

## Kildare County Council 2019 - 2024



Dear Cathaoirleach and Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all newly elected and re-elected members who were successful in the recent elections. I would like to welcome all of you on board as the new council for Kildare and look forward to working with all of you to build on and further advance the collective work we do for the betterment of County Kildare.

Is mise le meas,

Peter Carey

Chief Executive



Annual meeting of new council for Kildare held in Áras Chill Dara, 07 June 2019.





**Chief Executive's Report  
June 2019**

**THIS MONTH: News and Highlights**

**Alcohol Bye-Laws**

The review of Kildare County Council Alcohol Bye-Laws will be going on public display week commencing 24 June.

**Eadestown Playground**

The playground has been completed and opened for use on 03 June. An official opening will take place once the new Mayor is in place.

**IBAL (Irish Business against Litter) latest Survey**

Leixlip and Newbridge have been judged to be cleaner than European norms.

**Music Generation is coming to Kildare!**

Music Generation has announced that Kildare is among five new counties in Ireland to participate in its most recent phase of development.

**Short Grass Film commissions**

Kildare County Council is delighted to announce details of its 2019 Short Grass Film commissions, for two films to be shot on location in the county.

**Dates for Your Diary**

**Cruinniú na nÓg**

Creativity will be let loose in Leinster for Cruinniú na nÓg on 15 June – (see page

**Kildare's Heritage Buildings Show 2019**

This event will be held in Castletown House, Celbridge, from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June 2019 – (see page 7).



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## Corporate Services

### Local Elections 2019

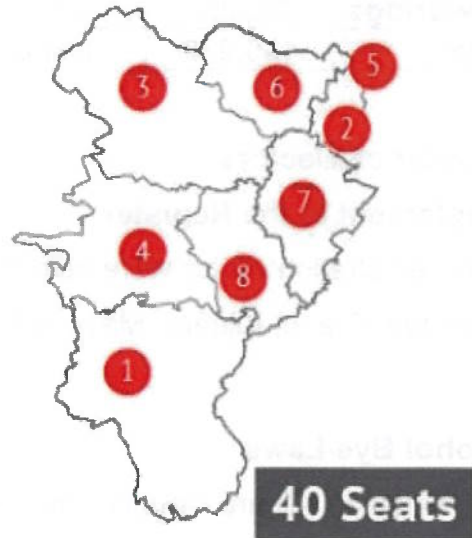
S.I. No. 620 of 2018 - County of Kildare Local Electoral Areas and Municipal District Order 2018 - prescribed that County Kildare was to be divided into 8 no. Local Electoral

Areas as follows: Athy, Celbridge, Clane, Kildare, Leixlip, Maynooth, Naas and Newbridge. The total number of seats to be filled was 40.

## Kildare County Council



1. Athy
2. Celbridge
3. Clane
4. Kildare
5. Leixlip
6. Maynooth
7. Naas
8. Newbridge



Following nominations, there were a total of 90 candidates.

A poll was conducted, under the auspices of the County Registrar, on Friday 24 May. The counts were

conducted at the Hunt Stand, Punchestown on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 25, 26 and 27 May. 18 first time Councillors have been elected, to join 22 Councillors who returned to the council.





The Electorate and turnout for each Local Electoral Area (LEA) was as follows:

	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Invalid Ballot Papers</b>	<b>Valid Poll</b>	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>Turnout</b>
<b>Athy</b>	19,330	219	9,230	9,449	48.9%
<b>Celbridge</b>	15,383	133	6,670	6,803	44.2%
<b>Clane</b>	18,257	168	8,310	8,478	46.4%
<b>Kildare</b>	17,272	161	7,538	7,699	44.6%
<b>Leixlip</b>	13,174	86	6,250	6,336	48.1%
<b>Maynooth</b>	17,928	187	8,178	8,365	46.7%
<b>Naas</b>	26,430	261	12,175	12,436	47.1%
<b>Newbridge</b>	22,464	217	10,268	10,485	46.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,238</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>68,619</b>	<b>70,051</b>	<b>46.6%</b>

### **Register of Electors**

#### **Supplement to the Register**

Voter registration clinics were held in Celbridge, Clane, Kildare, Maynooth

and Newbridge in April and May. The number of electors entered on the Supplement to the Register was 1,797.

