

Kildare County Council 2014 - 2019



To the Mayor and Members,

As this is my last report to the current council I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the significant work and achievements of this council. I want to thank all the members for their work and contributions during the five years. My thanks also to the Management Team and staff in the council, all of whom play their part.

I would like to wish those going for re-election well and to pay tribute to the members who are retiring, those who resigned during the term of this council and particularly, to remember the two serving members who sadly passed away, Councillor Willie Callaghan and Councillor Willie Crowley.

I look forward to working with the new council to build on and further advance the collective work we do for the betterment of County Kildare.

Míle buíochas agus saol sláintiúil,

Peter Carey
Chief Executive





Chief Executive's Report
May 2019

THIS MONTH: News and Highlights

Castledermot Playground

The Part 8 for Castledermot Playground was approved by the Athy Municipal District Committee at their April monthly meeting.

Caragh Playground

The Part 8 for Caragh Playground was approved by the Naas Municipal District Committee at their April monthly meeting.

Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

Kilkenny County Council was successful in their bid to partner with Kildare County Council to deliver this shared service across the region.

Writer in Residence Opportunity

Applications are invited by writers of established reputation for two positions co-funded by Maynooth University and Kildare Arts and Library Services – see page 31.

Brexit Supports - Boston Trade Mission

Expressions of interest for established businesses in Kildare to attend a trade mission to Boston opened this month.

Upper Liffey Valley Sewage Scheme – Contract 2A

The official sod turning for this scheme will take place on Friday 10 May at 10:00 a.m. in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge.



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Corporate Services

Irish Language Committee

Scoláireacht Bhliantúil don Ghaeltacht ó Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara

Bhí an áthas ar Choiste Gaeilge Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara chomh maith leis an Leas-Mhéara Robert Power, scoláireachtaí iomlán don Ghaeltacht a bronnadh ar chúigear mac léinn réamh-ardteist. Beidh an cúrsa ar siúl ar feadh trí sheachtain í Meitheamh i Bhun an Inbhir i dtuaisceart Dhún na nGall.

Roghnaíodh mac léinn amháin as gach Ceantar Bardasach ó na scoileanna go léir ina gceantar.

Kildare County Council's Annual Irish College Scholarship

Kildare County Council's Irish language committee along with the Deputy Mayor, Robert Power were delighted to present five lucky pre-leaving certificate students with full scholarships to the Gaeltacht.

The course will run for three weeks of June in Bunaninver north Donegal. One student from each Municipal District was chosen from all schools in their area.



Ó chlé go deas

Ar chúil: : Cllr Teresa Murray, Callum Ledwidge, Cllr Robert Power (Deputy Mayor), Tomás Ó Cadhla (Gael Linn), Cllr Naoise Ó Cearuil, Cllr Ivan Keatley
Sraith tosaigh: : Amy O'Rourke, Ailbhe Keatley, Ben Price, Emily Loughlin, Cllr Ide Cussin, Cllr Anne Breen, Cllr Aoife Breslin.



Members Services

The Public Register for 2018 has been completed and is available for inspection in Corporate Services.

Customer Services

The Customer Services Team carried out three surveys: seeking feedback from the public, frontline staff and press/media on the council's customer service. The information gathered will be used to underpin the Corporate Plan process and the results will be used to further develop the council's customer services policies.

Local Elections

The Returning Officer commenced accepting nomination papers from candidates running in the local elections on Saturday 24 April at 10:00 a.m. and will continue to accept nominations until 12 noon Saturday 04 May.

Register of Electors

Supplement to the Register

The closing date for the Supplement to the Register was Tuesday 07 May 2019. The closing date for the Supplement to the Postal and Special Voters List was Sunday 28 April 2019.

Mayor and members of Kildare County Council pay tribute to Sr. Consilio

A special event was held in Áras Chill Dara on Tuesday 23 April to recognise the dedication and outstanding work of Sr. Consilio. The Mayor of Kildare, Seán Power presented Sr. Consilio with a handcrafted plaque which she confirmed will be display in the new extension to Cuan Mhuire, Athy



From left to right;
Councillors Bernard Caldwell, Aoife Breslin, Pádraig McEvoy, Robert Power, Sr. Consilio, Mayor Seán Power and Councillor Mark Wall.



Finance and Information Technology

Financial Reports

The Local Government Auditor has indicated that he will commence the audit of the 2018 Annual Financial Statements in July 2019.

The members will be notified of the commencement of the audit once confirmed.

Revenue Account Summary (see Appendix 1).

Planning and Strategic Development

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

The Report of the Director of the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) on submissions was received by Kildare County Council on 18 February 2019. Kildare County Council made a submission to the EMRA on 12 April 2019.

Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023

A 2-year progress report on the Kildare County Development Plan is being prepared and will be listed on the agenda for the May council meeting.



Local Area Plans (LAP's)

Leixlip LAP

Following the Ministerial Direction which issued in March 2018, a new draft LAP is being prepared.

Naas LAP

The Draft LAP is on display from 18 April to 30 May 2019. A public consultation event took place in Naas Town Hall on 30 April 2019.

Athy LAP

Work on the preparation of the Draft Athy LAP is deferred pending adoption of the Regional Special and Economic Strategy (RSES) and revised Core Strategy.

Planning applications received:			Applications decided: April 2019	
	April	Year	Total Granted:	78
2016:	123	1,376	Retention:	13
2017:	141	1,494	Extension of Duration:	2
2018:	150	1,596	Total Refused:	11
2019:	151	338	Extension of Duration:	1

Significant Planning

Applications

17/81 Waterways Ireland

"Barrow Blueway" the KCC decision to grant was upheld on appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

18/938 Amanda Murphy

Permission has been granted for 10 houses at Ballingappa Road, Clane.

