



**Chief Executive's Report
July 2019**

THIS MONTH: News and Highlights

Green Flag Award

Liffey Linear Park has been awarded the Green Flag again this year. This is the third year that the park has attained this status.

All Ireland Best Kept Towns Competition

Compliments to Ballymore Eustace on its excellent performance in the All Ireland Best Kept Towns Competition 2019.

Cruinniu na nÓg

Kildare hosted 23 events throughout the county on 15 June.

Presentation by Kildare County Council to Mr Colm McLoughlin

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Local Authority Road Safety Officers Pay Tribute to the Late Brendan Grace

Local Authority Road Safety Officers paid tribute to Brendan Grace, who sang the very first 'Safe Cross Code' song back in 1974.

Dates for Your Diary

Kildare Readers' Festival

The festival will take place from 01- 20 October across County Kildare (see page 15)

National Play Day

An Event for all the family will be held in Áras Chill Dara on Saturday 14 September.



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Corporate Services

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The event was to recognise Mr McLoughlin's contribution to County Kildare through Dubai Duty Free sponsorship of the Irish Derby at the Curragh Racecourse. Mr McLoughlin was presented with a unique piece of art titled "breathe", designed and sculpted by Kilcullen artist, Noel Scullion.

Finance and Information Technology

2018 Audit

The Local Government Auditor has indicated that he will commence the audit of the 2018 Annual Financial Statements in July 2019. The commencement date of the audit is 19 July 2019. A commencement notice has been e-mailed to the members.

Local Property Tax – Notice of consideration of setting a local adjustment factor

In accordance with SI 296/2014 Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014, whereby the 'local authority shall consult with the public in its administrative area in relation to its consideration of the setting of a local adjustment factor...'
Kildare County Council has included the prescribed notification in three local newspapers, on the council website and through its various social media channels. The closing date for submissions is 09 August 2019 at



5:00p.m. A report summarising the written submissions, shall be brought to the September council meeting.

Financial Reports

Revenue Account Summary (see Appendix 1).



Planning and Strategic Development

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) adopted the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) which came into effect on 28 June 2019.

Local Area Plans

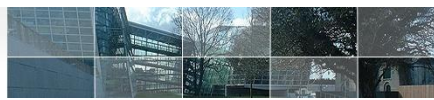
Naas LAP

The display of the Draft Naas LAP finished on 30 May 2019. The Chief Executive submitted a report to the members on 10 July 2019 and same will be considered at the July Meeting of the council.

Leixlip Local Area Plan (LAP)

The Draft Leixlip LAP was on display from 30 May to 11 July 2019. The Chief Executive is currently preparing a report on submissions received, which will be issued to the members of the council.

Planning applications received:			Applications decided: June 2019	
	June	Year	Total Granted:	74
2017:	129	1,494	Retention:	13
2018:	138	1,596	Extension of Duration:	4
2019:	124	746	Total Refused:	21



Significant Planning Applications June 2019

19/28 Brook Advantage Limited

Permission has been granted for 18 semi-detached houses on sites 1-18 The Birches, Oldgrangewood, Monasterevin.

19/425 The Roche Group

Permission has been granted for a 104sqm medical consultant suite at Vista Medical Centre, Ballymore Road, Naas.

19/71 Aldi Stores (Ireland) Ltd.

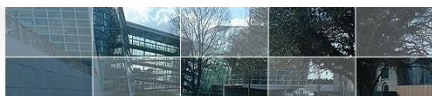
Permission has been granted for a two-storey office building and the completion of the Internal Distributor Road at the existing Aldi Regional Office and distribution centre, Southern Link Business Park, Newbridge Road, Jigginstown, Naas.

Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Applications to An Bord Pleanála

Drehid Waste Management Facility (ABP Ref. 17/300506) - The oral hearing concluded on 13 March 2019 and a decision is awaited from ABP. An application by Bord na Móna Powergen Limited and ESB Wind Development Limited (ABP Ref. 18/303249) for a 110kV onsite Electric Substation at Timahoe East is yet to be decided. An application by Eirgrid PLC (ABP Ref. 19/304862) was lodged with ABP on 08 July 2019 for a substation, underground circuits, etc. in the townlands of Bogganstown, County Meath, Ravensdale, Kellystown, Blakestown (North Salt By) and Leixlip, County Kildare connecting the proposed substation with electricity transformers within the Intel Ireland facility in Leixlip.

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications to An Bord Pleanála (ABP)

Since legislation came into effect in July 2017, applications for planning permission for strategic housing developments are made directly to An Bord Pleanála (ABP).



Decisions Made					
	Developer	Location	No of Units	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.	Morrinstownbiller, 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 & 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
19/304632	Ardstone	Capdoo, Clane	366	07/06/19	26/09/19



Part 8 Developments

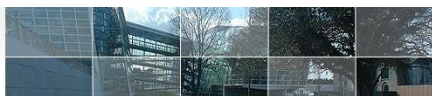
Ref	Lead Dept.	Details	Launched	20 wks	Approved
P82019.01	Transport	Machinery Yard and Regional Salt Barn	26/02/19	15/07/19	13/05/19
P82019.02	Community	Playground and Landscaping, Castledermot	08/01/19	27/05/19	15/04/19
P82019.03	Community	Playground at Caragh	08/01/19	27/05/19	16/04/19
P82019.05	Community	Town Hall, Athy	30/01/19	18/06/19	13/05/19
P82019.06	Transport	Coghlanstown Road, Ballymore Eustace upgrade	05/02/19	24/06/19	Agreed 16/04/19
P82019.07	Transport	Naas Inner Relief Road	26/02/19	15/07/19	Rejected 17/06/19
P82019.09	Transport	Maynooth Eastern Ring Road	16/04/19	02/09/19	
P82019.11	Environment	Celbridge Civic Amenity Site	10/06/19	27/10/19	

Outdoor Event Licence

Applications

The “Forever Young” Festival was held at Palmerstown House Estate, Johnstown from 07 to 09 July 2019.

An application has been received for an event at Punchestown Racecourse scheduled for September 2019.



Housing

Housing Quarterly Update - Activity Levels

The following outlines the number of applications processed to the end of Quarter 2, 2019 in a number of services areas. Details of the previous year is also included for comparison.