### **Alcohol Bye-Laws**

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### **Finance and Information**

#### **Technology**

#### **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for Quarter 1, 2019 have been submitted to the Department.

**Revenue Account Summary (see Appendix 1).**



## Planning and Strategic Development

### Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

On 03 May 2019 the members of the Eastern Regional Assembly agreed to make the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern and Midland Region in accordance with section 24 (9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. It is understood that the strategy will come into effect on the 28 June 2019.

### Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023

The Chief Executive's two year report on implementation of the County Development Plan was issued to members for the May meeting of the council. The County Development Plan

will need to be reviewed/varied in light of the adoption of the RSES.

### Local Area Plans (LAP's)

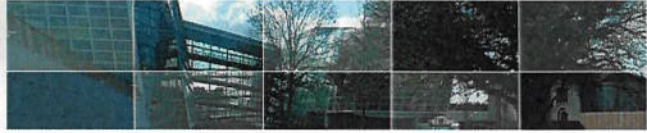
#### Leixlip LAP

The Draft LAP is on display from 30 May to 11 July 2019. A public consultation event took place in Leixlip Library on 06 June 2019.

#### Naas LAP

The Naas Draft LAP came off display on 30 May 2019. The Chief Executive is currently preparing his report for the members on submissions received.

Planning applications received:			Applications decided: May 2019	
	May	Year	Total Granted:	93
<b>2017:</b>	145	1,494	Retention:	23
<b>2018:</b>	150	1,596	Extension of Duration:	6
<b>2019:</b>	141	617	Total Refused:	28



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**Significant Planning Applications:**

**May 2019**

**19/282 Conor Furey and Associates Ltd.**

Permission was refused for an off-line motorway services station at Mayfield, Monasterevin.

**19/91 Intel Ireland Limited**

Permission granted for a new 109,745 sq.m fabrication building.

**17/1484 Marchford Ltd.**

The decision to grant permission for a 03 and 04 floor extension to the front of Lawlor's Hotel facing Poplar Square, Naas was upheld on appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

**18/1233 Beneavin Construction Ltd.**

The decision to refuse 53 independent and assisted living units at Mountpleasant Lodge, Kilcock was upheld on appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

**Strategic Infrastructure**

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

Drehid Waste Management Facility (ABP Ref. 18/300558) - The oral hearing by ABP which began in September 2018 and was adjourned by the Inspector, resumed on 11 March 2019. The oral hearing concluded on 13 March 2019 and a decision is awaited from ABP.

Application by Bord na Móna Powergen Limited and ESB Wind Development Limited (ABP Ref. 18/303219) for a 110kV onsite Electric Substation at Timahoe East due to be decided.

**Strategic Housing Development (SHD)**

**Applications to ABP**

Since legislation came into effect in July 2017, applications for planning permission for Strategic Housing Developments (SHD's) are made directly to ABP.





<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.	Morristownbillier, 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	
<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>
None					



## 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 upgrade	05/02/19	24/06/19	Agreed 16/04/19
P82019.07	Transport	Naas Inner Relief Road	26/02/19	15/07/19	

### Conservation

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

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

#### Kildare's Heritage Buildings Show 2019 (Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June 2019)

Castletown will become a one-stop destination for old building owners in need of accurate, impartial and free advice on their care and repair. The Irish Georgian Society, in partnership with Kildare County

### Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2019

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

### Heritage

#### Kildare County Heritage Plan

The Kildare County Council Heritage Plan was adopted by council at the May 2019 monthly meeting.

Council, the Office of Public Works (OPW), and with the support of Creative Ireland, are mounting an exhibition in the farmyard of the OPW's Castletown House, Celbridge, from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June 2019. Throughout the weekend over two-dozen craftspeople will



demonstrate the key traditional skills needed for the conservation of old buildings, including sash window repairs; use of lime-based mortars; decorative plasterwork; ironwork; slate roofing; thatching; stained glass and fanlight conservation; stone carving; dry stonewall construction; and furniture and clock restoration to name a few. The demonstrations will be complemented by information stands hosted by the Irish Georgian Society, Kildare County Council's Heritage and Conservation Office, the OPW, the

Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings Ireland, Construction Industry Federation's Register of Heritage Contractors, Dry Stone Wall Association of Ireland and the Institute of Clerk of Works and Building Inspectors in Ireland, where expert advice on planning law, insurance and finance can be gathered.

Kevin 'Boxer' Moran, TD, Minister of State with responsibility for the OPW, will officially open the exhibition at 12 noon on Saturday 15 June.



