



**Chief Executive's Report  
March 2019**

**THIS MONTH: News and Highlights**

**Seachtain na Gaeilge – 01 to 17 March**

Tá roinnt imeachtaí eagraithe ag na Leabharlanna agus ag an gCoiste Gaeilge chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh. Tá Céile eagraithe in Áras Chill Dara Dé hAoine 15ú Márta agus tá Céilí amuigh faoin spéir i gCearnóg na Poibleoige tráthnóna Dé Domhnaigh.

**Irish Language Events 2019**

A number of events are taking place for Seachtain na Gaeilge (see page 16).

**Anne Street Prosperous**

The contract to construct 12 units was signed on 08 March.

**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 and construction will commence week beginning 18 March.

**Naas Inner Relief Road**

The Part 8 application for the proposed Naas Inner Relief Road is on display until 26 March. Closing date for submissions is 10 April, 2019.

**Proposed new Machinery Yard and Regional Salt Barn at Newhall, Naas**

The Part 8 application for the proposed new machinery yard and Regional Salt Barn at Newhall, Naas is on display until 26 March. The closing date for submissions is 10 April, 2019.

**Dates for your diary**

**Newbridge Skatepark, Moorefield Park**

The official opening of the facility will take place on Saturday 13 April at 10:00a.m.

**Bawnogues, Kilcock**

A tree planting ceremony in conjunction with The Tree Council will take place on 04 April at 11:00a.m.

**Arts Grants and Award Opportunities**

The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday 19 March, 12noon.



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## Corporate Services

### An Phlean Gaeilge

D'fhreastail an tAire Stáit Seán Kyne ag seoladh an Phlean Gaeilge 5 bliana a tionóladh in Áras Chill Dara. Is é Contae Chill Dara an chéad Chontae in Éirinn chun Plean Gaeilge le fíis shoiléir a fhoilsiú, cuspóirí sonracha, struchtúr agus liosta gníomhartha chun an teanga a chur chun cinn sna blianta amach romhainn.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

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### Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019

The Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019 setting out the objectives for service delivery and performance standards to be achieved in 2019 was adopted by members on 25 February 2019 and is published on the council's website and membersnet.

## Finance and Information

### Technology

#### Financial Reports

##### Annual Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2018 is currently being prepared and will be completed by 31 March 2019. It will be presented to council when complete.

##### Schedule of Uncollected Rates

The schedule of uncollected rates was completed in January 2019. The total amount collected on rates for 2018 was €53.3 million compared to €50.3 million for 2017. The closing arrears



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balance has decreased from €13.6 million for 2017 to €12.7 million for 2018. The overall collection percentage for 2018 was 82%, an increase of 1% on the 2017 collection which was 81%.

### **Rates Demands 2018**

The rate demands for 2019 were issued in February to all ratepayers.

### **Monthly Management Reports**

Actual expenditure v budget reports for 2019 will be submitted to council as part of the monthly management report from March onwards.



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## **Planning and Strategic Development**

### **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)**

The Report of the Director of the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly on Submissions was received by Kildare County Council on 18 February 2019.

### **Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023**

A two year progress report on the Kildare County Development Plan is being prepared and it is intended to circulate this for the April council meeting.

### **Local Area Plans (LAP's)**

#### **Leixlip LAP**

Ministerial Direction was issued in March 2018 confirming that the Leixlip LAP is not in compliance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act. A new LAP is to be prepared for Quarter 1, 2019.

In January 2019 public consultation took place regarding existing social infrastructure and future requirements.

#### **Naas LAP**

It is anticipated that a Draft Naas LAP will be published and put on public display early in 2019.

#### **Athy LAP**

Work on the preparation of the Draft Athy LAP is ongoing.



<b>Planning applications received:</b>		<b>Applications decided: February 2019</b>	
	February	Year	
			Total Granted: 71
<b>2016:</b>	115	1,376	Retention: 11
<b>2017:</b>	120	1,494	Extension of Duration: 3
<b>2018:</b>	114	1,596	Total Refused: 19
<b>2019:</b>	100	187	Extension of Duration: 1

### **Significant Planning Applications**

#### **18/922 Maynooth University**

10 year permission has been granted for a new academic building adjacent to the access point to the north campus from the Kilcock Road, Maynooth.

#### **18/1533 Minister for Education and Skills**

Permission has been granted for a temporary primary school at Station Road, Collinstown, Leixlip.

#### **18/1584 Stresslite Tanks Ltd.**

Permission has been refused for the continued operation of a sand, gravel, stone and rock quarry at Hempstown Commons, Blessington, Co. Kildare.