Social Housing Applications

2018	Existing Housing file updates	Transfer Requests	New valid Applications	Mortgage to Rent Apps	Refusals
Total	485	82	929	23	188
2019	Existing Housing file updates	Transfer Requests	New valid Applications	Mortgage to Rent Apps	Refusals
Quarter 1	83	21	229	2	46
Quarter 2	93	24	227	3	44

HAP Applications

2018	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Approved
Total	1025	35	706
2019	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Approved
Quarter 1	204	45	193
Quarter 2	176	51	170

Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016

2018	Applications Received	Ineligible	Approvals Issued
Total	29	4	6
2019	Applications Received	Ineligible	Approvals Issued
Quarter 1	12	2	6
Quarter 2	12	4	2



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans

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	€2,989,150	3	€623,000	49	€10,868,847
2019	Approval No.	Approval Amount	Approval Drawdown No.	Approval Drawdown Amount	Expired No.	Expired Amount	Remaining Approved No.	Remaining amount approved
January	1	€270,000	8	€1,920,947	3	€462,500	39	€8755,400
February	2	€365,600	6	€1,455,055	6	€1,031,200	29	€6,634,745
March	2	€415,800	0	0	1	€288,000	30	€6,762,545
April	0	0	6	€1,240,470	7	€1,665,130	17	€3,856,945
May	0	0	4	€898,050	0	0	13	€2,958,895
June	1	€220,000	2	€415,800	0	0	12	€2,763,095

Total Approved €15,752,397 *Approvals continuing due to expired loans

Total Drawn down to date: - €8,919,472

Total currently committed in loan offers: - €2,763,095

Total Expired and available for lending: €4,069,830

Housing Grants

2018	Housing Adaptation Apps Recd	Housing Adaptation Grants Approved	Mobility Aids Apps Recd	Mobility Aids Grants Approved	Housing Aid for Older Persons Apps Recd	Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Approved
Total	434	295	3	0	248	143
2019	Housing Adaptation Apps Recd	Housing Adaptation Grants Approved	Mobility Aids Apps Recd	Mobility Aids Grants Approved	Housing Aid for Older Persons Apps Recd	Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Approved
Quarter 1	119	78	0	0	67	0
Quarter 2	142	68	0	0	68	35



Differential Rents Assessments Undertaken

2018	LA Rents	LA HAP	
Total	1321	1163	
2019	LA Rents	LA HAP	LA HAP Review
Quarter 1	246	193	144
Quarter 2	369	192	224

Housing Maintenance

2018	Vacant House Turnarounds	New House Purchases Upgrades	Number of Response Maintenance Requests Logged	Number of Response Maintenance requests completed	Number of Self Help Grants Approved
Total	112	104	6,581	5,311	69
2019	Vacant House Turnarounds	New House Purchases Upgrades	Number of Response Maintenance Requests Logged	Number of Response Maintenance Requests Completed	Number of Self Help Grants Offered
Quarter 1	28	21	1,739	1,669	0
Quarter 2	19	40	1,460	1,406	64

Homeless Presentations

2018	Cases	Unique	Repeats
Total	1226	448	778
2019	Total Cases	Unique	Repeats
Quarter 1	298	111	187
Quarter 2	259	115	144

Homeless Presentations:

Unique Presentations Breakdown

2018	Adults	Dependents
Total	306	198
2019	Adults	Dependents
Quarter 1	81	85
Quarter 2	93	75



Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status July 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. Final account and post project review being prepared.
In Progress		
Status July 2019		
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 07 January 2019. Expected completion Quarter 1, 2020.
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Contract signed on 08 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		
Status July 2019		
Approval Stage 3		
Status July 2019		
Athgarvan Village	19 units	Part 8 approved at the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District meeting in November 2018. Approval Stage 3 submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) Quarter 2, 2019. Awaiting approval from the DHPLG.
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	8 units plus caretaker bay	Revised Stage 3 approval received from the DHPLG on 13 September 2018. Stage 1 of the tender process commenced on E-Tenders Quarter 2, 2019.
Approval Stage 2		
Status July 2019		
St. Patrick's Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase's 2 and 3)	Demolition of 21 units, refurb of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	Revised Stage 2 approval request being prepared for submission Quarter 3, 2019.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Following further site investigations carried out, a revised Stage 2 application will be submitted to the DHPLG Quarter 3, 2019.



Coill Dubh	10 units	Part 8 approved 19 December 2018. A design team tender has been completed and will be uploaded on eTenders by the end of July.
Approval Stage 1		Status July 2019
Old Greenfield, Maynooth	50 units	A design team was appointed in February 2019. Submission for Approval Stage 2 is expected Quarter 3, 2019.
Clogherinkoe	14 units	On hold due to planning local need constraints.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge	30 units	Awaiting outcome of planning application which will upgrade access road to this site. Also Included in SSF application for enabling infrastructure funding.
Carbury	2 units	Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 3, 2019.
Former Ambassador Hotel Site, Kill	35 units	Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 3, 2019.
Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.	TBC	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 3, 2019.

Infill Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status July 2019
Newtown House, Leixlip	4 units	Stage 1 approval received. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 3, 2019.
Narraghmore	4 units	Stage 1 approval received. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 3, 2019.
Glandore, Athy	TBC	Proposed Stage 1 approval submission to DHPLG to be prepared Quarter 3, 2019.
Skenagun, Castledermot	1 existing refurb and 1 new-build	Approval Stage 1 received from the DHPLG in July 2018.



Acquisitions

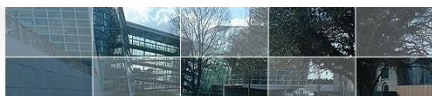
	Completed Units 2018	Completed Units 2019	In Progress
Housing Acquisitions	186	68	156
Housing Turnkeys	39	29	77
Part V Acquisitions	30	21	195

PPP Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status July 2019
Craddockstown Road, Naas	74 units	Commenced on site March 2019. Expected completion March 2020.
Nancy's Lane, Clane	77 units	Tender assessment complete. Preferred tenderer identified. Recommendation to the Board to approve. Expected on site Quarter 4, 2019/Quarter 1, 2020.

Approved Housing Body Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status July 2019
Respond HA Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Part 8 approved at 24 July 2017. Respond to re-tender.
Tuath HA Castlefen, Sallins	28 units	Part 8 approved at Naas Municipal District meeting 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 July 2019
KARE	3 units at Craddockstown, Naas	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 - Planning permission granted 01 May 2018. Stage 4 approval received from the DHPLG, awaiting confirmation from Homeless Care CLG that the construction contract has been awarded.

Library and Arts Service

Extended Opening Hours Coming Soon

Effective from Monday 02 September, Naas, Leixlip and Maynooth Community Libraries will operate with increased opening hours. This change will increase the opening hours in Naas Library by 15 hours per week from 33 hours to 48 hours, in Leixlip Library by 22 hours per week from 26 hours to 48 hours and in Maynooth Library by 18 hours per week from 30 hours to 48 hours.

The improvement to opening hours will allow all three libraries to be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. for 6 full days per week and will include lunch time opening, two late evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 8:00 p.m. and a full day Saturday opening. Members of the public will be notified in advance via the library and through the library website alerts and social media. Both Newbridge and Celbridge Library opening hours are also planned to similarly increase later in the year. By then all 7 main branch libraries (Athy, Celbridge, Kildare, Leixlip, Maynooth, Naas and Newbridge) and 4 part-time libraries (Ballitore, Kilcock, Monasterevin and



Rathangan) will have had considerable increases in opening hours over the last 18 month period allowing for greater accessibility and improved library service delivery throughout the county.

Kildare Readers' Festival

A date for your diary, Kildare Readers' Festival will celebrate its tenth anniversary this year. The festival will take place from 01- 20 October across County Kildare. Guests this year will include Mr Douglas Kennedy, Mr John Boyne, Mr Kit de Waal, Mr Dermot Bolger, Ms Niamh Boyce, Ms Stacey Halls and many more. Keep an eye on www.kildarereadersfestival.ie for more information.