## Housing

### Capital Programme

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Status June 2019</b>
<b>Completed</b>		
The Paddocks, Kilcock	19 units	19 units completed and allocated December 2017/February 2018. Defects Liability period to conclude shortly.
Athgarvan Road, Newbridge	13 units	Works complete and units have been allocated.
<b>In Progress</b>		
<b>Status June 2019</b>		
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 8 March 2019. Commenced on site 19 March 2019. Expected completion Quarter 1, 2020.
St. Patrick's Park Rathangan, Remedial Works (Phase 1)	Refurb of 34 Units (23 social and 11 private)	Lot 1 (6 units): completed Lots 2 - 5 (28 units): Commenced on site 10 September 2018. Expected completion Quarter 3, 2019
<b>Approval Stage 4</b>		
<b>Status June 2019</b>		
<b>Approval Stage 3</b>		
<b>Status June 2019</b>		
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	8 units plus caretaker bay	Revised Stage 3 approval received from Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) on 13 September 2018. Expect to go to tender Quarter 2, 2019. Awaiting vacation of the site as works cannot commence until it is vacated.





		<b>Status June 2019</b>
<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 a revised Stage 2 approval request being prepared. Awaiting sale of property to conclude.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Following further site investigations carried out, a revised Stage 2 application will be submitted to DHPLG Quarter 2, 2019.
Athgarvan Village	19 units	Part 8 approved at the Kildare/Newbridge MD meeting in November 2018. Approval Stage 3 to be submitted to the DHPLG Quarter 2, 2019.
Coill Dubh	10 units	Part 8 approved 19 December 2018. Preparing Design Team Tender.
		<b>Status June 2019</b>
<b>Approval Stage 1</b>		
Old Greenfield, Maynooth	Rapid Build 50 units	Design Team appointed February 2019. Submission for Approval Stage 2 expected Quarter 2, 2019.
Clogherinkoe	14 units	Preparing Approval Stage 1 submission for the DHPLG for Quarter 2, 2019. Appropriate housing need to be confirmed for site.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge	30 units	Approval Stage 1 received from the DHPLG on the 27 November 2017. Preparing Design Team Tender.
Carbury	2 units	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Q2 2019.
Former Ambassador Hotel Site, Kill	35 units	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 2, 2019.
Oldtown Mill, Celbridge.	TBC	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit Stage 1 approval Quarter 2, 2019.





### Infill Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status May 2019
Newtown House, Leixlip	4 units	Stage 1 approval received. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 2, 2019. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 3, 2019.
Narraghmore	4 units	Approval Stage 1 received from the DHPLG July 2018. Stage 2 submission is in progress for submission end July 2019. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 3, 2019.
Glandore, Athy	TBC	Stage 1 approval received. Stage 2 submission is in progress for submission end August 2019. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 3, 2019.
Skenagun, Castledermot	1 existing refurb and 1 new-build	Proposed Stage 1 approval submission to the DHPLG to be prepared for submission by the end of Quarter 3, 2019. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 4, 2019.

### Acquisitions

	Completed Units 2018	Completed Units 2019	In Progress
Housing Acquisitions	186	59	114
Housing Turnkeys	39	11	86
Part V Acquisitions	30	21	224

### PPP Schemes

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



### Approved Housing Body Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status June 2019
Respond HA Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Part 8 approved at 24 July 2017. Respond expect to be on site in Quarter 2, 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 the DHPLG for consideration.

### Approved Housing Body Schemes - Capital Assistance Scheme

Approved Housing Body	No. of Units	Status June 2019
KARE	3 Units	Part 8 planning application to be lodged shortly
Camphill Communities of Ireland	4 units at The Bridge, Kilcullen	CAS - Stage 2 approval received on 03 October 2017. Planning application lodged. Further information requested February 2019.
Homeless Care CLG	12 Apartments at Jigginstown House, Naas	CAS - Stage 3 approval received on 20 July 2018. A request for Stage 4 approval was forwarded to the Department on 27 May.



### Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

2018	Approval No.	Approval Amount	Approval Drawdown No.	Approval Drawdown Amount	Expired No.	Expired Amount	Remaining Approval No.	Remaining amount approved
Total	67	€14,480,997	15	€2,989,200	3	€623,000	49	€10,868,797
2019	Approval No.	Approval Amount	Approval Drawdown No.	Approval Drawdown Amount	Expired No.	Expired Amount	Remaining Approved No.	Remaining amount approved / committed
January	1	€270,000	8	€1,190,247	6	€1,047,600	36	€8,900,950
February	2	€365,600	6	€1,455,055	2	€332,300	30	€7,479,195
March	2	€415,800	0	0	2	€480,600	30	€7,414,395
April	0	0	6	€1,240,470	4	€1,265,900	20	€4,908,025
May	0	0	4	€898,050	0	0	16	€4,009,975

Total Drawn down to date:	<b>€7,773,022</b>
Total currently committed in loan offers:	€4,009,975
Total Expired and available for lending:	<u>€3,217,003</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€15,000,000</b>

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

The public consultation phase of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019-2024 was completed on 31 May 2019. The draft programme will shortly be

circulated to the members including a Chief Executive Report. This report and draft programme will be listed on the September 2019 agenda of the Corporate Policy Group and the Kildare County Council meeting.



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## Library and Arts Service

### Library Service

Kildare Library Services delivers its service via a network of 15 libraries, a mobile library service and a local studies and genealogy centre. In 2018 there were 690,000 visits to Kildare Libraries. We hosted 7,184 events, issued 773,862 items and welcomed 24,912 new members. We supported 66 reading groups, hosted 35,834 computer sessions and 45,659 Wi-Fi sessions on our public network.

### All is Fine with Fines!

The National Library Strategy *Our Public Libraries 2020: Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities* aims to develop the public library service over the next five years. Building on technological and service innovations of recent years, it focuses on improving access, use and visibility of the public library and establishing it as the go-to place for a range of sustainable, integrated public services. As part of this strategy all library fines were abolished in January

2019 along with replacement charges for lost or damaged children's material. This is an important step in removing barriers to service access and supporting social inclusion.

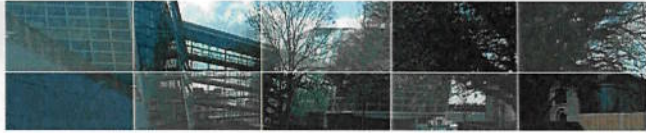
### Register of Electors

A number of Kildare Libraries hosted Voter Registration Stands prior to the recent local elections. A total of 217 members of the public registered to vote in local libraries.

### Summer Fun in Your Local Library! Summer Stars Reading Programme

The national summer reading adventure for children 'Summer Stars' will be launched in County Kildare on 15 June as part of county wide Criunniu na nOg celebrations. 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.

### **Cruinniú na nÓg**

Creativity will be let loose in Leinster for Cruinniú na nÓg on 15 June!



Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Kildare Libraries and Arts Services will celebrate the day throughout the county with lots of activities and entertainment for young people and their families. Celbridge Library is set to inspire budding animators with a stop-motion animation workshop. While a dazzling interactive circus performance from Monsieur Gusto will astound all in Newbridge Library, a film making workshop in Naas and lots more happening throughout the county.

Check out our programme of events for Cruinniú na nÓg in County Kildare by clicking on the link below.

<https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/kildare/>

### **Beyond the Book - Young Readers Festival**

This festival takes place during June and includes some of the best children's authors and illustrators fuelling young imaginations today. There are exciting storytelling and book inspired events to suit children of all ages.

### **Get IT at Your Local Library – Digital Innovation Workshops for Children**

The library service will host open workshops for children aged 4-7 using coding and robotics kits to support skills development in the area of STEAM subjects during July and August.

### **eServices**

Library eServices in Kildare has experienced a very impressive 67% average increase in usage from 2017-2018. 2018 saw the expansion of the





eServices Roadshow to all our branches including part time branches. It also saw a lot more promotion of our eServices by our team via visits to schools and our eService clinics. The Library Service has recently added Freegal to our eServices portfolio; this is a free music download service.

### **Tablet and Laptop Lending**

The library service will commence tablet and laptop lending services in selected libraries over the summer months. The devices can be borrowed and used within participating libraries.

### **Decade of Commemorations**

The Irish Military Seminar takes place 06 -15 June in Newbridge. The seminar will look at various aspects of Irish military history at home, on the beaches of Normandy, the Veldt of South Africa and the plains of Montana territory.

### **Save the Date! Heritage Week 17-25 August Four All- Ireland's: Kildare's Road to the Sam Maguire!**

Mario Corrigan will look at all four of Kildare's All-Ireland victories culminating in 1928 with the first Sam Maguire trophy.

