facilitated a regional staff consultation in Munster to explore future trends and objectives.

Staff Training and Development

Kildare library staff who have been key participants on the National Reading and Literacy Development working group provided training to staff from around the country in the area of 'Storytime Delivery and Parental Engagement' in preparation for the newly devised 'Spring into Storytime' Festival to take place in April.

News and Highlights - Feb/March Library Programme of Events

Creative Ireland

The Kildare Creative Ireland consultation took place in the Keadeen Hotel on 15th March. Participants were joined by John Concannon, Creative Ireland Chief Executive and Kevin Lonergan, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. The event was well attended with c120 participants and this gathering will be the first of a number of consultations to take place this year which will inform the Kildare Culture and Creativity Strategy.

Toys Technology and Training 2017 Programme

This series of talks designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs has commenced. Current talks include 'Sensory Processing and your Child, Does my Child have an Additional Need, Empowering People



with Autism and Mental Health Management for Teens'. This specialised lecture series can be accessed free of charge throughout the county.

Discover Explore Learn - STEAM at your library

This free programme aims to create an environment to explore, test, engage, inspire and provide an avenue for library members to experience science, technology, engineering, arts and maths (STEAM) at their local library. Engineers Week took place in February; children in the county were enthralled at the KNEX workshops and learned new skills at the 'Machines and Mechanisms Workshops'. The 'Kids Brain' Workshops to develop children's cognitive skills through practice of the Japanese abacus was a highlight of the week.

Coding Clubs at your Library

New coding clubs have been set up in Naas and Leixlip Libraries for 8-15 year olds, from the outset there has been great enthusiasm from the mini coders.

'Let's Talk About Parenting' 2017 Programme

A series of talks organised with support from the HSE, Tusla, Kildare Youth Service, Community Awareness of Drugs, Teach Tearnainn and Kildare County Childcare Committee. Talks which took place this month 'Self Harming Behaviours in Young People, Helping your Child to Sleep Better and Building Self-Esteem in Young Children' were heavily attended.

Féile Bríde Festival in Kildare Town

This successful festival has gone from strength to strength - this year to celebrate Féile Bríde, craft workshops took place throughout the County with an evening of word, music and song in Kildare Town Library.

Harry Potter Night

Mini wizards came out in force in February to enjoy fun filled, spell themed workshops throughout the library service to celebrate this annual Harry Potter Night.

Beginners and Intermediate Computer Classes for Adults

Classes have commenced in Kildare Town, Leixlip and Celbridge Libraries aimed at developing digital literacy skills in our community.



Jobs Clubs

Supporting the 'Work Matters' programme in the library service, Leixlip Library has set up a Jobs Club, which gives help and advice on employment matters.

Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC)

The last LCDC meeting was held on Wednesday 1st March 2017. Paul Lemass and David Dalton from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government attended the meeting.

A. Social Inclusion Programme (SICAP)

An update on SICAP progress to date was given by the SICAP sub group chairperson, Pat Doyle. Paul Lemass commented that he was very impressed on the level of engagement, and the dynamic approach to overseeing, supporting and delivering the SICAP programme.

B. Rural Development LEADER programme

An update on the LEADER programme was given by the rural development sub group chairperson David Walsh. The first call for Expressions of Interest for LEADER funded projects focussing on tourism development is currently open. €206,114 will be made available in 2017 with grants in the order of €500-€50,000. The date for receipt of expressions of interest is March 31st. Information sessions were held around the county. Further information is available from County Kildare LEADER Partnership 045- 895450.

C. Mental Health supports- Mojo men's pilot programme

The launch of the evaluation of the Mojo pilot programme will take place in the ETBI offices, Pipers Hill on Monday 3rd of April by Minister McEntee at 1pm.

A mini Mojo programme is scheduled to commence in Kilcock in the coming weeks. Referrals are being taken at present.