Better Basics Boosting Reading

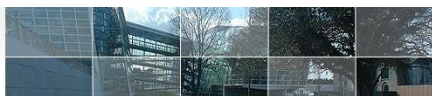
The Better Basics Boosting Reading Programme is run in Kildare primary schools in conjunction with County Kildare Leader Partnership every year between January and May. Children are supported through paired one-to-one reading to improve their reading skills and develop greater confidence in reading aloud. This year we had over 30 children take part from four schools across Kildare.

There was an average reading age improvement of over 12 months for the majority of the students involved.

In addition the teachers report that the students have become more confident in taking part in class. On 13 June 2019 a graduation event was held in Naas Community Library to celebrate the students' achievements. Entertainment was supplied by story teller Ms Helena Byrne. The children received a certificate and a goody bag which included a colourful and fun dictionary from the library service.

Summer Stars Reading Programme

The national summer reading adventure for children 'Summer Stars' was launched in County Kildare on 15 June as part of county wide Criunniu na nOg celebrations. There were a lot of enthusiastic children ranging in all ages joining up to 'Summer Stars' There was a great buzz in all the libraries with very eager children to start reading and reap their rewards! Children are encouraged to read and to participate in themed workshops over the summer collecting merchandise as they go along. At the end of the summer there will be a party



for all children who participated in the programme.

Cruinniu na nÓg

Kildare hosted 23 events throughout the county on 15 June. A staggering 890 people attended a wide range of events. These ranged from children, young adults, parents and grandparents. There was something for everyone. Events ranged from ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Storytime and Planting Pots, Computer Coding, Willow Wonder Workshop and many more. Feedback was very positive from all who participated.

Beyond the Book - Young Readers Festival

Over 40 events were held across all 15 branches supporting literacy and encouraging a love of reading, writing, and creativity. Attendance for all events was 1069. Events were held on Saturdays and during school time, often as outreach to schools, to ensure as many children as possible experience author visits and workshops. Acclaimed author MrTom Palmer, writer of the Football Academy series, visited schools in Celbridge,

Leixlip, Naas and Newbridge. Tom has an international reputation in reader development, working with the Reading Agency, Booktrust and the National Literacy Trust in the UK.

His sessions were lively and engaging, inspiring boys and girls to read widely, with some football facts and fun thrown in. Kildare author Emma-Jane Leeson visited all of our part-time branches, sharing the joy of the Johnny Magory stories to our younger readers, one of which was inspired by Ballynafagh Lake, Prosperous. Ms Helena Byrne, story teller, visited a number of libraries, and included two relaxed events for St Mark's in Newbridge and St Anne's in Kildare town, catering for children with additional needs.

A full programme is available at <http://www.kildare.ie/Library/Documents/BeyondtheBook2019brochure.pdf>

Digital Champions

Staff members in each main library branch were chosen as Digital Champions and training on the new digital equipment took place in Leixlip Community Library in June. The Digital Champions will run workshops/ clubs throughout the year in the main branches and the results will be



documented on our social media channels.

Coding/Robotics Workshops

Summer coding/robotics workshops are taking place in branches in July and August using Botley, Kano and Mindstorm kits for children from 4 - 12. Upcoming workshops will also include 3D printing, Virtual Reality for the classroom and interactive learning using our Promethean boards.

Library IT Developments

56 new all-in-one HP PCs were installed throughout our branch network. These replaced older computers and included an upgrade to Windows 10. The library service also deployed 70 new laptops to our branch network. These devices will be available for individual and group activities in selected libraries.

The library service will soon be in a position to offer laptop and tablet lending via LapSafe lockers.

These are self-service lockers where library patrons can borrow a laptop or tablet for up to three hours in Athy, Celbridge, Kilcock, Kildare, Leixlip, Maynooth, Monasterevin,

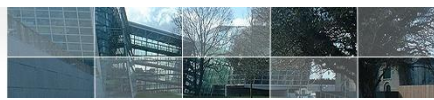
Naas, Newbridge and Rathangan libraries.

Decade of Commemorations

Third Irish Military Seminar 2019

On 06, 13, 15 and 14 June 2019 Newbridge Community Library and Riverbank Arts Centre held four event days, two venues, with seventeen guest speakers, over 1,000 attendees, one book launch, one poster launch, a book stall, a couple of hundred veterans, soldiers, local historians and friends, combined to create the most successful military seminar to date.

The seminar got off to a wonderful start when it was launched by Mr Clem Ryan, KFM, in Newbridge Library on 06 June, the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Mr Ryan also launched 'County Kildare and the War of Independence' poster for schools. Mr Kevin Myers then launched a new book, A Bloody Dawn: The Irish at D-Day by Dan Harvey in association with Merrion Press, followed by a short talk and films. Wearing uniforms of the period and with a 1944 US Army ambulance on display, members of the Irish Military Vehicles Group engaged



with over 100 people who attended the event, including relatives of participants in the landings who shared memories, stories and memorabilia.

A week later three local experts took part in a new lecture series, Kildare History Shorts, in Newbridge Library on 13 June, speaking about Luftwaffe aircraft crashed in Ireland, Boer War weaponry and Kildare and the War of Independence with an audience of over 80 people, followed by a lively questions and answers.

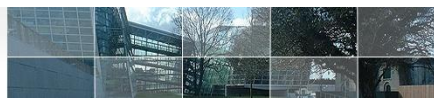
The hugely successful Irish Defence Forces event took place on Friday, 14 June in Riverbank Arts Centre. Mr Leo Quinlan, son of Commandant Pat Quinlan, spoke on the Siege of Jadotville to a full house of over 180 people, including the Defence Forces Chief of Staff, Army Cadets and veterans from around the country. This was followed by in depth and moving interviews with survivors of the Battle of At Tiri, and a questions and answers with the audience, facilitated by Sergeant Wayne Fitzgerald, editor of An Cosantóir.

A full day of lectures took place on 15 June, with six speakers including Dr Leeann Lane (DCU), Dr T Ryle Dwyer, Des Ekin, Dr Ruán O'Donnell (University of Limerick), Dr Mary McAuliffe (UCD) and Dr Myles Dungan. Once again the quality of the speakers and the variety of topics on offer proved very popular with the attendees. The audience had a chance to engage with and meet the speakers during some lively questions and answers, an important feature of the event.

Creative Ireland

Bursary Awards in Action

Run of the Mill Theatre is a community-based theatre arts collective in North Kildare, which is committed to supporting people with intellectual disabilities in accessing high-quality experiences in drama and theatre arts as artists, makers, participants, and audience members. This collective consists of a number of local groups who over the years have presented a wide array of theatrical projects and performances. The 'Masterclass Project' was a week-long summer programme of theatre-



based master classes for 15 selected members of Run of the Mill Theatre, which took place in Castletown House from 01-05 July. During the week participants collaborated with a team of visiting professional theatre artists, who supported the participants in developing their theatre skills, including classes in mime performance, acting, site-specific theatre and performance installation, set, costume, and lighting design, movement, playwriting, devising and directing for contemporary theatre. At the end of this week, the participants staged a 'Castletown House Takeover', where they celebrated their final day by creating impromptu vignettes, tableaux and mime performances around the grounds of the house for the enjoyment of visitors.