### **Strategic Infrastructure**

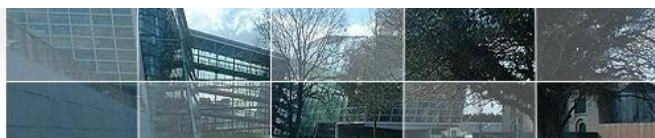
#### **Development Applications to An Bord Pleanála (SID)**

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

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

#### **Application by Bord na Móna Powergen Limited and ESB Wind Development Limited (ABP Ref. 18/303219)**

An application for an 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 applications for planning permission for strategic housing developments are made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

<b>Decisions Made</b>					
	<b>Developer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>ABP Decision</b>	
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	
<b>Application Stage</b>					
	<b>Developer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Lodged with ABP</b>	<b>ABP Decision Due</b>
18-303023	Ardstone	Bluebell, Naas	125	16/11/18	20/03/19
18-303295	O'Flynn Construction	Shackleton Road and Oldtown Road,	251	19/12/18	23/04/19



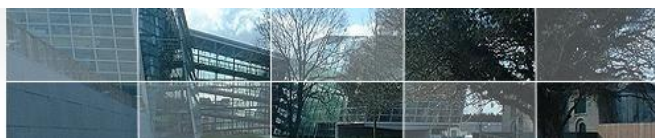


		Celbridge			
18-303298	McCourt Investments	Kill Hill, and Earl's Court, Kill	136	21/12/18	25/04/19

### 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	
P82018.13	Libraries	Naas Town Hall	06/11/2018	26/03/2019	
P82019.01	Transport	Machinery Yard and 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	<i>Transport</i>	Naas Inner Relief Road	26/02/2019	15/07/2019	

## Conservation

### **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019 (BHIS 2019)**

A decision from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding successful applications is awaited. This scheme will support small-scale, labour intensive conservation projects. The minimum level of funding awarded will be €2,500, up to a maximum of €15,000 per application.

### **Historic Structures Fund 2019 (HSF 2019)**

A decision from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding successful applications is awaited. This scheme replaces the Structures at Risk Scheme. €2,500, up to a maximum of €15,000 per application.



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## Housing

### **Kildare Housing Summit**

Following the National Housing Summit, the Chief Executive held a Kildare Summit to specifically consider delivery of social housing and affordable housing in Kildare.

The summit was attended by officials from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Housing Agency, Construction Industry Federation (CIF), together with representatives of the larger approved housing bodies and developers operating in the county. The purpose of the summit was to inform Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) and developers in relation to the type and quantity of social housing units required in the county and also to brief them on the various mechanisms for delivery. The summit was very well received by those who attended and it is proposed to hold a similar summit for local AHBs and developers in the coming months.

### **Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024**

A recent meeting of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) considered the draft Traveller Accommodation Programme for the county for the period 2019-2024. A notice will be published in a newspaper confirming that the draft programme is available for inspection as and from 01 April and a copy will be circulated to all stakeholders. Written submission can be made up to 31 May 2019.

### **Mortgage to Rent**

A presentation was recently received by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) from Home for Life (HFL). To date, mortgage to rent has been delivered by Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) for indebted borrowers (of commercial lending institutions). Following a review of the mortgage to rent scheme HFL has been included as a provider of the scheme; HFL is a private company. The key distinction



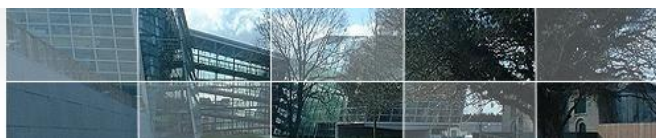
between AHBs providers and HFL is that, when the ownership of the property transfers to HFL, the occupant of the property becomes a tenant of Kildare County Council, HFL is responsible for maintenance of the property. Further information on the Mortgage to Rent Scheme is available from the Leasing Section.

advertised and new applications will be invited. The terms of the scheme will be the same as in previous years. The maximum funding available is €2,500 or 90% of the total cost of works. Tenants must have a clear rent account in order to qualify for consideration. The scheme will be advertised by mid- April.

### **Self-Help Scheme**

In the first instance the Self- Help Scheme for 2019 was offered to approximately 80 applicants who were unsuccessful in 2018. Based on the response received to date there will be a surplus of funding available.

Accordingly, the scheme will now be

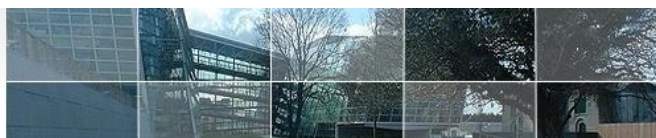


## Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status March 2019
<b>Completed</b>		
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.
<b>In Progress</b>		
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Contractor on site. Expected completion Q3 2019.
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Contract awarded on 19 December 2018. Commenced on site 7 January 2019. Expected completion Quarter1, 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
<b>Approval Stage 4</b>		
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Contract signed 8 March 2019. Contractor due on site 19 March 2019. Expected completion Quarter 1, 2020.