19/120 K and B McAtamney

Permission has been refused for the demolition of the leisure facility and construction of 8 houses at The Playbarn, Westtown, Johnstown.

18/744 Cloncurry Homes

Permission has been refused for 12 houses at Newtown, Enfield.



18/1409 Pavement Homes

Permission has been granted for 9 houses at Rochford Green, Rochford Abbey, Kill.

19/176 Gurteenoonna Services Ltd.

Permission has been refused for 15 houses at Clogheen Bridge, Monasterevin.

19/184 BOM of St. Paul's Secondary School

Permission has been granted for a two-storey pre-fabricated building including 12 classrooms, etc. at St. Paul's Secondary School, Monasterevin.

Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Applications to An Bord Pleanála

Drehid Waste Management Facility (ABP Ref. 18/300558)

The oral hearing by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) which began in September 2018 and was adjourned by the Inspector, resumed on 11 March 2019. The oral

hearing concluded on 13 March 2019 and a decision is awaited from ABP.

Application by Bord na Móna

Powergen Limited and ESB Wind Development Limited (ABP Ref. 18/303219) for a 110kV onsite Electric Substation at Timahoe East is due a decision.

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications to An Bord Pleanála

Since legislation came into effect in July 2017, applications for planning permission for Strategic Housing Developments are made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

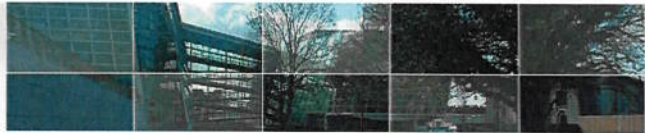


Decisions Made					
	Developer	Location	No of Units	ABP Decision	
18-300558	McCourt Investments	Kill Hill, Kill	130	Refused	
18-300606	Ardstone	Barnhall, Leixlip	450	Granted	
18-301230	Cairn Homes	Maria Villa, Maynooth	462 + 106 student units	Granted	
18-301371	Ballymount	Magee Barracks, Kildare	264	Refused	
18-301775	Ladas Property	Mill Street, Maynooth	135	Refused	
18-301818	Stennock Ltd.	Morristownbiller, Newbridge	281	Granted	
18-302141	Ardstone	Kilbelin, Newbridge	343	Granted	
18-302922	Glan Developments	Ballymany, Newbridge	180	Refused	
18-303023	Ardstone	Bluebell, Naas	125	Granted	
18-303295	O'Flynn Construction	Shackleton Road and Oldtown Road, Celbridge	251	Granted	
18-303298	McCourt Investments	Kill Hill, and Earl's Court, Kill	136	Refused	
Application Stage					
	Developer	Location	No of Units	Lodged with ABP	ABP Decision Due
N/A					



Part 8 Developments

Ref	Lead Dept.	Details	Launched	20 wks	Decision
P82018.01	Transport	Car Park at Maynooth, Road, Kilcock	30/01/2018	18/06/2018	Agreed 06/04/2018
P82018.02	Community	Park at Cherry Avenue, Kildare Town	06/02/2018	25/06/2018	Agreed 16/05/2018
P82018.03	Housing	77 social houses at Nancy's Lane, Clane	20/02/2018	09/07/2018	Agreed 04/05/2018
P82018.04	Enterprise	Mid-Eastern Regional Think Space (MERITS), Naas	13/02/2018	02/07/2018	Agreed 17/04/2018
P82018.05	Housing	29 social housing units at Castlefen, Sallins	27/03/2018	13/08/2018	Agreed 17/07/2018
P82018.08	Community	Playground at Eadestown GAA Club	10/07/2018	26/11/2018	
P82018.09	Community	Environmental Improvement Works, Emily Square, Athy	17/07/2018	03/12/2018	Agreed 19/11/2018
P82018.10	Housing	20 residential units at Mountain View, Athgarvan	14/08/2018	01/01/2019	Agreed 21/11/2018
P82018.11	Housing	10 residential units at Coill Dubh	12/09/2018	22/01/2019	Agreed 19/12/2018
P82018.12	Planning	Grand Canal Greenway	28/11/2018	16/04/2019	Agreed 28/03/2019
P82018.13	Libraries	Naas Town Hall	06/11/2018	26/03/2019	
P82019.01	Transport	Machinery Yard & Regional Salt Barn	26/02/2019	15/07/2019	
P82019.02	Community	Playground and Landscaping, Castledermot	08/01/2019	27/05/2019	
P82019.03	Community	Playground at Caragh	08/01/2019	27/05/2019	
P82019.04	Community	Playground, Allenwood	22/01/2019	10/06/2019	
P82019.05	Community	Town Hall, Athy	30/01/2019	18/06/2019	
P82019.06	Transport	Coghlanstown Road upgrade	05/02/2019	24/06/2019	
P82019.07	Transport	Naas Inner Relief Road	26/02/2019	15/07/2019	



Conservation

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019 (BHIS 2019)

The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht approved a total of 13 applications for the county with an overall total of €79,000. Provisional offers have issued.

Historic Structures Fund 2019 (HSF 2019)

The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has approved 1 grant with a value of €25,000.

Heritage

The Kildare County Heritage Plan is listed on the agenda for the council meeting in May.