D. Area Focus

A third meeting of the LCDC representatives aiming to work more collaboratively in Athy took place in December. This was a very positive meeting with actions 2017 agreed. An Executive sub group was formed to focus on longer term collaboration.



E. DEIS Plan 2017

There are no new additional DEIS schools in Kildare following the recent announcement of DEIS school expansion from September 2017. The LCDC and CYPSC wrote a joint letter outlining concerns given the demographic of the county, challenges experienced in schools and relatively low level of DEIS provision in Kildare.

F. Department Feedback

The Department officials present were very positive about the work and role that Kildare LCDC is playing. They gave feedback to the committee in this regard and invited representatives to present at the national Interdepartmental Group in April.

Next LCDC meeting: 24th May 2017

Water Services and Environment

Major Capital Projects (Irish Water's Capital Investment Plan 2014-2016)

- **Upper Liffey Valley**
 - **Osberstown Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Contract** - The plant was up-graded to 100,000 PE treatment capacity in May 2016. The final phase (bringing the “liquid stream” treatment capacity to 130,000 PE) is currently being completed. The plant is currently being process proved until October 2017.
 - **Osberstown Sewerage Sludge Treatment Facility Upgrade** – Irish Water intend delivering the Osberstown wastewater treatment plant ‘sludge stream’ works as part of an upgrade to the Osberstown Sludge Treatment Facility.
 - **Contract 2A (Newbridge Eastern Interceptor Sewer)** – The Planning, Design and Procurement stage is under way. Planning permission has been granted to Irish Water for the Little Connell Pumping Station. The CPO is due to be published by Irish Water in Q1-2017. Short listing of contractors is being finalised by Irish Water. Tenders to market are due to issue by Irish Water in Q1/Q2-2017.



- **Contract 2B (Network)** – The Planning Design and Procurement stage is under way. Planning permission has been granted to Irish Water for the Monread and Clane Pumping Stations. The CPO is due to be published by Irish Water in Q1/Q2-2017. Short listing of contractors by Irish Water is ongoing. Tenders to market are due to issue by Irish Water in Q2-2017.
- **Lower Liffey Valley**
 - **Castlewarden to Ballygoran Pipeline and Reservoir Contract** – Operational.
 - **Ballygoran to Collinstown Watermain Contract** – Operational
 - **North Leixlip Sewerage Scheme** – Operational
 - **Leixlip Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Contract** – The plant upgrade to 150,000 PE treatment capacity has been commissioned. The plant is being process proved for 12 months until June 2017.
 - **Celbridge Road Network Reinforcement Project** - Consultants were appointed in April 2016 and are preparing a Design Review Report to address sewerage network capacity constraints in the Celbridge catchment. Final route selection is at an advanced stage.
- **Kildare Town**
 - **Kildare Town Network Contract** – Works commenced on site in January 2016. Works are now substantially complete, commissioned and have been handed over to KCC Operations Section. The scheme has now entered a 12 month defects period.

Minor Capital Projects

Irish Water have identified the Minor Capital Programme as a means of getting value for money and cater for investment drivers namely:-

- Drinking Water Quality
- Environmental Compliance



- Water and Wastewater availability – new developments
- Business efficiencies
- Asset condition and performance

Hence they have requested that Kildare County Council set up and lead a Minor Capital Team for delivery of such projects across the county. Kildare County Council has agreed a new Capital Project Team structure with Irish Water for the delivery of this programme over the next three years.

This is considered to be a positive development for the county as there is now an expectation that quite a number of minor capital projects will be given approval, in response to KCC's ability to deliver such schemes locally.

Many smaller treatment plants require up-grades for compliance purposes and to cater for future housing developments. In addition, schemes in water supply areas will improve service to customers and help contain our leakage levels.