<b>Approval Stage 3</b>		
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. Tender documents have been completed. Discussions are underway with Irish Water/Water Services regarding works to the adjacent site.
<b>Approval Stage 2</b>		
St. Patrick's Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase's 2 & 3)	Demolition of 21 units, refurb of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	Following feedback from the DHPLG revised Stage 2 approval request being prepared.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Following further site investigations carried out, a revised Stage 2 application will be submitted to DHPLG Quarter 1, 2019.
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Part 8 approved at the Kildare/Newbridge MD meeting in November 2018. Approval Stage 3 to be submitted to the DHPLG Quarter 1, 2019.
Coill Dubh	10 units	Part 8 approved 19 December 2018. Preparing Design Team Tender.



<b>Approval Stage 1</b>		<b>Status March 2019</b>
Old Greenfield, Maynooth	Rapid Build 50 units	Design Team appointed February 2019.
Clogherinkoe	14 units	Preparing Approval Stage 1 submission for the DHPLG for Quarter 1, 2019.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge	30 units	Approval Stage 1 received from the DHPLG on 27 November 2017. Preparing Design Team Tender.
Carbury	2 units	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 1, 2019.
Former Ambassador Hotel Site, Kill	35 units	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 1, 2019.
Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.	TBC	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 1, 2019.

### **Infill Schemes**

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	
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 submission received from DHPLG July 2018.



### Acquisitions

	Completed Units 2018	Completed Units 2019	In Progress
Housing Acquisitions	186	22	117
Housing Turnkeys	39	0	43
Part V Acquisitions	30	3	195

### PPP Schemes

Location	No. of Units	
Craddockstown Road, Naas	74 units	Preferred Consortium Tenderer confirmed. Expect to be onsite March 2019
Nancy's Lane, Clane	77 units	Anticipated contract award Quarter 3, 2019.

### Approved Housing Body Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status March 2019
Respond HA Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Part 8 approved at 24 July 2017. Respond expect to be on site in April 2019.
Tuath HA Castlefen, Sallins	28 units	Part 8 approved at the 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 DHPLG for consideration.
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### Approved Housing Body Schemes - Capital Assistance Scheme

Approved Housing Body	No. of Units	
KARE	3 Units	At pre-Part 8 stage. 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 2018.
Homeless Care CLG	12 Apartments at Jigginstown House, Naas	CAS - Stage 3 approval received on 20 July 2018. Planning permission granted 01 May 2018. Tender report submission expected March 2019.

### 2018 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans – Total at 31/12/2108

Month	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	45	€10,341,867

### 2019 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans

Month	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	€1,190,247	6	€1,047,600	32	€8,374,020
February	2	€365,600	6	€1,455,055	2	€332,300	26	€6,952,265



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## **Library and Arts Service**

### **Naas Capital Project**

The Part 8 for Naas Library and Cultural Centre is complete and a tender is being prepared for contractors for the project.

The project has been approved for Category A funding under the Urban Development Fund.

### **Athy Library celebrates its first Anniversary**

Athy Community Library celebrated its first anniversary on World Book Day. Children from 3 local schools attended the library dressed as their favorite book characters for a morning of storytelling with Niall de Burca.

### **Right to Read**

Preparations are underway for spring into Storytime which will see Storytime taking place in all libraries during the month of April.

### **Work Matters at the Library 2019**

Funding has been made available from the Department of Rural and Community Development to develop the national online eBooks, an eAudiobook service. Kildare Library Service has been assisting with development of this collection.

### **Irish Language Events 2019**

A number of events are taking place for Seachtain na Gaeilge including; writing workshops for schools with Richie Conroy, Raidió Rí-Rá which gives students the opportunity to learn and practice radio and television skills. Enda Reilly will visit the part-time branches for bilingual workshops on Climate Change. There will be Sean Nós dancing with Mary Beth Taylor in



the seven main library branches and a trad music workshop with Rick Epping. Kildare Town Library and Kildare County Council in conjunction with the Kildare Tourism Board and Kildare Town Heritage Centre and Tourist Office have created 'Say it As Gaeilge' pocket mini 'dictionaries' and these will be officially launched on 15 March 2019. Following on from the success of last year, the plan again is to incorporate the Four Celtic Festivals, Imbolc, Bealtaine, Lúnasa and Samhain as part of our 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 Kildare Readers Festival.

### **Parenting Programme**

The 'Lets talk about Parenting' Programme was launched with a talk by Clinical Psychologist David Coleman in Athy Library on Tuesday 26th February. The talk covered the topic 'Scared Kids: Supporting children and teenagers growing up in an uncertain world' and was a great success with over 150 people in attendance. Other talks that have taken place so far include "Helping children who worry too much", "the 15 minute parent", "Healthy food made easy" and "Helping your child to behave well". Upcoming talks include "Keeping your child safe online" in Newbridge and Maynooth Libraries and "Raising bilingual children in Ireland" which takes place in Celbridge Library.



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### **Toys Technology and Training (TTT)**

The new series of talks/workshops for 2019 designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties or disabilities was launched on 07 February in Leixlip Community Library with a screening of the documentary “This is Nicholas – Living with ASD”. This screening was so successful and demand so high that a second screening will be taking place. Over 75 talks/workshops will take place as part of this programme in 2019.