Housing

Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status May 2019
Completed		
The Paddocks, Kilcock	19 units	19 units completed and allocated December 2017/February 2018.
Athgarvan Road, Newbridge	13 units	Works complete and units have been allocated.
In Progress		
Dunmurray Rise, Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Contractor on site. Expected completion Quarter 3, 2019.
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Contract awarded on 19 December 2018. Commenced on site 7 January 2019. Expected completion Quarter 1, 2020.
Anne Street, Prosperous	12 units	Contract signed 8 March 2019. Commenced on site 19 March 2019. Expected completion Quarter 1, 2020.
St. Patrick's Park Rathangan, Remedial Works (Phase 1)	Refurb of 34 Units (23 social and 11 private)	Lot 1 (6 units): completed Lots 2 - 5 (28 units): Commenced on site 10 September 2018. Expected completion Quarter 3, 2019.
Approval Stage 4		
Approval Stage 3		
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	8 units plus caretaker bay	Revised Stage 3 approval received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) on 13 September 2018. Expect to go to tender Quarter 2, 2019.

Approval Stage 2		
St. Patrick's Park, Rathangan	Demolition of 21 units, refurb of 19	Following feedback from the DHPLG revised Stage 2 approval request being prepared.



Remedial Works (Phase's 2 and 3)	units, construction of 16 units.	
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Following further site investigations carried out, a revised Stage 2 application will be submitted to DHPLG Quarter 2, 2019.
Athgarvan Village	19 units	Part 8 approved at the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District meeting in November 2018. Approval Stage 3 to be submitted to the DHPLG Quarter 2, 2019.
Coill Dubh	10 units	Part 8 approved 19 December 2018. Preparing Design Team Tender.
Approval Stage 1		Status May 2019
Old Greenfield, Maynooth	Rapid Build 50 units	Design team appointed February 2019. Submission for Approval Stage 2 expected Quarter 2, 2019.
Clogherinkoe	14 units	Preparing Approval Stage 1 submission for the DHPLG for Quarter 2, 2019.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge	30 units	Approval Stage 1 received from the DHPLG on the 27 November 2017. Preparing Design Team Tender.
Carbury	2 units	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 2, 2019.
Former Ambassador Hotel Site, Kill	35 units	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 2, 2019.
Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.	TBC	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 2, 2019.

Infill Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status May 2019
Newtown House, Leixlip	4 units	Stage 1 approval received. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 2, 2019.
Narraghmore	4 units	Stage 1 approval received. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 2, 2019.
Glandore, Athy	TBC	Proposed Stage 1 approval submission to DHPLG to be prepared Quarter 2, 2019.
Skenagun, Castledermot	1 existing refurb and 1 new-build	Approval Stage 1 received from the DHPLG July 2018.

Acquisitions

	Completed Units 2018	Completed Units 2019	In Progress
Housing	186	41	113



Acquisitions			
Housing Turnkeys	39	11	80
Part V Acquisitions	30	12	195

PPP Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status May 2019
Craddockstown Road, Naas	74 units	Preferred Consortium Tenderer confirmed. Commenced on site March 2019.
Nancy's Lane, Clane	77 units	Anticipated contract award Quarter 3, 2019.

Approved Housing Body Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status May 2019
Respond Housing Association Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Part 8 approved at 24 July 2017. Respond expect to be on site in Quarter 2, 2019.
Tuath Housing Association Castlefen, Sallins	28 units	Part 8 approved at Naas Municipal District on 17 July 2018. At tender stage.
Dominican Lands Athy	25 units	Stage 1 approval received July 2017. Cluid nominated to progress the development of the site.
ESB Site Leixlip	TBC	Cluid nominated to progress the development of the site.
Caragh Road Site	TBC	Feasibility study/economic assessment in relation to potential for provision of affordable units on this site submitted to the DHPLG for consideration.



Approved Housing Body Schemes - Capital Assistance Scheme

Approved Housing Body	No. of Units	Status May 2019
KARE	3 Units	Part 8 planning application to be lodged shortly.
Camphill Communities of Ireland	4 units at The Bridge, Kilcullen	CAS - Stage 2 approval received on 03 October 2017. Planning application lodged. Further information requested February 2019.
Homeless Care CLG	12 Apartments at Jigginstown House, Naas	CAS - Stage 3 approval received on 20 July 2018. Tender report received April 2019 and is currently being assessed.

2018	Approval No.	Approval Amount	Approval Drawdown No.	Approval Drawdown Amount	Expired No.	Expired Amount	Remaining Approval No.	Remaining amount approved
Total	67	€14,480,997	15	€2,989,200	3	€623,000	49	€10,868,797
2019	Approval No.	Approval Amount	Approval Drawdown No.	Approval Drawdown Amount	Expired No.	Expired Amount	Remaining Approved No.	Remaining amount approved / committed
January	1	€270,000	8	€1,190,247	6	€1,047,600	36	€8,900,950
February	2	€365,600	6	€1,455,055	2	€332,300	30	€7,479,295
March	2	€415,800	0	0	2	€480,600	30	€7,414,495
April	0	0	5	€952,470	1	€211,000	24	€6,251,025

Total drawn down to date:	€6,586,972
Total currently committed in loan offers:	€6,251,025
Total Expired and available for lending:	€2,162,103
Total:	€15,000,100



Library and Arts Service

Toys Training and Technology (TTT)

The programme continues in May with a screening of 'This is Nicholas – Living with ASD'. Events this month also included Sensory Integration and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD): An effective approach, ASD LEGO Workshops, Coping with Dementia, Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia, What is Dyslexia? Sensory Storytime, a Helium Arts' Pop up Picnic and the AslAm Autism Experience Exhibition. As part of the Library Association of Ireland and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (LAI/ CILIP) joint conference in April a paper was presented entitled 'Kildare Libraries: A Space for All', focusing on the TTT and Multi-Sensory Garden Project for 2019 and the council will be hosting a TTT stand at Kildare County Council's Accessibility/Disability Strategy Workshop in May.

County Kildare Decade of Commemorations and Local Studies

Final edits are underway on the *120 Years of Local Government Booklet* by Liam Kenny. The County Kildare Archaeological Society has agreed to help organise The Curragh Seminar, which will take place on 16 November 2019 in the Keadeen Hotel.