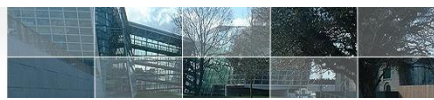
Arts Grants in Action

Youth Arts Residency Bursary

PlayActing Youth Theatre (PYT) is based in The Mill, Celbridge and is currently focused on theatre as a tool to raise awareness of social issues in the community. Four PYT members participated in the National Youth

Council of Ireland (NYCI) Youth Advocacy and Leadership programme and the whole group is eager to act for change in society using their love of theatre as the means of achieving this. In this project the library service want to marry the desire to advocate for a better world with documentary theatre.

PYT received the Youth Arts Residency bursary award 2019 to work with Talking Shop Ensemble (TSE) a theatre collective who combine new writing with documentary theatre and use ensemble throughout their performances. With TSE, PYT members found an authentic way to tell this story on stage, by taking an immersive and journalistic approach to the playwriting. A key learning point here was the opportunity to interview Mr Mark Smith, a local actor with Run of the Mill theatre group about his show *Making A Mark*. The poetical nature of the script inspired the group. Later, meeting the man himself who was so open about his life as a man with down's syndrome in the community and so warm and joyful in his interaction with the teens that it was for many the take home 'moment' of the project.



Under stARTers Orders

As part of the launch programme for the refurbished Curragh Racecourse, 6 resin horses embellished by leading artists were auctioned on 28 June at the Derby, raising over €100,000 for the Irish Injured Jockeys and Sensational Kids charities. Further horses are available for sale.

4 horses, purchased by Kildare County Council to mark the occasion are currently on display in Aras Chill Dara.

Short Grass Film commissions

Two short films commissioned by Kildare County Council under the Short Grass Film commission scheme will be premiered at the Galway Film Fleadh this week. Congratulations to awardees, Paudie Baggott and Sarah Barr on their comedy Rip To The Rescue - Short Film, which was shot at Toughers Business Park and to Allyn Quigley and Simon Doyle, on 'Moth' <https://vimeo.com/316089970>, a psychological drama shot on location in Maynooth and Leixlip

Made of Athy Music Trail

Three further plaque unveilings took place on Sunday 30 June as part of the ongoing music trail project. The first was a tribute to Rector Mr Thomas

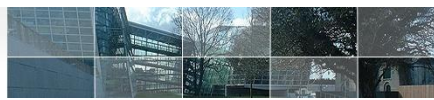
Kelly who wrote over 700 hymns and formed the Kellyites, a breakaway group from the Church of England who had its own meeting houses in Athy during the first half of the nineteenth century, with a hymn sung by St Michael's Parish Church Choir. The second plaque commemorated the Fife and Drum tradition of the town, where local neighbourhoods in the town had their own bands, In particular the Leinster Street Band who changed their name to the Band of the Irish Volunteers (in recognition of the Home Rule Act of 1913), were commemorated. A picture exists of that band heading to the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa. The no 1 Army Band performed in the town to mark the occasion, led by Captain Fergal Carroll. The third plaque remembered the original bands from the town.

Water Services

Infrastructural Projects

Contract 2B (Network)

It is anticipated that the works contract will be signed shortly. Ministerial approval is awaited.



Contract 2A (Newbridge Eastern Interceptor Sewer)

This contract has a 24 month construction programme.

Work is on-going 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 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

This project will now proceed in accordance with previous commitments

Calverstown WWTP Upgrade

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

Allenwood to Kilmeague Watermain

The contract is now complete and snagging is on-going. A final account has been agreed.

Kilmeague WWTP Upgrade

The contractor is on site and works are progressing well and due for completion in Quarter 3-4, 2019.

Rathangan WWTP Upgrade

Irish Water has reviewed the Options Report prepared by its consultant. Irish Water will be progressing this upgrade through minor upgrade works by operations.

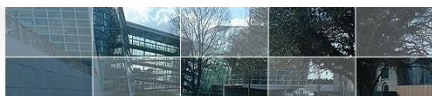
Allenwood North WWTP Upgrade

This contract is scheduled for tender in Quarter 4, 2019

Water Networks Projects

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.

Taghadoe to Maynooth Watermain Replacment

Installation works are substantially complete.

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.

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. Progress is being made.

Athy Flood Modeling

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

Hazelhatch

The tender for a further hydrological study into flooding at Hazelhatch is now closed with tender assessment now taking place. Consultants are scheduled to be appointed in July (subject to compliance with award criteria).



Kerdiffstown

The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Licence was granted on 07 March. Taking possession of properties under the CPO has commenced with Notice to Enter served on lands belonging to St Vincent de Paul. One advanced works contract is being awarded and a second for the L2005 to be realigned is being assessed. Demolition works will commence shortly. Shortlisting of candidates for the main contract is near completion.

Cemeteries

Athy Cemetery

Further surfacing works have been completed in the cemetery.

Churchtown Cemetery

Works are complete.
Columbarium wall to be completed.

Rathangan Cemetery

Works are now complete.

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 prioritized, and consultants have been appointed. Tenders are being invited.

Columbarium Wall at Laraghbryan,

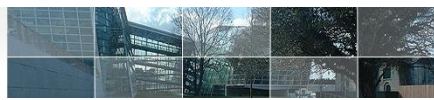
Works are substantially complete.

Columbarium Walls at Derrinturn, Newbridge and Crookstown

These works will now be subject to a 'bundled' tender.

Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

Governance structures are in place and meetings of the Regional Steering Group which includes representation on a sub-regional basis from constituent local authorities, are ongoing. Kilkenny County Council was successful in their bid to partner with Kildare County Council to deliver this shared service across the region and have commenced the recruitment of an



Executive Engineer in that regard. Collaboration is ongoing with third level Institutions, the Office of Public Works (OPW) and the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA). The finalisation of the adaptation strategies has been prioritised across the region and the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) has supported workshops in each of the constituent local authorities. SEA/AA consultants which were procured at a regional level have completed the environmental screening of all 17 strategies in the Eastern and Midlands region. Focus over the next couple of months will be on public consultation for the plans, before final drafting and presentation to the elected members for adoption by 30 September 2019. (Of the 17 Local Authorities in the region, 12 currently have strategies on public display, 3 have completed public consultation and the remaining 2 are due to commence public consultation in the next week).

Kildare Climate Action Team

Public consultation on the Draft Kildare Climate Change Adaptation Strategy has just been completed. The closing date for submissions was Tuesday 09 July 2019. A local consultation event was held in Celbridge Manor Hotel.

A response to submissions received will be contained in the Chief Executive's Report, which will now be undertaken.

New Initiatives

Countywide Green Kilometer

17 applications have been received and are currently being assessed.

Civic Amenity Site North

Part 8 documents have now been published. A local consultation event was held in Celbridge Library.

Dog Pound

Works are progressing well.

Tidy Towns

Compliments to Ballymore Eustace on its excellent performance in the All Ireland Best Kept Towns Competition 2019.



Rathangan Public Realm

The Part 8 is to be published shortly.

A presentation will be given to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee on 29 July 2019.

Kilcullen Public Realm

The Part 8 is to be published shortly.