A total of 22 schemes have currently been approved by Irish Water for progression by Kildare County Council Minor Capital Team. The estimated value of works is in the region of **€7 million**. Five of these schemes have been completed by the team and several others have been placed on long term hold by Irish Water. The following is a list of active schemes in this area:-

- **Allenwood to Kilmeague Mains Replacement** - Advance works at Allenwood Crossroads have been carried out in collaboration with KCC Roads & Transportation upgrade works to prevent the requirement of disturbing a newly laid tabletop ramp. Site Investigation works have been completed. Design works are currently being finalised by KCC.
- **Allenwood Vacuum System Modification & WWTP Upgrade** - An engineering consultant is progressing design and site investigation works. The planning application is also being prepared by the Consultant. This is a combination of two ANBs.



- **Athy Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – A topographical survey and site investigation works have taken place. Design works and planning are being progressed by an engineering consultant. A Recommendations Report to construct an Inlet Balancing Tank has been prepared by the Consultant.
- **Kildare Town Backyard Services** – The design is currently being finalised and will be ready for tender in mid-2017.
- **Maynooth Backyard Services** – design also currently being finalised.
- **Coill Dubh WWTP up-grade** – is currently at commissioning stage.
- **Crophill, Castledermot Cast Iron Replacement** - Approval was received for the replacement of 500m of cast iron watermain. A Contractor has been appointed and is doing the site investigation. Main contract will be complete in April/May.
- **Kilmeague Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – An Engineering Consultant has been appointed to progress design options in conjunction with the Athy Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. A Recommendations Report has been completed and treatment options are being confirmed prior to commencement of tender process for improvement works.
- **Rathcoffey, Milltown and Calverstown WWTPs** – A Recommendation Report has been prepared by the appointed engineering consultant. KCC have progressed some minor manhole rehabilitation works to reduce network infiltration and a subsequent flow & load survey. The results of this additional flow & load survey will be used to help identify upgrade requirements.
- **Ladychapel Cross to Taghadoe Watermain** - KCC are preparing the design and tender documents to progress this new watermain scheme. An archaeological assessment will be necessary for this contract and will be appointed in Q2-2017.
- **Maynooth Watermains Rehabilitation** – A Consultant has been appointed to progress this scheme. A Contractor has been appointed for the works and is due to



commence the site investigation at the end of March. Advance works to remove lead services on the Dublin Road has been completed by KCC.

- **Monread Road Sewer Line Repair** - Approval was received for the replacement of 900m of foul sewer pipe. A contractor has been appointed and is carrying out the work at night.
- **Narraghmore Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Appointment of Contractors for improvement works at treatment plant is ongoing.
- **Oak Park, Narraghmore** - Preparation of Tender Documents for improvement works at pumping station and new rising main to Narraghmore WWTP ongoing.
- **Rathangan WWTP** - Preparation of a Consultants Brief was prepared by KCC and has been submitted to Irish Water for tendering. The consultant will prepare a Condition Report and Recommendations Report identifying required upgrade works.
- **Red Bog Borehole Removal** - Approval was received to remove the Red Bog borehole source from operation and connection of the local network to the Poulaphouca Regional water supply. Works consist of the construction of a booster pump and approximately 2.5 km of watermain. Design and site investigation tender documents have been prepared and are ready for submission to Irish Water for tendering. An ecological assessment is required prior to tendering to ensure the proposed works do not adversely impact on the surrounding environment. The ecological assessment is due for completion in April.
- **Timolin WWTP** – Preparation works for a Part 8 planning application has been prepared by KCC and approval will be sought. The proposed upgrade will then be tendered out to Irish Water's MEICA lot 5 framework for new package wastewater treatment plant, subject to Part 8 planning approval.