Work is ongoing on the production of *Birth of a Nation* CD and DVD.

Planning is underway to purchase 50 commemorative GAA jerseys for the Centenary of the 1919 All-Ireland and 2,000 bookmarks for Conleth 1500, to commemorate St. Conleth's anniversary on 04 May.

Poetry Ireland Day

Poetry Ireland Day falls on 02 May with events happening in local libraries. Celebrated poet Martin Dyar will visit Athy Library to deliver a workshop on *Telling Stories Through Poems*.



Age Friendly Library Day

Age Friendly Library Day takes place on 10 May as part of the 2019 Age Friendly Programme. Members of the public are encouraged to visit libraries for refreshments and an information session on all the services the library has to offer.

Let's Talk about Parenting

365 people have attended talks from the 'Let's talk about Parenting' Programme for Kildare Libraries so far this year. Talks which took place during the month of March and April included 'Healthy Sleep Habits in Children and Adults', 'Raising Bilingual Children in Ireland', 'Assisting Career Planning for your Teen' 'Keeping your Child safe online' and 'Childhood Worries and Anxiety. RSVP magazine also ran an article in their 'Spotlight on Kildare' section with an accompanying advert about the Parenting Programme.

Right to Read: Spring into Storytime

The first national Right to Read Programme of the year, spring into Storytime is in full swing right now, with each library in Kildare hosting at least one story telling event for families and children in the month of April. So far every library in the county, including the Mobile Library has participated in spring into Storytime with 1,078 children and guardians attending over 42 storytelling events to date.

Kildare Readers' Festival

Planning is well under way for the tenth anniversary of the Kildare Readers' Festival which will take place across Kildare from 04 to 20 October this year.

Better Basics Boosting Reading

The Better Basics Boosting Reading Programme is run in Kildare primary schools in conjunction with the County Kildare Leader Partnership. Children are supported through paired reading to improve their reading skills and develop greater confidence in reading aloud. This programme also creates



important links between the school and the library. The programme runs from January to May each year and planning has started for the library services celebration and certificate giving ceremony in June.

Irish Language Events 2019

Following on from the success of last year's Bliain na Gaeilge Programme, the plan again is to incorporate the Four Celtic Festivals, Imbolc, Bealtaine, Lúnasa and Samhain as part of library service's schedule of programming for the year. The first, Imbolc took place in February as part of Féile Bríde in Kildare Town Library with a Sean Nós evening. The second festival, Bealtaine will involve a walk led by the group na Cnócadóirí from Maynooth Library to Leixlip Library along the river path. Lúnasa will be celebrated in Leixlip Library with a Céilí Mór and Pop up Gaeltacht and Samhain will be incorporated as part of the KRF with a bi-lingual event. This month a number of the libraries hosted a Ceardlann le Glor na nGael aimed at parents thinking about raising their children through Irish - the challenges, the supports, the joys and the benefits.

New Irish teachers are being sought for classes countywide in the main library branches for 2019.

Tech Week 2019

11-18 May - STEAM Programme

Following on from successful programme of events for Engineers Week, Kildare Library Service is hosting a number of free workshops for local primary schools to mark Tech Week 2019. There will be electronics workshops where children attending will create circuits and explore electronics using conductive dough. Other educational workshops will allow children to learn, build and play with motorised LEGO Technic Models. These workshops are offered to local primary schools and are aimed at creating an environment for children to explore, test, engage, inspire and increase the uptake of STEAM subjects.



Biodiversity Week 2019

18 - 26 May - STEAM Programme

Kildare Libraries are also marking Biodiversity Week 2019, with a selection of free workshops for primary school classes during Biodiversity Week 2019. Workshops on insects with entomologist, Nessa Darcy, Bog Workshops with the Irish Peatland Conservation Council and free workshops on bees in association with the North Kildare Beekeepers Association are all taking place in libraries across the county.

Work Matters at the Library 2019

The Work Matters Programme 2019 is now complete and copies of the brochure are available from local libraries. The programme provides supports to those seeking employment, looking to change career or move into entrepreneurship.

Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Funding

The library service has recently applied for funding for additional open Science Week events under a public call for funding proposals from Science Foundation Ireland (Discovery Programme). If successful, this will result in additional open workshops for children and adults taking place during Science Week 2019 (apart from those being organised under the STEAM Programme).

Energy Saving Kits

Five energy saving kits have been purchased for Athy, Leixlip, Maynooth, Newbridge and Naas Libraries. The home energy saving kit contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. The kit is available to borrow free of charge for a period of three weeks and helps you take the first step in becoming more energy efficient by identifying problem areas in your home and helping you make sense of the energy you consume on a daily basis.



Poetry Ireland Day

Patients and staff in Naas Hospital and Kildare Day Care centres to receive a 'Menu of Poems'

To celebrate Poetry Day Ireland on Thursday 02 May 2019, a menu of poems will be distributed throughout Irish hospital wards, waiting rooms and other healthcare settings for patients, visitors, and staff to enjoy. The poetry was selected by poet Ailbhe Darcy. Menu of Poems takes the form of a short anthology of poetry which is distributed annually to healthcare users in a range of healthcare settings. Produced by Galway University Hospitals Arts Trust on behalf of Arts and Health Co-ordinators Ireland (which includes Kildare's Arts, Health and Wellbeing Specialist), supported by Poetry Ireland and HSE Health Promotion and Improvement, over 10,000 people in healthcare settings will receive the menu on Poetry Day Ireland. Since its conception in 2008, Menu of Poems has been a positive development in the lives of both patients and those who work in healthcare settings across Ireland. The poetry is circulated on meal trays in hospitals and other healthcare

settings with participating healthcare providers organising readings and workshops for Poetry Day Ireland.