A presentation will be given to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee on 29 July 2019.

Public Realm Upgrade for Newbridge

A presentation will be given to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee shortly.

Monasterevin Public Realm

A presentation will be given to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee on 29 July 2019.

Public Realm Upgrade for Kildare Town

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

A working draft of the new strategy is now to hand and a presentation will be given to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee at an early date.



Parks

Caragh Playground

Construction on the playground has started. It is hoped to complete construction by the middle of September.

Sallins Playground

The playground is open for use. An official opening will be organised in September.

Allenwood Playground

The site proposed for the playground within the ACDAL centre has to be relocated due to issues with the original site. In conjunction with management in the ACDAL centre an alternative site is now being examined within the site.

Outdoor Gyms

Work on the installation of new outdoor gym equipment in Lourdesville and Moone Playgrounds have been completed.

St Cocas Athletic Track, Bawnogues, Kilcock

Tenders have been received for the upgrade of the track and lighting. It is hoped to have a tender awarded by the end of the month.

Riverforest Estate

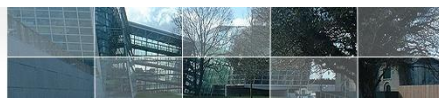
Reinstatement of the open space known as 'The Bowl' is due commence in the next few weeks.

Green Flag Award

Liffey Linear Park has been awarded the Green Flag again this year. This is the third year that the park has attained this status. The Green Flag Award Scheme is run by An Taisce and is a benchmark national standard for publically accessible parks and green spaces in Ireland.

National Play Day

Planning is underway for this annual family day. The theme for this year is 'Back to Basics'. The event will be held in Áras Chill Dara on Saturday 14 September and will feature a range of events both indoors and outdoors.



Further details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Andrew Meadows Estate Memorial Garden

Landscaping works have been completed on this project in Andrew Meadows Estate in Athy. The project involved preparing a landscape design for a small corner of the estate which was being frequently littered. The garden features a small paved area and planting. The garden commemorates deceased residents within the estate.



Economic, Community and Cultural Development

Community Grants

Community Grants 2019

The table below outlines the grants awarded to date across the county

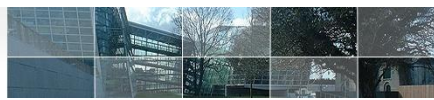
under the various grant schemes administered by the Community and Cultural Development Department.

Grant Scheme	No. of Grants	Amount Awarded
Community Grants	177	€236,278
Festival Grant	79	€119,031
LPT grants (groups nominated by councillors)	143	€490,675
Private Residents' Associations	248	€210,551
Local Authority Residents' Associations	72	€65,643
LPT Grants (Sports - Athy Municipal District)	30	€30,000
LPT Grants (Projects- Residents' Associations- Cel/Leix Municipal District)	18	€15,894
Drehid Grants Scheme	32	€236,445
	799	€1,404,517

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2019

Kildare County Council nominated three projects for the IPB Pride of Place Awards 2019 in association with Co-operation Ireland. Nominated in the category of 'Housing Estates' is Andrew Meadows, Athy. The County Kildare Activator Programme is

nominated in the "Community Wellbeing Initiative" category and the Zero Waste Community Garden, Rathcoffey is the nominated project under "Creative Place Initiative".



All groups will have an opportunity to showcase their projects when judging takes place on Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 July 2019.

The winners of the competition will be announced at a Gala Awards

Ceremony at the Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny on 30 November 2019. Kildare County Council extends best wishes to all nominees.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The last Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting was held on Wednesday 03 July 2019.

Healthy Ireland

The second phase of Healthy Ireland is now complete with returns being made to Pobal. An information session was held in late June, with LCDC representatives to discuss the next round of funding. While resourcing is being committed over a two year period, the level of funding available remains consistent. There are new requirements which are being considered. The plan is due for submission in September.

Heads-up (Mojo)

The HeadsUp programme in Newbridge is underway. Pre - development work is continuing to take place in the north of the county to inform the programme there. Mini HeadsUp Programmes will take place in Allenwood and Maynooth. HeadsUp gave a presentation at the last LCDC meeting outlining the findings from the evaluation of the youth focussed programme targeting 18-24 year olds. While the programme was successful it highlighted the need for a range of additional services targeting vulnerable young men.



Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Work continues to implement the SICAP programme across the county. The mid-term review was presented to the LCDC. The programme has exceeded both targets set for the goals and funding is on track to be spent.

A very successful interagency event took place in Athy, led by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. This provided information and support for welfare dependent households. A range of services were present including Kildare County Council.

A presentation was made on the draft interagency Traveller/Roma Strategy. This plan is highlighting a range of actions required in the coming years.

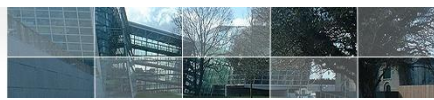
Community Enhancement Programme

There were 56 applications worth €1.12 million to this Capital Programme targeting disadvantaged communities. The allocation to Kildare was €148,013.

The LCDC recommended 5 awards based on the priorities to provide match funding for LEADER applications in communities where this was a challenge and to complete Town and Village Renewal Projects. The funding was awarded to:

Traveller/Roma Strategy

Allenwood Community Development Association CLG ACDAL	€53,550.00	LEADER application
Castledermot Amenity Group CLG	€40,000.00	LEADER application
Kildangan Hall Committee	€13,539.80	Town and Village
Narraghmore Development Association	€30,576.00	Town and Village
Moone and Timolin Area Committee	€11,347.73	Town and Village



Rural Development LEADER

Three projects were approved for LEADER funding at the last LCDC meeting totalling €219,472. Funding is still available under this programme For further information contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership- 045 895450.

The next LCDC meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 September 2019.

Kildare Fáilte

Key activities June/July2019

- Rose of Tralee photo call and pre-tour of Kildare
- Kildare Twinning event in The Curragh Racecourse
- KFM Interview on top 10 things to do in Kildare
- Judged the Derby Rose selection night in the Silken Thomas
- Attended Derby Festival committee meetings
- Kildare Derby Festival ongoing marketing support
- Kildare Fáilte board meeting
- Meeting with the Rose of Tralee organisers in relation to the August tour itinerary
- Planning itineraries for the Rose of Tralee Tour in August



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- Membership growth, planning and development
 - Met with members of Moone community regarding plans of Moone tourist attractions
 - Attended the Fáilte Ireland event in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow “Platforms for Growth”
 - Monthly meetings with public relations
 - Monthly social media agency meeting
 - Ongoing meetings supporting tourism providers and members in the county
 - Invited to and attended the International Tour Operators Conference, Austin, Texas



Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

M7 Widening, Osberstown Interchange and Sallins Bypass Project

SIAC Construction Ltd/Colas Ltd. is the contractor. The contractor has opened 3 lanes both eastbound and westbound from Junction 8 Johnstown to Junction 10 Naas South. As works are continuing in this area an 80kph speed limit is in place.

The contractor expects to have 3 lanes operational between Junction 10 Newhall and Junction 11 M7/M9 in early August. Again an 80kph speed limit will be in place along this section due to ongoing works.