Several Schemes have been progressed to completion by the KCC Minor Capital Scheme. The following is a list of completed or almost completed schemes:



- **Athgarvan Septic Tank Diversion** – Construction of a new foul sewer is now completed thereby eliminating the requirement of a communal septic tank with its associated groundwater pollution potential and maintenance works. Final road reinstatement has been carried out and all works have now been completed. Final Account review has been completed and agreed.
- **Ballitore WWTP** - Construction of access road and pipeline. All works have been completed on this scheme
- **Newhall Pumping Station Upgrade** – Works have been completed. Final Account Review ongoing.
- **Old Grange (Monasterevin) Watermain** – The new watermain has now been laid and all houses connected to the new main. All outstanding works have been completed and final account payment to be closed out.
- **Tankardsgarden Pumping Station Upgrade** - Works to replace pumps, control systems and flowmeters have been completed.
- **Newbridge Main Street Sewer Replacement** – Works required due to ongoing operational problems and blockages. Initial blockages have been cleared. The appointment of a consultant to design the works has taken place and design works are ongoing to allow for long term improvement measures.
- **Emergency Showers & Eyewash Stations** - The preparation of tender documentation for a county wide replacement at all water and wastewater treatment plants have been carried out.

The following non-Irish Water Schemes (**Unfinished Housing Estates**) have been progressed by KCC:

- **Cluain Dara, Derrinturn** – Construction of a pump station in the unfinished housing estate has been completed and commissioned. The scheme is now fully complete and Final Account being closed out.



- **Mill Brook, Timolin** - Construction of a pump station in the unfinished housing estate has been completed and commissioned. The scheme is now fully complete.
- **The Paddocks Crookstown** - Exploratory survey/design work is ongoing for the connection of this estate to the public foul sewer. Should this be feasible and at reasonable cost, it is then proposed to decommission the existing treatment system. The scheme is subject to funding being provided.
- **Oak Park, Narraghmore** – Remedial works have commenced on site.

Rural Water Programme

In 2016, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (formerly Department of Environment, Community & Local Government) announced a multi-annual funding programme for 2016 - 2018. Kildare Rural Water Section's funding submission for the Rural Water Multi-Annual Programme has been prepared and submitted. This identified proposed upgrade works at various group schemes throughout the county for each of the years from 2016 to 2018 inclusive.

Kildare County Council Rural Water Section met with Ballindoolin GWS in 2016 with an aim to progress proposed network upgrade works. This scheme was identified as a "shovel ready" scheme in the Rural Water Programme funding submission for that year. The interim grant funding allocation received allowed for the progression of works at Ballindoolin. The upgrading works for part of the Ballindoolin GWS were successfully completed in Q3 2016.

Taking in charge of group water schemes is now subject to approval of Irish Water and need to meet certain standard criteria. It is anticipated that several group water schemes will be taken in charge in 2017.

Works are proposed for 2017 at several group schemes, however confirmation of funding allocations for the Kildare Rural Water Programme have yet to be confirmed by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.



Flood Protection

- **Morell** – The final Feasibility Study, including the Cost Benefit Analysis, has received approval from the OPW subject to some minor changes, to which we have no objection. We have now submitted the Feasibility Study and outline planning strategy to the OPW. A formal submission will be made to An Bord Pleanála as soon as the OPW have approved funding for the scheme. A presentation was made by the Council to the OPW on the 10.2.2017 seeking funding approval and a positive outcome is anticipated. It is hoped that construction of this scheme will begin in late 2017/early 2018.
- **Ballymore-Eustace Scheme** – Complete.
- **Hazlehatch** – A meeting took place with Minister Canney and his officials on the 6.12.2016. The outcome was positive and it is hoped to progress the project by advertising for Consultants in Q2- 2017. In the interim, survey work will commence.
- **Dara Park** - Construction works and landscaping are now completed. The landscaping contract included the planting of 80,000 bulbs and over 100 trees. A certificate of substantial completion has been issued. Any snagging issues will be dealt with during the maintenance period. A detailed report was issued to the MD in this regard and a meeting will be arranged with local residents before further works commence.
- **Oaks, Newbridge** - A solution to the flooding issues have been identified and a consultant has been appointed to carry out detailed design. It is hoped that construction of the scheme will begin in summer 2017 and will include co-operation from Water Services and the MD office. This will be subject to funding.
- **Johnstown** – complete.
- **Ardclough** – complete.
- **CFRAM Programme** - The final draft report was presented to the elected members at a special briefing held at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 24th October, 2016 prior to full Council meeting.