### **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Programme**

Libraries in County Kildare hosted free workshops for primary school classes during Engineers Week 2019 (02-08 March 2019). Scribble-Bot, Paper Circuit and LEGO Engineering were among the topics covered in these free workshops which took place as part of the STEAM Programme. Engineers Week events and the entire STEAM Programme brings the fascinating world of engineering and science to

children helping inspire them to engineer the Ireland of tomorrow.

Free Tech Week and Biodiversity Week events for primary schools will also be taking place in libraries in County Kildare as part of the wider STEAM Programme in May 2019.

### **Kildare Young Filmmakers**

Filmmakers from County Kildare are amongst the finalists for Ireland’s 2019 Young Filmmaker of the Year, a competition which received over 1,700 entries this year. 16 year old filmmaker Ben Hatton Walsh, Scoil Dara, Kildare made a film, ‘A Day in the Life’ which explores bullying, while 16 year old Molly Hoque’s film ‘I Don’t Know’ is about two girls who are faced with a difficult decision. Director Liam Boland, aged 15, who worked with Kildare Young Filmmakers, Cabinteely Young Filmmakers and Playacting Youth Theatre (Celbridge) made a film ‘Just a Friend’ about a young girl who develops an online friendship. Films shortlisted for the final will be screened at Fresh Film Festival 2019 in Limerick in late March and Ireland’s Young Filmmaker of the Year Awards



will be announced. Two members of the group also recently presented at the First Cut Film Festival in Youghal.

### **Arts, Health and Wellbeing**

Kildare's Arts, Health and Wellbeing specialist recently presented to 28 third year nursing and midwifery students, 94 second year medical students and bio engineer students in University College, Dublin (UCD), for their elective modules in arts and health, with a presentation '*But Then Again Once More: A look at Arts and Health in County Kildare.*'

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Well known singer John Spillane is visiting Kildare to play Irish Language concerts in schools around the county for Seachtain na Gaeilge. With the support of the Arts Service, John will visit the Care of the Aged, Naas on 14 March, to meet the clients and share in some song and Gaeilge, in advance of a concert in McAuley Place.

### **Aidan Higgins Film Screening**

A preview screening took place to a full house in the Irish Film Institute on Sunday 03 March, a documentary about the acclaimed author Aidan Higgins who was born in Celbridge. The documentary was written, directed and produced by Neil Donnelly, with grant aid and other assistance from the Arts Service

### **Arts Grants and Award Opportunities**

The Arts Service is preparing for the deadline for receipt of applications on Tuesday 19 March, 12noon.



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## Water Services

### Major Infrastructural Projects

#### Contract 2B (Network)

Irish Water published confirmation of the CPO in January 2019 and 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)

Irish Water and Roadbridge signed Contract A on 20 February 2019. The contract has a 24 month construction programme. 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.

### Minor Capital Projects

#### Red Bog Watermain

This project is now complete.

#### Allenwood to Kilmeague Watermain

The contract is now complete and due to be snagged.

#### Suncroft to Brownstown Watermain Replacement

The contract is now substantially complete. Final road restoration works will be carried out at a later stage.





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**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.

**Timolin Waste Water Treatment  
Plant (WWTP) Upgrade**

The design will be progressed by Irish Water.

**Calverstown WWTP Upgrade**

Works are now substantially complete. The contractor is now process proving.

**Taghadoe to Maynooth Watermain  
Replacment**

Installation works have commenced.

**Kilmeague WWTP Upgrade**

The contractor is now on site and works are progressing well and due for completion in Quarter 2, 2019.

**Newbridge Sewer Relining Contract**

Irish Water is appointing a contractor to do these works.

**Rathangan WWTP Upgrade**

Irish Water has appointed a consultant to prepare the tender documents for this contract. The consultant is currently carrying out survey works and preparing the design.





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## 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 workshop with the OPW to progress the consultants brief for the Naas study has taken place. The municipal districts will be briefed on the emerging CFRAM Programme.

#### Langton Road, Newbridge

This scheme is now substantially complete, with final seeding of the green area to take place in March, depending on weather conditions.

#### 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 briefing will be given to the April meeting of 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. Once the advanced works contract is out to tender, the second will be tendered shortly on e-tenders. Short listing of candidates for the main contract has commenced.



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## **Cemeteries**

### **Athy Cemetery**

A further phase of work (footpath improvements) has been identified for Athy Cemetery, and is 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 prioritized 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 March 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. Submissions have been received from four local authorities with regards to partnering 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 two further workshops were held in Athlone and Kilkenny. Furthermore, the CARO has supported workshops in each of the constituent local authorities and are actively



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assisting each county to develop their respective strategies.

### **Kildare Climate Action Team**

The Kildare Climate change Adaption Strategy is at drafting stage and will be environmentally screened in March. Presentations have been delivered to the Environment and Water Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and full council.

### **New Initiatives**

#### **Countywide Green Kilometre**

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 were received to date.