Contractually the Sallins Bypass is due to be completed in Quarter 4, 2019.

Maynooth Eastern Relief Road and Bridge

The preferred route option, (C), was presented in committee to the Maynooth Municipal District Committee on 05 April. The Part 8 has now been published and the closing date for submissions was 27 June.

The Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee will consider the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on 29 July.

Athy Distributor Route

An Bord Pleanála's approval issued on 11 October, 2017. A Notice of Confirmation for the Athy Distributor Road was published in the Nationalist and Leinster Leader 28 November 2017. No objections/Judicial Reviews were received by the deadline on 23 January 2018. €3M was included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) road grants 2019 for this project. Notices to treat have been issued. Notice of entry on lands has been issued. Advance works between Corran Árd and Fortbarrington Road have commenced on site. The railway abandonment is complete. The removal of the rails and sleepers will be the next visible sign of works. A further advance contract is under procurement.



Maynooth Inner Relief Street

Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road – Planning approval was issued by An Bord Pleanála to Cairn Developments Plc. Initial works have commenced and expected the completion date is the end of 2019.

Newbridge Outer Orbital Route

Naas Road to Great Connell Road Newbridge: Construction has progressed well to date and much of the realignment of the south bound lane of the R445 is complete – underground services, kerbing, footpaths, roundabout, traffic islands, road surfacing, public lighting and line marking. The estimated completion date is Quarter 4, 2019.

Northern Link Street and South Green Area Access Improvement Scheme (Kildare Town)

The route selection process is ongoing and consultation with Iarnrod Éireann has commenced regarding the design of an upgrade/ replacement bridge over the railway. A briefing was delivered to the Kildare Newbridge

Municipal District Committee on 12 June. A non statutory Public Consultation was held on the 18 June at the Kildare Education Centre. All submissions received will be considered and the project team will engage with those who have raised concerns.

Naas Municipal District 2019

Naas Municipal District Footpath Works

The Naas Municipal District is at tender/construction stage for improvement works to footpath and associated works at the following locations within the Naas Municipal District:

- The Gables, Kill (footpath improvements) – complete
- The Park, Naas (footpath improvements) – complete
- Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvement) – complete



- St. Brigid's Avenue, Kilcullen (road and footpath improvements) – complete
- Relocate Bus Stop, Sallins – complete
- Sallins Controlled Pedestrian Crossing improvements – Complete
- Newbridge Road, Naas footpath works – complete
- Resurfacing of Abbey Street Car Park, Naas – complete
- Hazlemere road repairs – complete
- Main Street, Naas – Construction Stage
- Brannockstown Footpath – complete
- Section B: L20113
Bishopscourt, Kill
- Section C: L20102
Alasty
- Section D: L6012
Sherlockstown, Sallins
- Section E: L60601
McLoughlins Lane,
Boleybeg
- Section F: L6035 Naas
Rugby Club to the Red
House
- Section G: L6043
Craddockstown
- Section H: L2004 Digby
Bridge
- Section I: L200610
Osberstown Cottages,
Sallins

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2019

The first package of works (Works Package 1) is at construction stage with construction to be complete by mid-July 2019. It includes the following works locations:

- Section A: L6039 Crab Road



The second package of road improvement projects (Works Package 2) is at construction stage with construction to end by mid-August 2019. It includes the following works locations:

- Section A: L6011
Turnings,
Sherlockstown-Daars
- Section B: L20042
Blackhall, Clane
- Section C: R407
Bodenstown-Clane
- Section D: L6076
Castlefish
(Nicholastown)
- Section E: Bishopshill,
Ballymore Eustace
- Section F: Dunshane
- Section G: Walterstown,
Sallins
- Section H: L2023
Punchestown, Naas

Emergency Drainage Works

The Naas Municipal District has carried out the following drainage works:

- Main Street, Sallins – Repairs to the drainage system at the shops/apartments on the R407 opposite Sallins Bridge. This work is now complete.
- Lakelands, Naas – Repairs to the collapsed pipe exiting the lakes and the removal of trees causing the problem (root ingress). This work is now complete.

Surface Dressing Works

The Naas Municipal District have recently completed the first round of surface dressing works in the Naas Municipal District including:

- R412 – Dunlavin Road (south of Brannockstown)
- L2023 – Punchestown Road (Between Beggars end and Watchouse Cross)



- L2009/L2018/L2019/L2021 – Boston Hill, Tuckmilltown, Oughterard
- L2020 – Military Road

Following a statutory Part 8 process, the Chief Executive's Report was considered by the Naas Municipal District Committee at their meeting scheduled for 17 June. The members did not approve the Part 8 application.

Local Property Tax (LPT)/Carpark Funded Works 2019

The LPT/Carpark funded works programme for 2019 has been agreed by the Naas Municipal District Committee. The Naas Municipal District is delivering the road and footpath improvement elements of this programme on an ongoing basis.

Maynooth North–South Corridor, Phase 6 - Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme

The contract for the construction of Phase 6 – Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme has been awarded. Construction is ongoing and anticipated to be substantially completed by the end of 2019.

Naas Inner Relief Road

The delivery of a Naas Inner Relief Road has been an objective of Kildare County Council since 1992 and was granted Part 8 planning approval in February 2006. More than 17,000 vehicles currently travel through Main Street Naas on weekdays. Kildare County Council secured Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Funding (LIHAF) funding of €4,500,000 towards the costs to complete the Naas Inner Relief Road to deliver a number of local benefits.

Dublin - Galway Greenway

This scheme will consist of the construction of a cycleway and pedestrian facility along the canal tow path from The Harbour, Maynooth to the Dublin boundary. The scheme is 8.4 kilometres in length and will consist of a 3 to 4 metre wide shared walking and cycling facility. The aim is to go to tender later this year. This scheme is included in the 2019 National Transport Authority (NTA) Programme which will allow the council to proceed to complete design and construction,



subject to approval of design and procurement by the NTA.

R411 Naas to Ballymore Road Realignment

Realignment of the R411 Naas to Ballymore Eustace road is now completed and reopened to traffic. The work involved the realignment of a dangerous bend and the delivery of a shared pedestrian/cycle path as far as Oak Park residential development (currently under construction) and associated park. Public lighting has also been extended on the R411 as far as Oak Park. The work was delivered by Cairn Homes as part of the construction of Oak Park.

Road Safety

Local Authority Road Safety Officers Pay tribute to the Late Brendan Grace

Local Authority Road Safety Officers paid tribute to Brendan Grace, who sang the very first 'Safe Cross Code' song back in 1974. The late comedian and entertainer also re-recorded the safety song in August 2009, as part of

a national 'Back to School' road safety campaign.

Older Drivers Conference

The Road Safety Officer (RSO) attended the '*Older Persons Conference*' in Punchestown on 05 June. Representatives from the Road Safety (RSA) were also in attendance. The Older Person's event provided information and resources to seniors. The RSO spoke with people in relation to mobility management, driving under medication, roundabouts, driver aggression and planning journeys.

Road Safety Authority (RSA) Conference

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) held a conference on 'International Best Practice in Road Safety Strategy Development'. It looked at international developments and the benefits of a strategic approach to road safety. Speakers shared their expertise and experiences in the development of best practice in road safety strategy formulation and performance measures.