- Draft plans for the South East Region (Barrow) were published on 18th September and the consultation period has now closed.

- Draft plans for the Eastern Region (Liffey) were published on 23rd September and the consultation period has now closed.

- The Draft Plans have identified flood management measures for the following towns:
 - Leixlip
 - Maynooth
 - Celbridge
 - Clane
 - Newbridge
 - Suncroft
 - Castledermot
 - Athy

A further study is recommended for both Hazelhatch and Naas. Once the Public Consultation period is completed and the submissions dealt with, the final plans will be sent to the relevant Minister for approval. They will then be sent back to the local authorities for adoption. Once adopted, we can apply to the OPW for funding of the schemes.

River Cleaning & Drainage Channel Maintenance

This year's programme is now complete, with a significant number of channels cleaned, including 1.5km at Derrymullen, Allenwood and a pilot scheme on the Clonshambo, which aims to improve both flood protection and water quality. A meeting was held with representatives from Laois County Council to develop a co-ordinated approach to carrying out cleaning works on the River Barrow.



ENVIRONMENT

- **Kilcock (Royal Canal)** – This facility has now re-opened.

Cemetery Extensions

- **Staplestown** – complete
- **Ballybracken** – complete
- **Crookstown** – Works commenced.
- **Newbridge** – Complete.
- **Derrinturn** – Complete.
- **Lullymore** – Complete.
- **Churchtown** – Part 8 documents now being published and consultation is ongoing.
- **Athy (St Michael's new)** – Up-grade of car parking area now complete. Further works to internal roadways including resurfacing and kerbing have been completed. The unauthorised entrance has been blocked. A final phase of work is now proposed.
- **Rathangan** – land acquisition is currently being finalised and a draft design is now to hand. Part 8 process to commence shortly.
- **Leixlip** – land acquisition being examined.

Dog Control – Design details relating to the proposed upgrade of the pound at Ballytore have finally been agreed. Discussions are ongoing with the owner with a view to agreeing financial arrangements and progressing the matter to Part 8 stage. Design aspects have since been finalised subject to any conditions which might be imposed by the Chief Fire Officer. Discussions are also ongoing with ISPCA regarding possible amendments to



Service Level Agreement as a result of the proposal. A further meeting with the ISPCA is scheduled for later this month.

North Kildare Civic Amenity (Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth) – The Environment Section has reviewed the suitability of sites within its ownership following an invitation for public expressions of interest. A preferred location is now being progressed at Kilmacredock Upper (beside existing road maintenance depot). Donnachadh O'Brien, Consulting Engineers, have been commissioned to prepare a preliminary design and layout. Draft proposals will be presented to the MD shortly.

Emily Square Up-grade – Two further consultation days have been scheduled as follows:

March 10th (with local businesses owners)

March 28th (as a wider public event)

It has also been necessary to commission an Appropriate Assessment.

***Tidy Towns** – A network meeting took place on the 25th January 2017. This was really well attended and particularly successful. A further event is now planned.

Irish Business Against Litter - Kildare Town has been voted the cleanest town in Ireland. This exciting result was achieved through the efforts of many associated with the town. It is a great boost to all towns and villages in the county and highlights the great work carried out by all concerned. The town also secured a prize of a sculpture to the value of €40K. Discussions are currently ongoing with the Tidy Towns Group regarding a range of proposed improvements with a view to taking full advantage of the momentum generated.