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## **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 (URDF). A successful joint workshop was held on the 27 February in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA).



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## **Economic Community and Cultural Development**

### **Community Grants 2019**

All grants schemes were advertised week commencing Monday, 14 January. Information evenings on grant schemes and the application process were held in Athy on 12 February and in Naas on 14 February. The closing date for all schemes is Tuesday, 12 March.

### **Joint Policing Committee**

The first quarterly meeting of 2019 took place in Áras Chill Dara on Monday 04 March. A presentation was made to Councillor Miley to mark the occasion of his last meeting as chairman.

### **Twinning**

A Twinning networking meeting took place in Áras Chill Dara on Saturday 02 March. 10 out of 11 Twinning Groups in the county were in attendance. A further networking meeting will take place later in 2019.

### **Kildare Fáilte**

#### **Key Activities February 2019**

- Presentation of St. Brigid's Cross to President Higgins by Kildare delegation at Áras an Uachtarán to promote St. Brigid's Day and highlight Kildare as an ecclesiastical centre within Ireland.
- St. Brigid's Day promotion with Solas Bhríde and the Dean of Kildare.
- Attended Chinese New Year Celebrations at Kildare Village.
- Meeting with Dublin Convention Bureau to discuss business tourism partnership.
- Recruitment of full-time marketing assistant, Laura Dunne.
- Planning office fit out and relocation.
- AGM and communications and networking event preparation.



- Monthly meeting with social media company.
- Naas Town Team Meeting.
- Athy Town Team Meeting.
- Meeting with Newbridge Tidy Towns.
- The Chief Executive Officer of Kildare Fáilte, Ms Mangan and Ms Dunne, visited Kilkea Castle, Burtown House and the Athy Heritage Centre and Museum.
- Website review of [intokildare.ie](http://intokildare.ie) and meeting with IT Monkey to discuss enhancements to website.
- Meeting with the LEO to discuss funding for Digital Marketing and Tour Guide Training programmes for members.
- Presentation to Directors of Kildare County Council regarding Tourism Updates.
- Board of Directors meeting and monthly update.

## **Local Community**

### **Development Committee**

The last Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting was held on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

### **Healthy Ireland**

The initiatives under Healthy Ireland funding continue to roll out across the county. The South West Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force successfully launched the website “Cannabis and You,” in the Killashee Hotel on 11 March. This is an online resource targeting young people, to inform them about the impact of cannabis use. Kildare Chamber of Commerce is holding their Healthy and Wellbeing Symposium with Sir Ranulph Fiennes as keynote speaker on 22 March. Social Farming was recently launched and all places are booked out.



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### **Heads-up (Mojo)**

The Athy Programme commenced and was fully subscribed. Referrals are now being sought for the next Mini HeadsUp Programme in Newbridge.

### **Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**

Work continues to implement the SICAP programme across the county.

### **Rural Development LEADER**

A targeted call for proposals under the Artisan Food theme was recently advertised. LEADER funding is available for applications, particularly targeting tourism and the environment. For further information contact Brian Kelly, Helen Mulhall or Maeve Howe, County Kildare LEADER Partnership- 045 895450.

**The next LCDC meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 March 2019**

### **Parks**

#### **Eadestown Playground**

Construction on Eadestown Playground started on 19 March. It is expected to take eight weeks to complete depending on weather.

#### **Newbridge Skatepark, Moorefield Park**

All work on the completion of the installation of the new paths, resurfacing of the existing paths, and installation of new public lighting in the new skatepark in Moorefield Park, Newbridge has been completed. The official opening of the facility will take place on Saturday 13 April at 10:00 a.m. with the Mayor of Kildare, Councillor Seán Power.





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### **Bawnogues, Kilcock**

Work on the planting of 1,500 saplings is currently underway. This will be complete by the end of the month.

A tree planting ceremony in conjunction with The Tree Council will take place on 04 April at 11:00a.m. in the Bawnogues. This is to mark National Tree Week. The project is also part of a partnership between the Tree Council and the Laudato Great Green Wall project, an environmental initiative between Ireland and sub-Saharan Africa to combat the effects of climate change which is increasing desertification across the Sahel, a region to the south of the Sahara Desert. Planting a Great Green Wall of trees 8,000 kilometres long and 15 kilometres deep, through 13 countries

from Senegal to Djibouti will prevent soil degradation and erosion, sequester carbon from the air as well as directly help dozens of local communities. Trees that are indigenous to each area will be planted. It will be a new Wonder of the World, crossing the entire width of Africa and the project will run until 2030.

### **Tree Planting Programme**

160 semi mature trees and 7,000 saplings will be planted at various locations around the county to replace trees that have been removed or planted at new locations in housing estates, parks and open spaces. This should be complete by the end of the month.



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## **Roads, Transportation and Public Safety**

### **Athy Distributor Route**

Advance works between Corran Árd and Fortbarrington Road have commenced on site.