Junior School Warden Competitions

Local Authority Road Safety Officers (RSO'S) held a Regional Junior School Warden competition in Drumlish, County Longford in mid-June ahead of the school graduations. Longford County Council hosted the event and RSO's from Kildare, Mayo and Westmeath were invited to judge the competitions. RSO's are working with the RSA in delivering a 50 year commemoration of Junior School Wardens. Kildare's RSO is liaising with retired Kerry Chief Superintendent, Donal O' Sullivan who was the Sergeant in Charge in Carlow in 1969 when he established the first Junior Warden Scheme in Carlow before it was rolled out to each Local Authority. Thirty Junior School Wardens graduated from St Peter's National School in Monasterevin on Tuesday 25 June. New teams of junior wardens will be trained by the RSO and Community Gardaí in Monasterevin, Athy and Derrinturn in September.

Kildare County Show

The Kildare County Show took place on Sunday 16 June. The RSO attended the event and provided road safety education and demonstrations to visitors of the show. The Road Safety Promotions Unit and the RSA's Interactive Shuttle and Seatbelt Simulator attended. A demonstration was provided by Kildare Fire Service in relation to a road traffic collision.

Cycling

There were two major events held in June. National Bike Week from 24 – 30 June and the International Velo City conference took place in Dublin from 25 -28 June.

Bike Week is a celebration of all that is great about bikes and cycling. It embraces climate change and reducing carbon emissions. Kildare County Council promoted Bike Week to everyone, young and old. The following schools held cycling events:



Town/Village	School	Event
Celbridge	Scoil na Mainstreach	Charity Cycle
Celbridge	St. Patricks National School	School Cycle Day
Maynooth	Maynooth Educate Together	School Cycle Day
Naas	St. David's NS	Cycle Safety Skills Day
Naas	St. Corbans Boys NS	Cycle Safety Skills Day
Town/Village	Club	Event
Athy	Athy Wheelers Club	Cycle Skills and Training
Athy	Infinity Cycles	Cycle Repair Workshop
Athy	Cycle Clinic	Repair Workshop
Clane	Clane Wheelers Club	Couch to 50km Cycle
County	Cycle Forum	Velo City - Tickets
Kilcock	Maynooth Cycling Club	Greenway Cycle
Maynooth	Cycle Clinic	Repair Workshop
Monasterevin	Bellyard Monasterevin	Charity Fun Cycle Run
Naas	Naas Greenway	Greenway Cycle
Naas	Kildare County Council	Cycle to Work
Narraghmore/Ballitore	Leinster Loop	Charity Cycle
Narraghmore/Ballitore	Accessibility Cycle	Charity Cycle
Newbridge	Cycle Clinic	Repair Workshop

Velo-City

Velo-city is the international cycling conference seeking to improve the policies, planning and provision of cycling. The conference was organised by European Cyclists'

Federation, of which Dublin Cycling Campaign is a member and Dublin City Council as the host city. Attendees include representatives from all levels of government, NGOs,



universities, industry experts, institutions and company reps. Velo-city was supported by organisations including the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) and the National Transport Authority (NTA). Members of Kildare County Council's Cycle Forum, SEO (Transpport), RSO and Senior Engineers attended the event.

Cycle Safety Skills – Cycle Right Programme

Kildare County Council co-funded cycle safety skills training through the National Cycle Right Programme to 24 schools in County Kildare, resulting in 1,329 primary school students receiving the course during the 2018/2019 school term September 2018 to June 2019 inc.

CycLoc

A bank of 12 Cycle Lockers were installed at Abbey Street, Naas. Kildare County Council is waiting on electric power as final stages of this project before they can be used by the public.

Sustainable Transport

Electric Vehicles

Mr Declan Keogh, Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer (RCSTO) is liaising with Mr Barry Griffith, Facilities Manager at Kildare County Council to fast-track the installation of two electric vehicle charging points in Kildare County Council car park at Áras Chill Dara. Progress is being made for the installations. There are currently 10,000 electric vehicles on the roads in Ireland. The national framework on alternative fuels forecasts a total of 20,000 passenger electric vehicles on our roads by the end of 2020. Sales of new electric vehicles doubled in 2018 from the previous year and we predict sales will triple in 2019. Ireland's draft National Energy and Climate Plan 2021-2030 envisages that up to 500,000 electric vehicles will be on our roads by 2030. The number of electric vehicles for business is currently split 40% commercial and 60% private. The high number of commercial vehicles on the road coincides with the introduction of the 0% BIK for fully electric vehicles.



Car Free School Days

Following on from the WOW (Walk on Wednesday) days, Mr Keogh is looking at holding a number of car free school days in a number of school routes for September.

Council's website for Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport

Mr Declan Keogh and Ms Fiona Leavy are currently updating the council's website for the Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport pages. This will be three separate folders under the Transport Section; each folder will also have sub folders representative of (i) Road Safety, (ii) Cycling and (iii) Sustainable Transport.

Upcoming Event: - Sallins Community Road Safety day

The RCSTO, School Warden and Ms Fiona Leavy will attend the 'Sallins Community Road Safety Action Day' in Sallins on Saturday 20 July. The community event follows on from engagement between Kildare County Council and the Sallins Action Group and the RSA, An Garda Síochána and other road safety stakeholders will be

on hand on the day to promote road safety, educate and encourage better road safety behaviour.

Kildare Civil Defence assisted at the following events in June

- Tri Athy
- June Fest Family Fun Day
- Static Truck Festival in
- Punchestown for two days
- Family Fun Day in Suncroft
- Dunshane Camphill Community Family Day
- June Fest Skate Date
- Thoroughbred Run Kildare Town
- Kildare County Show Athy
- Viking Marathon Waterford City
- Irish Nationals Irish Dancing Event in Citywest for 3 days



- Donadea Wheelers Event
- June Fest Picnic in the Park
- June Fest Curragh Ramble
- St Coca's 5K Run, Kilcock
- Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby
- Prosperous Re-enactment and Pagent

Fire Service

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2018	Total Calls June 2019
Newbridge	460	226
Naas	503	219
Athy	266	118
Maynooth	322	149
Monasterevin	214	94
Leixlip	245	105
TOTAL	2010	911



Fire Safety

	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2018	88	85
2019	39	37

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2018	18
2019	9

	No. Fire Safety Certificates
2018	204
2019	83

	No. Planning File Comments
2018	518
2019	218



Building and Development Control

The following figures are cumulative up to 30 June 2019

Building Control

	2018	2019
Commencement Notices:		
Total Number of Commencement Notices received:	662	317
Number of Valid commencement notices received:	618	312
Number of Invalid commencement notices received:	44	5
No. of Inspections carried out on Commencement Notices	109	95

	2018	2019
Cereticates of Compliance on Completion:		
Total Number of Certificates received:	644	280
Number Valid	629	279
Number Invalid	15	1
Awaiting processing	-	-
Additional Information		
Number of Inspections carried out	23	51

	2018	2019
Disability Access Certificates:		
Total Number of Disability Access Certificates received:	139	56
Number granted:	130	74
Number refused:	0	0
Number of Inspections carried out	35	9