Kerdiffstown - Kildare County Council formally accepted responsibility for the management and remediation of the site on the 5th June, 2015. Project planning has now been completed and the Project Management phase has commenced. The local community and the Municipal District have been fully briefed. The project team is now fully in place and Jacobs International have been appointed to provide technical assistance for seven tasks including end-use definition, EIA, engineering supports, demolition of dangerous structures etc.



1. End Use

- A presentation on the final decision of the end use was presented to Naas Municipal District on Tuesday, 15th November, 2016 where it was announced (subject to statutory consents) that the end use will be a park with multi uses pitches, change rooms, playground and walking/running tracks.

2. Preliminary Design/Planning/EIA

- Outline design is now practically complete.
- A final site shape/formation has been completed with the inclusion of the end use design of the park
- A public consultation for the purposes of the EIA was held in Lawlor's Hotel on Tuesday 7th March from 6pm to 9pm, where a presentation by the Kerdiffstown Team was also given of the project and of the draft design. The feedback received was all positive with good engagement from the public.
- Environmental monitoring and background studies are complete for the Environmental Assessment but will continue to be monitored.
- Contact has been made with statutory bodies.
- It is still expected that all licensing and planning applications will be finalised at the end of Q1 – 2017 and ready for legal review before submission at end of Q2. We are currently on programme to meet these deadlines
- A CPO process will be commencing in tandem with the EIA and documents are currently being drafted. Discussions with the people who may be affected has commenced.

Energy Management and Climate Change

The Energy Management Team continues to progress a range of initiatives. All in all, the Council has reduced its energy consumption by 14% since 2009. The remit of the team has now been widened to include Climate Change Adaptation and the data gathering phase is now well advanced. The Climate Adaptation Plan is now being progressed by the team, with input from the SPC.



Athy MD Initiatives

- Subject to formalities, agreement has been reached with the owner of the Model School and KWETB regarding a proposal to converting part of the building (formerly VTOS) to an apprentice training centre. Design and tender documents have since been prepared. It is understood that the KWETB have secured funding in order that the project can proceed.
- The tender process has concluded in respect of the proposed new branch library (St. Dominic's Church) and a preferred Contractor identified. Works will commence shortly.

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)

The formal announcement in regard to LIHAF funding will be made by the Department at the end of March.

Traffic Management Study - Maynooth

AECOM are continuing with the preparation of a Traffic Management Study for Maynooth. The consultants presented their draft recommendations to the MD members in February 2017 and met the Maynooth MD members on 22nd February for a more detailed analysis session. A further meeting with the MD members is scheduled for 5th April.

It is intended that a final public consultation exercise will be held within the next 2 months.

Naas & Sallins Parking Bye-Laws

Parking Bye-Laws for Naas & Sallins were on public display until 17th January 2017. The closing date for submissions was 8th February 2017.

A draft submission report has been prepared with some site inspections required. Once these and the full report has been finalised it will be presented to the Naas MD with the draft parking bye-laws with any applicable amendments for their consideration.



Proposed Parking Bye-Laws for Clane & Castledermot

The drafting of Clane and Castledermot Parking Bye-Laws is in progress. It is expected that these bye-laws will be in draft form by the end of March and advertised in early to mid April.

Newbridge, Kildare and Naas Sustainable Projects

The NTA has agreed in principle to the provision of co-funding for both towns and are to revert back to the Council with an outline project brief.

Maynooth Northern Outer Orbital Route

Rathoath MD members approved the Part 8 for the section of the Outer Orbital Route which connects the Moyglare Road with the Dunboyne Road in Maynooth.

The Developer that has proposed to construct this section of the MOOR is now awaiting the outcome of discussions with Irish Water in regard to Water and Waste Water capacity issues.

Discussions were held with senior management from Irish Water in regard to the ongoing service issues across North Kildare on 15th February and we await the outcome of those discussions.

Athy Distributor Route

Preliminary Design, Business Case and Draft EIS were submitted to Department of Transportation Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) for approval. Following approval the scheme will be published to An Bord Pleanala.