Made of Athy Music Trail

Uachtarán na hÉireann, President Michael D Higgins will unveil a plaque marking Leonard Cohen's link to Athy through his collaboration with renowned Kildare writer John MacKenna at Athy Community Arts Centre, Woodstock Street, Athy, Thursday, 02 May 2019. Leonard Cohen and John MacKenna worked together on the script for the requiem for theatre "*Between Your Love and Mine.*" The 'Made of Athy' Music Trail project was devised by Colm Walsh and is supported by Kildare County Council through the Athy Municipal District and the County Arts Service. In late October 2016, just two weeks before his death, Leonard approved the final draft of *Between Your Love and Mine*. Musical director for the requiem is Aisling Carter and it features the voices of Eric Butler, Katie Jacques and Shane Sullivan. The band features Aisling Carter on keyboard, Lucy Deegan on cello,



Annie-Rose Deegan on violin and David Day on drums. Spoken Word is by Angela Keogh and John MacKenna, who also directs the requiem. The work was inspired by Cohen's lines: "Behold the gates of mercy, in arbitrary space, and none of us deserving the cruelty or the grace, o solitude of longing where love has been confined, come healing of the body, come healing of the mind."

Arts, Health and Wellbeing programme

Voices of Spring Community Choir present... a celebration of folk songs old and new, with special guests: Ross Breen (singer/songwriter) Lisa Loughrey Music (singer/songwriter), Ceola (Choir) Join Voices of Spring and their very special guests in the beautiful surrounds of Christ Church (beside Castletown gates in Celbridge) for this Bealtaine Festival 2019 performance! The choirs will collaborate with local song writers on their original compositions and join forces to celebrate folk songs from Ireland and beyond. Voices of Spring Community

Choir is a wellbeing and dementia support choir and is supported by Kildare County Council's Arts, Health and Wellbeing Programme.

Writer in Residence opportunity

Applications are invited by writers of established reputation for two positions co-funded by Maynooth University and Kildare Arts and Library Services. Both positions run from October 2019 - May 2020, with duties expected to average approximately six hours per week contact time with students and the wider public. The roles are designed to provide students and the broader community with the opportunity to engage with writers of distinction, as well as providing the writers with time to advance their current project(s). Recent Writers-in-Residence at Maynooth University include Paul Lynch, Christodoulos Makris, Rob Doyle, Sarah Maria Griffin, Eoin McNamee, Lindsay J. Sedgwick, Hugh Travers and Joanna Walsh. The positions are open to writers across genres.

Successful applicants are required to be on campus or in Kildare libraries approximately two days per week to



teach a workshop and for consultations during term time. The post holders will also be expected to participate in the Kildare Readers' Festival (October); to host readings in a programme curated between the applicants, the University and the Kildare Library and Arts Service, with a budget set aside for the purpose; and to publicise their events/workshops through social media. Since these are

public-facing residencies, the writers-in-residence must demonstrate willingness to be representatives of the university and to be part of the university community. Writers will be provided with office space on the campus of Maynooth University. The closing date for applications is, Sunday, 26 May 2019.

Water Services

Infrastructural Projects

Contract 2B (Network)

Irish Water published confirmation of the CPO in January 2019.

Irish Water has notified Coffey Construction that it is the preferred tenderer.

It is anticipated that the works contract will be signed in Quarter 2, 2019.

Contract 2A (Newbridge Eastern Interceptor Sewer Contract)

Contract 2A involves the construction of a new Eastern Interceptor Sewer between Newbridge and Osberstown Wastewater Treatment Plant with an Irish Water investment of €30 million. The Contract was awarded to Roadbridge. Works have commenced and will take 24 months to complete. The Contract involves the construction of new sewers, rising mains and 3 new pumping stations along the route.



The Contract will facilitate future housing development and economic growth in the Newbridge area and will reduce the number of untreated storm overflows to the river Liffey."

Contract 2A (Newbridge Eastern Interceptor Sewer)

Irish Water and Roadbridge signed Contract 2A on 20 February 2019. The contract has a 24 month construction programme. Work has commenced on site. Murphy International Ltd., on behalf of Lidl (subject to an Irish Water agreement), is laying part of the Eastern Interceptor Sewer along the route of the Newbridge Outer Orbital Relief Road between the dual carriageway and the Great Connell Road. These sewerage works are now well advanced.

Osberstown Sludge Treatment Facility Design Build and Operate (DBO) Contract Variation

Veolia Water Ireland is advancing works on this variation to the DBO contract.

Capital Projects

Timolin Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade

The Director of Services is seeking a meeting with Irish Water to discuss the upgrade.

Calverstown WWTP Upgrade

This contract is now complete. Kildare County Council is now operating the plant.

Kilmeague WWTP Upgrade

The contractor is on site and works are progressing well and due for completion in Quarter 3, 2019.

Newbridge Sewer Relining Contract

Irish Water is appointing a contractor to do these works.

Rathangan WWTP Upgrade

Irish Water has reviewed the options report prepared by the consultant. They will not be progressing this as a contract, instead they intend to do minor upgrade works through operations.



Water Networks Projects

Allenwood to Kilmeague Watermain

The contract is now complete and snagging is on-going.

Suncroft to Brownstown Watermain Replacement

The contract is now complete

Newbridge Town Watermain Rehabilitation Works

The design for replacement of watermains in Piercetown, Highfield and Pairc Mhuire has commenced.

Kildare Town Watermain Rehabilitation Works

Watermains have been laid in Lourdesville, Claemore Terrace, Assumpta Villas and Campion Crescent. The transfer of services is ongoing.