Building Control Active Sites	2018	2019
Number of units inspected	107	749

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)	



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

2019 Funding Applications received as of 15 July 2019:

Funding Applications Awarded from Jun - Jul 2019						
	Export Marketing Grant	Web Development Grant	Business Start up/Expansion / Priming Grant	Shop front Grant	Shop front balance	Total MD
Athy		€1500	€27,943		Budget fully allocated	€29,443
Maynooth		€2500	€89,869		Balance of €27610	€92,369
Celbridge/Leixlip		€2500	/	€3049	Balance of €30857	€5549
Kildare/ Newbridge	€2500	€4,900	€71,935	€563	Balance of €21182	€79,898
Naas	€4,406	€14,019.5	€13,793	€2,400	Balance of €1938	€34,618.5



Kildare County Council Invite Expressions of Interests for the 'Pride of Business Premises' Competition 2019

The **Pride of Business Premises** competition has a self-nomination process and aims to recognise local property owners who maintain a high level of visual appearance to their premises. The inaugural competition will be adjudicated by three independent judges. Judging will take place in early September 2019, where five winners and five runner ups will be selected from across the five Municipal Districts in County Kildare. The Awards Ceremony will take place in October 2019.

Please encourage your Municipal District constituents to take part. Applications are available here <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/News/Pride-of-Business-Premises-Awards.html>

Entrepreneurship Support Services During June 2019

Soft Supports Summary

All of courses can be booked on:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/Raining-Events/Online-Bookings/>

Local Enterprise Development Services

Best Start-Up Business, Pierce Dargan, founder of Tincomy Ltd T/A Equine MediRecord in The Curragh to compete for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur National title

Mr Pierce Dargan, founder of Tincomy Ltd T/A Equine MediRecord will be representing County Kildare, competing for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur in the upcoming national final. The equine software business focuses on equestrian health management. Equine MediRecord produce medical record software for different stakeholders throughout the equestrian industry and operates in Ireland, the UK and French markets. The regional winners of "Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneurs' were announced at an awards ceremony held on Wednesday 12 June at the



Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar. The winners were chosen from 12 finalists, shortlisted from almost 200 applicants in the competition which was launched earlier this year by the LEO's as part of a nationwide search to find "Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE). 24 contenders (three from each region nationally - one in each category) will be selected to compete for the national title of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur on Sunday 15 September 2019. A further €100,000 investment fund will be available to invest in the winners of the three categories at the national final, one of which will also be named as "Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur".

Local Enterprise Office inviting food clients to take part in Naas Wild Food Festival

Naas Wild Food Festival is returning to Naas Harbour this Autumn, taking place on Saturday 07 September. Last year, visitors from across the county enjoyed the festival and sampled delicious menus from Kildare's leading restaurants, producers and suppliers.

The LEO, Kildare are seeking expressions of interest from food and drink producers in County Kildare who wish to be considered for the opportunity to showcase their food or drink business at the festival, for the subsidised cost of €50 per stand.

Expression of Interest forms can be accessed at:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/News/Naas%20Wild%20Food%20Festival.html>

The closing date for Expression of Interest forms is Thursday 22 August.

Local Enterprise Office inviting food clients to take part in Annual Chamber Golf Classic 2019

The LEO is offering food clients the opportunity to promote their company to businesses in Kildare by sponsoring a Tee Box and Green at the Annual Chamber Golf Classic 2019. Clients will have the opportunity to exhibit products, conduct tastings and display company details on large signs positioned at both ends of the 18 holes at the Palmer Golf Course, The K Club. The event takes place on



Thursday 05 September, and sponsorship is €20.

Constituents interested in taking part, can find the Expression of Interest form at:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/IN0486>

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The closing date for expression of interest forms is Friday 02 August.

Local Economic Development Services

MERITS

The completion of the MERITS (Mid East Region Innovation Think Space) building in Naas will realise a vision to serve the emerging technology sector by connecting organisations and people, and acting as a centre of excellence in supporting innovative companies across the county and wider region. MERITS was awarded nearly €2 million in funding from Enterprise Ireland and has also received significant financial support from Kildare County Council. The tender for this project will be published in July with the building due to be completed by the end of 2020.

Athy Food, Drink and Skills Innovation Hub

The hub was launched by Minister Heather Humphreys in April, the conversion of the historic Model School in Athy into a centre for educational and entrepreneurial excellence for the food sector will promote economic development and creative learning for Athy and surrounding areas. The Athy Food, Drink and Skills Innovation Hub will comprise a:

- Skills Hub
- Community Timeshare Incubator Kitchen
- Community Food Discover Centre
- Co-Working / Collaboration Zone

Coca Cola have provided an initial funding investment for the project. The Economic Development Team is currently preparing an application for additional funding for this ambitious project, which will be submitted to the Regional Enterprise Development Fund, in advance of the closing date at



the end of September. Design Tenders are in progress.

Kildare Food and Beverage Strategy

Kildare County Council has identified the food, drink and hospitality sector in the county as an economic growth area which requires a strategy that supports initiatives that will further develop and enhance the sector. The Economic Unit has recently tendered for a food and beverage strategy and it is expected that the winning tenderer will be awarded the contract in August. The strategy is due to be published in Quarter 4, 2019.

Equine Innovation Centre @ The Irish National Stud

The establishment of this facility at the Irish National Stud will act as a sectoral stimulus to develop an equine innovation hub of enterprise, innovation, applied research, commercialisation and learning. Uniquely, it will offer a single access source of equine technical and entrepreneurial innovation. The hub will consist of:

- Co-working and incubation facilities
- Team collaboration/co-creation units
- Shared Facilities

Kildare County Council is working with the Irish National Stud on this project and an application for funding to renovate the space identified is currently being prepared for submission to Kildare LEADER.

Kildare Commuter Survey

In co-operation with the Economic Unit in Meath County Council, Kildare County Council has jointly tendered for the provision of a commuter survey for the county. It is expected that the winning tenderer will be awarded the contract in late July and the commuter survey will be carried out during September. It is expected that a final report will be ready for publication at the end of October. The results of the survey will assist Kildare County Council in both identifying the commuting patterns of residents within the county and the skills base which currently exists here. The data provided will also be used to support future funding applications.



Ongoing Grant Aid

Constituents interested in any of the grant aid below should contact the

LEO on 045 98096 or
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<p>TOVS – Trading Online Vouchers are available to the value of €2,500 (50% of eligible costs up to the maximum of €2,500). Available to any business with less than 10 employees.</p>

<p>TAME – This grant can part-fund the costs incurred 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.</p>
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<p>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 or internationally traded services.</p>
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<p>Shopfront – To assist and support independent business owners to improve the appearance of their shop fronts /commercial properties. Grants are given for €5,000 or up to 75% of costs and are open to all businesses.</p>
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<p>MFI – Works with small businesses with less than 10 employees and turnover up to €2million, by providing unsecured business loans of €2,000 to €25,000 for commercially viable proposals. Available to any business with less than 10 employees.</p>
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Business Advice Clinics

Constituents interested in booking a Business Advice Clinic can contact the

LEO on 045 980967, or
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