Newbridge Link Road - Industrial Estate to Curraghgrange

This project is now completed.

Dublin Road Corridor, Naas

The Council has appointed the consultant for the detailed design and contract documentation preparation phase of this project. Consultations with the Naas MD members and other stakeholders are being organised.



NTA GDA Cycle Network Design (Naas)

Three schemes are being progressed to Public Consultation Stage and this work is funded by the NTA.

The routes are:

- Naas to Kill
- Kilcullen Road, Naas
- Greenway from Newbridge Road (Naas) to Sallins train station along the route of the canal

The closing date for receipt of submissions for the Kilcullen Road, Naas Cycleway Part 8 was 16/12/16. The submissions report is being prepared by the scheme consultants for review by the Planning Section, before going before the Members of Naas Municipal District. An in committee consultation meeting is scheduled to take place on 21st March with the Naas MD members.

The Part 8 process for the Naas to Kill cycleway will commence in April/May 2017. A public information day was held on 18/01/17 and a report to the Naas MD Members will follow.

The Greenway from Newbridge Road (Naas) to Sallins train station is planned to go to Part 8 in Q2 2017.

M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade, M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass

As Members are aware the M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade and R407 Sallins Bypass projects have been included in the Department of Expenditure and Public Reform Programme entitled "Building on Recovery - Infrastructure and Capital Investment 2016-2021". The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) have agreed that both projects are to form one contract.

Contract documents were issued in December 2016 to the shortlisted pre-qualified contractors. This process is in preparation for award of the construction contract in Q2 2017 which remains subject to provision of funding from both funding agencies, DTTaS and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The construction contract duration is approximately 30 to 36 months.



Notices to Treat for the M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade, the M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass were issued in December 2015. Land negotiations are continuing. Advanced works/testing are underway in preparation for the main contract. This includes landowner accommodation works, archaeological testing, ground investigation, the Sallins Railway underbridge and the M7 hard shoulder strengthening (complete).

Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Dublin County Boundary

The Part 8 report for this scheme was approved at the October 2016 full Council meeting. A procurement competition for the appointment of consultants is now complete and Atkins Consultants have been appointed. The project team have begun design preparation work. This scheme will consist of the construction of a cycleway and pedestrian facility along the canal tow path. The scheme is 8.4km in length and will consist of a 2.5 to 3m wide shared walking and cycling facility.

Replacement of the Machinery Yard

The KCC Machinery Yard and Stores is currently located in Newbridge. It is proposed to relocate the Machinery Yard and maximise the use of the existing site in Newbridge. An engineering firm has been appointed to manage the detailed analysis, design, site selection, planning and relocation processes.

Fire Service

Incident Statistics for Kildare Fire Service

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2016	To date in 2017
Newbridge	446	68
Naas	484	68
Athy	262	45
Maynooth	319	46
Monasterevin	190	30
Leixlip	235	25
TOTAL	1936	282



	Operational Calls 2017					
Station	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Newbridge	35	33				
Naas	39	29				
Athy	25	20				
Maynooth	30	16				
Monasterevin	12	18				
Leixlip	17	8				
TOTAL	158	124				

Fire Safety

	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2016	127	107
2017	13	12

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2016	19
2017	4

Civil Defence

- Kildare Civil Defence assisted at 3 community events in February
- A number of volunteers attended an All Services Exercise in Waterford City which tested all types of skills i.e. Communications, Boat Unit Search Skills, Auxiliary Fire Service & Casualty.
- Finalising details for Regional Exercises on Saturday 1st of April 2017 in Naas.



Economic, Community and Cultural Development

Enterprise Week ran from 05 to 10 March which included the final of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur where Kildare were represented by Jenny Reynolds of Topper Technology. The County Enterprise Awards were also held during Enterprise Week where Broghies Ireland won and will go on to represent Kildare in the National Enterprise Awards in May 2017.

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16 March 2017