Taghadoo to Maynooth Watermain Replacment

Installation works have commenced.

Environment

Flooding

Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS)

Meetings have taken place with the Office of Public Works (OPW) regarding the prioritisation of works. A Steering Group with the OPW has been established to progress the consultants brief for the Naas study and Leixlip scheme. The municipal districts will be briefed on the emerging CFRAM Programme.

Langton Road, Newbridge

This scheme is now substantially complete, with final snagging to be completed by early May. Landscaping will be carried out following completion of snagging, depending on weather conditions. The existing road side verge will also be cleaned and planted.



Morell Flood Management Scheme

A Judicial Review has been lodged against An Bord Pleanála's decision.

Kildare County Council, as notice party cannot commence any works until the review is heard or withdrawn. Efforts are ongoing to resolve issues.

Athy Flood Modeling

Scenarios have been completed meaning that the proposed flood measure can be adopted into the Local Area Plan (LAP) as part of the Dominican Masterplan, subject to the approval of the elected members. A presentation will be made to the Athy Municipal District.

Kerdiffstown

An Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Licence was granted on 07 March. Taking possession of properties under the CPO has commenced. One advanced works contract is being assessed and a second for the L2005 to be realigned, is currently on E-Tenders. Shortlisting of candidates for the main contract has commenced.

Cemeteries

Athy Cemetery

A further phase of work (footpath improvements) has been identified for Athy Cemetery, and are to take place in Quarter 2, 2019.

Churchtown Cemetery

Works are substantially complete.

Rathangan Cemetery

Works have now commenced and are close to finalisation.

Kildare Town Cemetery

The updated design for upgrade works is now in hand and subject to ongoing discussion with the local cemetery committee.

Newbridge Cemetery

Work on the upgrade of the car park has now been prioritised, and consultants have been appointed. Tenders are being invited.

Columbarium Wall at Laraghbryan

Works have commenced.



Columbarium Wall at Derrinturn

Invitation for tenders is scheduled for May/June 2019.

Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

Governance structures are now in place and meetings of the Regional Steering Group have taken place. Kilkenny County Council was successful in their bid to partner with Kildare County Council to deliver this shared service across the region. Collaboration is ongoing with third level Institutions, the Office of Public Works (OPW) and the Eastern Midlands Assembly (EMA).

The finalisation of the adaptation strategies has been prioritised across the region and the CARO has supported workshops in each of the constituent local authorities and are actively assisting each county to develop their respective strategies. SEA/AA consultants have been appointed at a regional level and environmental assessment of the local level strategies has commenced.

Focus over the coming couple of months will now turn to public consultation for the plans before final drafting and presentation to the elected members for adoption.

Kildare Climate Action Team

The Kildare Climate Change Adaption Strategy is at drafting stage and has been environmentally screened. Presentations have been delivered to the Environment and Water Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and full council and the strategy is currently with graphic designers prior to launching the public consultation

New Initiatives

Countywide Green Kilometer

Nine applications were received and all groups were rewarded for their participation. It is hoped to host a formal event to acknowledge their efforts.



Civic Amenity Site North

Part 8 documents have now been prepared and are being assessed for publication.

Dog Pound

Tenders have been received and works are to commence shortly.

Tidy Towns

Ballymore Eustace has been selected to participate in Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition for 2019 in the small town award category.

Rathangan Public Realm

The Part 8 is to be published shortly.

Kilcullen Public Realm

The Part 8 is to be published shortly.

Public Realm Upgrade for Kildare Town

Consultants have been appointed and the consultation process is to commence in the coming weeks.

A public consultation event took place on the 01 February and over 450 submissions have been received to date.

Public Realm Upgrade for Newbridge

The consultants have been appointed and a presentation was given to public representatives on work to date and the application for Urban Regeneration Funding. A successful joint workshop was held on the 27 February in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA). Initial assessment of the submissions would suggest very strong support both for the public realm as well as the traffic proposals, a presentation will be given to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee at their June meeting.



Economic Community and Cultural Developmen

Community Grants 2019

The table below outlines the grants awarded to date across the county under the various grant schemes

administered by the Community Department.

Grant Scheme	No. of Grants	Amount Awarded
1. Community Grant	174	€231,188
2. Festival Grant	75	€133,881
3. Private Residents' Associations	248	€153,309
4. Local Authority Residents' Associations	70	€59,453
LPT Grants (Sports – Athy MD)	30	€30,000
LPT Grants (Projects- Residents' Associations- Cel/Leix MD)	15	€15,894
Drehid Grants Scheme	30	€231,957
Total	642	€855,682

1. Includes additional funding of €70,000 awarded under LPT 2019
2. Includes €35,000 additional funding awarded under LPT 2019
3. Includes €25,000 additional funding awarded under LPT 2019
4. Includes €10,000 additional LPT awarded under LPT 2019



Kildare Fáilte

Key activities April 2019:

- Attended Meitheal Tradeshow in Citywest on 02 April, promoting tourism providers in County Kildare to buyers from around the world
- Attended Tourism is Everyone's Business Conference in Pairc Ui Chiomh on 04 and 05 April
- Organised site inspection of the Grand Canal Greenway on 10 April for the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS), Waterways Ireland and the various county councils involved in the project
- Facilitated a brand workshop with the Kildare Fáilte Board of Directors to discuss and agree direction for Kildare Fáilte brand and to arrange a set of brand guidelines for the company going forward
- Agreed terms of partnership with Dublin Convention Bureau
- Created an advert to promote Kildare as a business tourism destination, to feature in the Dublin Convention Bureau brochure for the Meet Dublin in London event
- Had a meeting with the Kildare Derby Festival committee to discuss marketing of the festival
- Kildare Derby Festival launch event took place on 10 May
- Kildare Derby Festival logo developed
- Had a meeting with Newbridge tourism representatives regarding Junefest
- Recruitment of a part-time Events Manager to assist with co-ordinating Taste of Kildare and Kildare Derby Festival



- Preparation of a Public Relations (PR) brief for Kildare Fáilte and requests for proposals. Arranging meetings with potential agencies for week commencing 29 April
- Taste of Kildare planning and committee meetings
- Monthly social media agency meeting
- Board of Directors meeting and monthly update

Parks

Castledermot Playground

The Part 8 for Castledermot Playground was approved by the members of the Athy Municipal District at the April monthly meeting. It is planned to construct the playground over the summer. The additional landscaping works proposed on the site to compliment the playground will be carried out at a later stage subject to funding.