### **Naas Inner Relief Road**

The Part 8 application for the proposed Naas Inner Relief Road is on display until 26 March. The closing date for submissions is 10 April 2019.

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. Due to funding constraints it was not possible to deliver the route at that time to complete the inner relief road.

Naas town and environs has undergone a considerable increase in population since 1992, with the population of the urban area now circa 21,000. The Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (DRSE) (as published by the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly, 2018), identifies

Naas as a key town providing employment with public transport links. The population forecast for Naas is 30,000 by 2023.

More than 17,000 vehicles currently travel through Main Street Naas on weekdays. Over 90% of Naas households have at least one car while over 94% of households in Sallins have at least one car; both towns have a high car mode share for work and education trips. 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 the following local benefits:

1. Improved access to and a reduction in congestion in Naas Town Centre, facilitating public realm improvements in the town, the redesign of Poplar Square, new and improved footpaths and street furniture,



- and the undergrounding of overhead cables
2. Completion of the Southern Ring Road around Naas diverting heavy good vehicles from the town centre
  3. Improved infrastructure, e.g. footways, cycle tracks, and bus bays for pedestrians and cyclists for the existing/new residential population bordering the roadway
  4. Delivery of the “Minor Greenway” as per Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan; improving physical fitness levels and promoting a non-car based future for many of Naas residents and the business community
  5. The new road will facilitate the provision of much needed housing and whose lack of delivery would likely restrict further development (beyond

already granted planning permissions) in the environs of the Naas Inner Relief Road. In October 2017, Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (working on behalf of Kildare County Council) undertook a detailed and extensive route selection process. This involved identifying a suitable study area for the examination of alternative routes, the development of feasible route options and the carrying out of a systematic assessment of those options leading to the selection of a preferred route corridor which would form the basis of a follow-on detailed design. This process also involved taking into account the most up to date road design standards and EU regulations. Further to the carrying out of detailed noise modeling, noise barriers (varying between 1.5 meter and 3.5 meter high), and 2 meter high block walls are proposed at various locations along the



preferred route of the Naas Inner Relief Road (Route 2). All surrounding estates will have full access to the proposed road, new cycle tracks and footways. At Stage 1 of the selection process, eight alternative routes were fully assessed using the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Project Management Guidelines, based on the criteria of Environment, Economy and Engineering. The result of the Stage 1 analysis was announced to the public at a non-statutory public consultation that was held at Kildare County Council Offices in February 2018. For Stage 2, three routes were selected for a further detailed analysis. In compliance with the Government's Common Appraisal Framework for transport projects and programmes, those routes were examined against the following six multi-criteria categories; Economy, Safety, Physical

Activity, Environment, Integration and Accessibility and Social Inclusion.

As part of the analysis, traffic modeling was carried out to determine the best route option. The model was calibrated and validated in line with TII's Project Appraisal Guidelines. Extensive traffic studies were undertaken to take full account of the current traffic volumes throughout Naas.

Future traffic growth up to 2035 was accounted for in the modeling process by generating traffic growth profiles based on the predicted growth in population and employment in Naas in the period 2018 to 2035. As outlined in Figure 6.2 and Table 6.4 of the Route Selection Report and in accordance with the traffic modeling, the opening year



Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) is predicted to be less than 7,500 vehicles (report available at: [www.kildarecoco.ie/PublicConsultations Part 8 Schemes](http://www.kildarecoco.ie/PublicConsultations/Part8Schemes)). A maximum AADT of 11,278 vehicles is predicted on the proposed road by 2035.

### **Maynooth North South Corridor, Phase 5 - Leinster Street to Kilcock Road**

Final design revisions for Phase 5 of the North South Corridor are being undertaken by the consultant for this scheme. The council intend, that subject to funding approval being granted by the National Transport Authority (NTA), to go to tender in April/May for a July/August construction phase.

### **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 and construction will commence week beginning 18 March.

### **Dublin - Galway Greenway**

This project is progressing satisfactorily and the council expects to complete the final design and tender documents by May for the Maynooth to Dublin boundary section.

### **Proposed new Machinery Yard and Regional Salt Barn at Newhall, Naas**

The Part 8 application for the proposed new machinery yard and Regional Salt Barn at Newhall, Naas is on display until 26 March. The closing date for submissions is 10 April, 2019.



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## **Provision of Car Parking Management Services**

The current parking enforcement tender contract expires mid 2019 and the contract for the provision, installation and maintenance of parking meters expires in quarter 4, 2019. The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department is currently drafting a mini competition for managed car parking services with Kildare County Council's Procurement Officer and the Office of Government Procurement (OGP). This tender will be managed by the OGP and the contract, when awarded, will include enforcement of parking services, Provision, installation and maintenance of all parking meters and cash collection services will all be under one contract. It is expected that this tender will be advertised in early Quarter 2, 2019.