District members at the April monthly meeting. The construction of the playground should commence in the next 6- 8 weeks.

Leixlip Summer Bedding

A contract has been awarded to RKD Floral Displays for the installation of summer bedding in Leixlip Village and also at the roundabouts on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge and Clane Road, Kilcock.

Caragh Playground

The Part 8 for Caragh Playground was approved by the Naas Municipal



Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

Kildare Civil Defence assisted at the following Events in April 2019

Provided First Aid at the following:

- Donadea Castle Fun Run
- Mini Muckers - Punchestown
- St. Kevins Donadea Wheelers Sportive
- Newbridge Hockey 5K and10K Run
- Kildare Sports Partnership 5K and10K Run
- Stations of the Cross in Newbridge
- Dawn Walk - Kildare Town
- Cycle against suicide: Lucan - Tullamore
- Fr. Cantillon 6K Run – Timahoe
- Providing boat assistance for the River Barrow clean up in Athy
- Participated in the Naas Easter Parade - Won 3rd Prize for the Community Section
- Kildare Civil Defence will also be assisting at the Punchestown Racing Festival



Fire Service

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2018	Total Calls to 29 April 2019
Newbridge	460	152
Naas	503	137
Athy	266	87
Maynooth	322	101
Monasterevin	214	66
Leixlip	245	76
TOTAL	2010	619

Station	Operational Calls 2019					
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Newbridge	42	48	34	28		
Naas	35	38	42	22		
Athy	33	16	17	21		
Maynooth	25	25	29	22		
Monasterevin	19	16	17	14		
Leixlip	14	14	20	28		
TOTAL	168	157	159	135		



Fire Safety

	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2018	88	85
2019	35	35

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2018	18
2019	5

	No. Fire Safety Certificates
2018	204
2019	48

	No. Planning File Comments
2018	518
2019	76



Building and Development Control

The following figures are cumulative up to 29 April 2019.

Building Control

Commencement Notices	2018	2019
Total Number of Commencement Notices received:	662	197
Number of Valid commencement notices received:	618	193
Number of Invalid commencement notices received:	44	4
No. of Inspections carried out on Commencement Notices	109	60

Certificates of Compliance on Completion	2018	2019
Total Number of Certificates received:	644	177
Number Valid	629	177
Number Invalid	15	0
Awaiting processing	-	-
Additional Information		
Number of Inspections carried out	23	28

Disability Access Certificates	2018	2019
Total Number of Disability Access Certificates received:	139	40
Number granted:	130	41
Number refused:	0	0
Number of Inspections carried out	35	6



Building Control Active Sites	2018	2019
Number of units inspected	107	543

Development Control

Active Sites	At 31/12/2018	2019
Number of sites with house construction	64	75
Number of sites where all units complete but snags not complete	36	36

Estates that Require Monitoring/Maintenance	19 (Ballintine Park – Waste Water Treatment Plant up and running)
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Local Enterprise

Office (LEO)

“Elected members please advise your constituents that LEO office is always open to discuss their idea, business needs or grant availability, weekly

business advice clinics continue across the county in 2019 email localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie”

Entrepreneurship Support

Services

Brexit Supports

Boston Trade Mission

Expressions of interest for established businesses in Kildare to attend a trade mission to Boston opened this month. The LEO with support from the Kildare Chamber are taking on this joint trade mission to Boston in October as part of our response to Brexit, bringing local SME's to Boston to see first-hand the opportunities that exist for them to do business there.

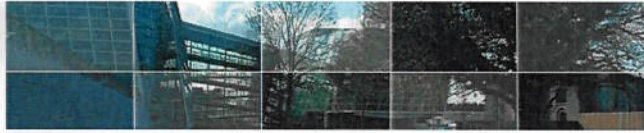
Other Supports

Food Starter Programme

In advance of the launch of Kildare's Food Academy later this year the Food Start training programme was launched this month, aimed at supporting and nurturing early stage/ start-up food businesses. This two day course took place in the Osprey Hotel and there were 8 in attendance.

Business Advice Clinics

The LEO Kildare held 28 sessions of 1-1 Business Advice Clinics throughout the county. These clinics are to assist entrepreneurs with a newly established start up business or for help with their existing established business.



Local Enterprise Development

Services

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur

13 out of 62 under 35's who entered the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition participated in the county final on Thursday 02 May at the Kiltash Hotel. Winners included Ms Claire Afolabi founder of Little Sitters in Kiltash, Mr Pierce Dargan founder of Tincomy Ltd. T/A Equine MediRecord in The Curragh, and Mr Conor Browne, founder of Conor Browne Wreaths, Maynooth. These winners will go forward to represent Kildare at the regional finals in June, where Kildare representatives will be up against finalists from counties Laois, Offaly and Westmeath. Those successful will go on to represent the county at the national final, which will take place at Google Headquarters in September. All IBYE applicants were invited to one to one business advice clinics throughout the month of April.

National Enterprise Awards

The Kildare winner for the National Enterprise Awards, Ms Sonia Deasey of Pestle and Mortar, was interviewed for the national competition judging on Wednesday 01 May. Ms Deasey will be competing against 30 other finalists from every local authority area for a share of the €40,000 prize fund. The National Finals Awards Ceremony will take place in the Mansion House later in May. Categories this year include 'Best Export Business,' 'Best Start Up Business' and 'Innovation Award,' in addition to eight runner-up awards.

Student Enterprise Awards National Final

The Student Enterprise National Finals took place on Friday 03 May in Croke Park, where County Kildare was represented by Ms Anna Burke, Ms Sophie Brown, Ms Anna Bazin, Mr Daire Kavanagh and Ms Eabha Bracken O'Brien from St. Mary's College, Naas. The five teenage entrepreneurs published a book entitled 'The Struggle is Real' - a survival guide for young Irish teenagers.



An estimated 1595 students from 20 Kildare secondary schools took part in the programme this year.

Business Network opportunities in association with Kildare Chamber

The Local Enterprise Office sponsored two lunch and learn events with the Kildare Chamber, with talks from Australian Ambassador, Mr Richard Andrews and Alison Redmond, Certified Data Protection Officer at the Chamber of Commerce Network.

Local Economic Development Services

5 Years of Local Enterprise Network

Since the Local Enterprise Offices (LEO's) were established in 2014 they have supported the creation of over 18,600 jobs nationwide with 144,830 entrepreneurs and business people trained in a range of skills over the five years. The figures were announced by Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Pat Breen T.D., Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection at an event in Russborough House in

Wicklow to celebrate five years of the Local Enterprise Offices.

Launch of Food, Drinks and Skills Innovation Hub

The launch of the Athy Food, Drink and Skills Hub by Minister Humphreys took place on Thursday 18 April at the Clanard Court Hotel. This is an initiative led by Kildare County Council with the support of Coca Cola. The hub will form part of a network of connected co-working and sectoral workspaces that will be dotted throughout the Mid East Region. These hubs are an integral part of the Mid East Regional Enterprise Plan.



Local Enterprise Office at Punchestown Festival

The Local Enterprise Office had a tent at the Business Club at Punchestown Festival from Tuesday 30 April to Friday 03 May where representatives met with clients from across all

sectors. Clients had the opportunity to network with other Kildare businesses of the same industry and gain insight into exporting opportunities and the LEAN approach to management from guest speakers.

Ongoing Grant Aid

If you are interested in any of the grant aid below, contact us on 045 98096 or localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie

TOVS – Trading online vouchers are available to the value of €2,500 (*50% of eligible costs up to the maximum of €2,500*) and are available to any business with less than 10 employees.

TAME – This grant can part-fund the costs that you will incur in investigating and researching export markets. Grant covers 50% of eligible costs (subject to a maximum of €2,500 per company in any one calendar year) Available to any business with less than 10 employees.

Priming and Expansion Priming – Up to 50% of the investment or €150,000 available to any business with less than 10 employees in the manufacturing sector.

Shopfront – to assist and support independent business owners to improve the appearance of their shop fronts / commercial properties. Grants are given of 5,000 or up to 75% of costs, open to all businesses.

MFI – works with small businesses with fewer than 10 employees and turnover up to €2m, by providing unsecured business loans of €2,000 to €25,000 for commercially viable proposals. Available to any business with less than 10 employees.



Business Advice Clinics

If you are interested in booking a Business Advice Clinic, contact us on 045 980967, or localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie

Location	When	
Athy	2 nd Wednesday of each month	Library
Newbridge	3 rd Friday of each month	TBC
Maynooth	3 rd Wednesday of each month	Library
Leixlip	Last Wednesday of each month	Library
Naas	Ongoing, by appointment	Kildare County Council

Peter Carey
Chief Executive

Kildare County Council

Appendix I

Revenue Account Summary by Service Division to period to 30/04/2019

Division	Description	Expenditure				Income			
		Expenditure €,000	Budget €,000	% Budget Spend	Budget remaining €,000	Income €,000	Budget €,000	% Budget collected	Budget to be collected €,000
A	Housing & Building	11,646	39,746	29%	28,100	10,160	31,363	32%	21,203
B	Road Transport and Safety	9,618	35,581	27%	25,963	2,890	15,715	18%	12,825
C	Water Services	4,724	9,860	48%	5,136	1,643	9,603	17%	7,960
D	Developmental Management	5,383	17,797	30%	12,414	1,788	4,915	36%	3,127
E	Environmental Services	5,036	19,650	26%	14,614	1,257	6,571	19%	5,314
F	Recreation and Amenity	2,844	11,144	26%	8,300	723	1,142	63%	419
G	Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	323	1,193	27%	870	104	342	30%	238
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,898	15,882	31%	10,984	658	5,830	11%	5,172
LG	Local Property Tax Allocation				-	5,364	16,090	33%	10,726
RA	Rates					19,562	59,282	33%	39,720
		44,472	150,853	29%	106,381	44,149	150,853	29%	106,704

Kildare County Council

Summary of Major Collections to 30/04/2019

	Arrears 01/01/2019	Accrued	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Outstanding 31/03/2019	% Collected
Commercial Rates	12,683,304	58,955,572	268,250	-	71,370,626	14,248,408	57,122,218	20%
Rents & Annuities	1,487,528	4,248,842	123,643	-	5,612,727	4,047,987	1,564,740	72%
Housing Loans	3,732,579	612,321	46,549	-	4,298,351	1,341,696	2,956,655	31%

Kildare County Council

Apr-19

Number of days recourse to overdraft

Days

Interest incurred

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