## **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) – at construction stage.
- Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvement) – complete.
- St. Brigid's Avenue, Kilcullen (road and footpath improvements) – at tender stage.
- Relocate Bus Stop, Sallins – at construction stage.
- Sallins Controlled Pedestrian Crossing improvements – at tender stage.
- Newbridge Road, Naas footpath works – at construction stage.





- Resurfacing of Abbey Street Car Park, Naas – at tender stage.
- Hazlemere road repairs – at tender stage.

### **Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2019**

The roads programme for the Naas Municipal District will be finalised within the next few weeks. The Naas Municipal District expects to be at tender stage in April 2019 for the first phase of projects.

### **Local Property Tax (LPT)/Carpark Funded Works 2019**

The LPT/carpark funded works programme has been agreed by the Naas Municipal District Committee. The Naas Municipal District is commencing to develop a works programme to deliver the projects in 2019.

### **R411 Naas to Ballymore Road Realignment**

Realignment of the R411 Naas to Ballymore Road has been in progress for the past two months. From 11 February 2019, a full road closure is in place for up to eight weeks in order to allow for the realignment to tie into the existing R411 at each end. Diversions will be in place for the duration of the works. The works are being carried out by Cairn Homes as part of the construction of Oak Park residential development.

### **Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace - Slope Remediation Project**

The public consultation process commenced on 05 February, 2019, for the statutory Part 8 process for the Slope Remediation Project at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace. The project documents and drawings will be on display for a period of four weeks from the 05 February, 2019 with the closing date for submissions not later than 5:00p.m. Tuesday 19 March, 2019. The documents and drawings will be on display on Level 2 in Áras Chill Dara and in the Naas Community





Library, Harbour View, Naas, Co. Kildare. The documents and drawings will be available for viewing on: <http://kildare.ie/countycouncil/PublicConsultations-Part8Schemes/roadsandtransportation/index.html>

### **Newbridge Southern Outer Orbital Route**

Work on the construction of the NSORR has been ongoing for a number of months and is being delivered by Lidl Ireland as part of the development of their regional distribution centre. Since early January 2019 full traffic management has been implemented on the R445 Newbridge to Naas Road so as to allow the contractor to progress with realigning the R445 and to construct two new roundabouts. The new road will provide a link between the R445 and Greatconnell Road, and will take all HGV traffic off Greatconnell Road.

### **Road Safety**

Road safety education was delivered to the following numbers of students so far in 2019:

- Primary 296
- Post-Primary 120
- Youthreach 30

### **Adult School Wardens**

School Wardens received refresher training in February during the mid-term break on all aspects of their role, including standard operating guidelines, health and safety, personal protection equipment, driver behavior, child protection, data protection, incident prevention and practical skills as a School Warden.

### **Junior School Wardens**

The Road Safety Officer and Community Gardaí provided refresher training to Junior School Wardens at St. Peter's National School, Monasterevin. Each team consists of six members, and each day a different team is on duty. The Junior Wardens provide a safe crossing mechanism for



their fellow students in the afternoon while students are crossing the road outside their school. A new scheme is also being established in Athy at Scoil Phadraig Naofa School.

course instructor. A total of 1,296 students are to receive the Cycle Right programme in 25 schools in Kildare.

**Kildare Civil Defence assisted at the following Events in February 2019**

**Cycle Safety Skills**

Kildare County Council provided funding to 25 Primary Schools in Kildare to enable them to deliver cycle safety skills to fifth and sixth class students. The programmes are accredited by Cycle Right and are delivered by an approved Cycle Right

1. Assisted at the free indoor cinema event in Athy
2. Provided assistance at the Athy flat duathlon
3. Assisted at the Athgarvan 5K and 10K fun run

**Fire Service**

<b>Operational Calls</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Total Calls 2018</b>	<b>Total Calls February 2019</b>
Newbridge	460	90
Naas	503	73
Athy	266	49
Maynooth	322	50
Monasterevin	214	35
Leixlip	245	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>325</b>



	<b>Operational Calls 2019</b>					
<b>Station</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Newbridge	42	48				
Naas	35	38				
Athy	33	16				
Maynooth	25	25				
Monasterevin	19	16				
Leixlip	14	14				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>157</b>				

**Fire Safety**

	<b>No. Inspections</b>	<b>No. Premises Inspected</b>
2018	88	85
2019	15	15

	<b>No. Fire Safety Complaints</b>
2018	18
2019	2

	<b>No. Fire Safety Certificates</b>
2018	204
2019	19



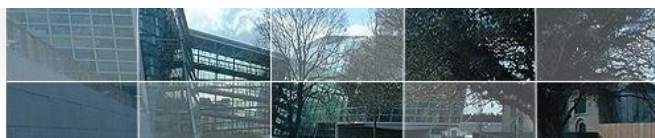
	<b>No. Planning File Comments</b>
2018	518
2019	54

## Building and Development Control

### Building Control

<b>Commencement Notices</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b> (up to 28/02/2019)
Total Number of Commencement Notices received:	662	111
Number of Valid commencement notices received:	618	107
Number of Invalid commencement notices received:	44	4
No. of Inspections carried out on Commencement Notices	109	29

<b>Certificates of Compliance on Completion</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b> (up to 28/02/2019)
Total Number of Certificates received:	644	75
Number Valid	629	75
Number Invalid	15	0
Awaiting processing	-	-
Additional Information		
Number of Inspections carried out	23	13



<b>Disability Access Certificates</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b> (up to 28/02/2019)
Total Number of Disability Access Certificates received:	139	11
Number granted:	130	30
Number refused:	0	0
Number of Inspections carried out	35	2

<b>Building Control Active Sites</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b> (up to 28/02/2019)
Number of units inspected	107	323

### Development Control

<b>Active Sites</b>	<b>At 31/12/2018</b>	<b>2019</b> (up to 28/02/2019)
Number of Sites with house construction	64	64
Number of Sites where all units complete but snags not complete	36	36

<b>Estates that Require Monitoring/Maintenance</b>	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](mailto:localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie)”*

### **Local Enterprise Office National Figures Released**

Local Enterprise Office Kildare County Council 2018 jobs figures, 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 on Thursday 14 February show that 285 jobs were created by Local Enterprise Office Kildare supported companies in 2018. This is an increase of 30% since 2017, meaning that Local Enterprise Office Kildare County Council has the highest increase of job creation in the country year on year.

### **Entrepreneurship Support Services**

#### **Local Enterprise Week**

Local Enterprise Week took place from Monday 04 to Friday 08 March, where Local Enterprise Offices Kildare organised events for start-ups and small businesses across the county. Local Enterprise Office Kildare ran a program of exciting events aimed at bringing Kildare’s business community together to network, learn and grow with events for all businesses regardless of what stage they are at – pre-start, start or grow. Events included:

1. Growing LEAN – an introduction to LEAN thinking seminar hosted by Jigsaw consulting. This took place at Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara and there were eight in attendance.



2. E-Commerce Masterclass hosted by 25 year old media disruptor, social media strategist and entrepreneur, Seanie Walsh. This took place at the Osprey Hotel there were 44 in attendance.
3. Two E-Tendering training seminars took place at Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, and there were 24 in attendance.
4. A business planning and accessing finance workshop took place at Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara and there were 12 in attendance.
5. Brexit mentoring sessions took place to help clients address the challenges posed by Brexit. These were facilitated by Gateway Consulting and were held at Kildare County Council. 7 clients availed of this service.

6. On Friday 08 March the county final of the Student Enterprise Awards 2019 took place at the Kilashee Hotel. Five teenage entrepreneurs from St. Mary's College, Naas won a place representing Kildare at the Student Enterprise Programme National Finals in Croke Park on Friday 03 May.

### **Local Enterprise Development Services**

#### **Business Network opportunities in association with Kildare Chamber**

The Head of Enterprise, Ms McNabb attended a Kildare Chamber of Commerce networking event as a guest speaker at the Kildare Chamber Headquarters on the 06 March. It was an opportunity to talk to over 30 SME business owners about the supports provided by the office. The Head of Enterprise addressed 30 business owners in Athy and is due to speak at a further three Kildare Chamber events this month.





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### **Women in Business Network - Going Global**

The Local Enterprise Office Business Advisor Phyllis Donohoe presented at the Women in Business Network event 'Going Global, Connecting with the World' at Leixlip Manor on 12 February to speak about the supports provided by the office.

### **Careers in Kildare Campaign - Clark Recruitment**

The Local Enterprise Office participated in the 'Careers in Kildare Campaign' run by Clark Recruitment on 06 March in association with the

County Kildare Chamber. Ms McNabb, Head of Enterprise featured in a number of publicity shots as part of the campaign.

### **Local Economic Development Services**

#### **Council Meeting**

The Head of Enterprise, Ms McNabb attended the full council meeting on 25 February to speak about the 2018 successes of the office, and the projected objectives for 2019.



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### Ongoing Available Grant Aid

If you are interested in any of the grant aid below, contact us on 045 98096 or [localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie](mailto: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*) available to any business with fewer than 10 employees.

**TAME** – This grant can part-fund the costs that you will incur in investigating and researching export markets. The 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 fewer than 10 employees.

**Priming and Expansion Priming** – Up to 50% of the investment or €150,000 available to any business with fewer 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 for 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 €2 million, by providing unsecured business loans of €2,000 to €25,000 for commercially viable proposals. Available to any business with fewer than 10 employees.



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### **Business Advice Clinics**

If you are interested in booking a Business Advice Clinic, contact us on 045 980967, or [localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie)

<b>Location</b>	<b>When</b>	
<b>Athy</b>	Second Wednesday of each month	Library
<b>Newbridge</b>	Third Friday of each month	To be confirmed
<b>Maynooth</b>	Third Wednesday of each month	Library
<b>Leixlip</b>	Last Wednesday of each month	Library
<b>Naas</b>	Ongoing, by appointment	Kildare County Council

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