### **Regular Library Programming**

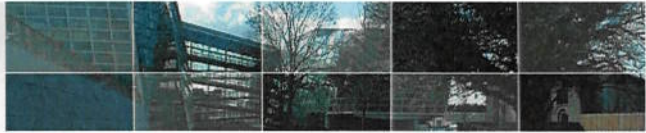
Copies of brochures for the following programmes were provided in the welcome welcome pack from the library service:

Work Matters at the Library

National library programme using library resources, services and spaces to support those seeking employment or career change and those looking to start a business. Libraries are ideally placed to offer remote working options for patrons through provision of meeting/working spaces, Wi-Fi, device lending, printing, scanning, photocopying.

### **TTT-Toys, Training and Technology**

A collection of specialist assistive toys, technological aids and series of lectures and workshops supporting children and adults with learning



difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs.

### **Let's Talk About Parenting**

The programme was set up to support parents, care givers and professionals working with children to help give them tools and strategies to help them in their daily role. The talks are broken down into the following categories: Babies and Toddlers, Children, Teenagers and Self- Care for Parents with talks tailored accordingly.

### **STEAM**

STEAM provides a programme of workshops to local schools with the aim of encouraging students to explore, test and engage with science, technology, engineering arts and maths.

### **Support to Secondary Schools**

A Chambers Ireland Award winning series of workshops aimed at both junior and senior cycle students. Topics in this year's programme include Coding, Forensics, History, Creative Writing, Sound Engineering and Well-being.

### **OWL (Older, Wiser, Laughter)**

Kildare Library Service's Age Friendly Programme offers something for everyone, from engaging guest speakers, crafts, eServices workshops, music, nature, food, health and well-being.

### **Healthy Ireland at Your Library**

Kildare Library Services have continued to participate in this national programme. The current series of events ended in March with more planned for later in 2019. There is an extensive range of resources available including books on topics of health and wellbeing and online resources such as eBooks,

### **Energy Saving Kits**

Five Energy Saving Kits have been purchased for Athy, Leixlip, Maynooth, Newbridge and Naas Libraries. The Home Energy Saving Kit contains six practical tools to help save energy at home. The kit is available to borrow free of charge for a period of three weeks and helps you take the first step in becoming more energy efficient by identifying problem areas in your home



and helping you make sense of the energy you consume on a daily basis.

### **Library Capital Projects**

Athy Community Library, winner of the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award in 2018 for Best Library Service, celebrated its first year of opening in March this year. Athy Library had 165,000 visits in its first year of opening. The library service is in the process of purchasing new premises to develop library service in Clane. Contracts will be signed in the near future. Work is progressing on Naas Library Capital works. It is hoped a contractor will be on site in 2019.

### **Arts Service**

#### **Music Generation is coming to Kildare!**

Music Generation has announced that Kildare is among five new counties in Ireland to participate in its most recent phase of development. Over the coming years, 'Music Generation Kildare' will offer new opportunities for hundreds of children and young people ages 0 to 18 to access high-quality, subsidised vocal and instrumental

tuition in their local communities.

Planning for the roll-out of Music Generation Kildare is already underway, with the next step in the set-up process involving recruitment of a Music Generation Development Officer to oversee programme development. Initiated by Music Network in 2010, Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme, co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships (LMEPs). Locally, Music Generation Kildare will be led by Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (ETB) in partnership with Kildare County Council and with support from Maynooth University Department of Music and Centre for Teaching and Learning.

Music Generation Kildare's goal will be to develop a range of affordable and accessible ways for children and young people to engage in performance music education. This will include the coordination of music tuition services within the county, working in partnership with schools,



community music groups and tuition centres in the formation of choirs, ensembles, access programmes, composition projects, songwriting initiatives and more, across a broad range of musical genres and styles. We look forward supporting this exciting opportunity for budding musicians from Co Kildare.

### **Arts Act Grants in Action**

One of the exciting projects to receive funding under the Arts Act Grant scheme 2019 is the 'Flora Symbolica - A botanical response to Bloomsday The novel Ulysses written by James Joyce is set on 16 June and follows the wanderings of Leopold Bloom, a day now widely celebrated as Bloomsday. In episode V, "The Lotus Eaters," Joyce selects an unusual genre for parody and used the conventions of flower dictionaries of the nineteenth century. One of the more popular flower dictionaries was called Flora Symbolica from where the event name is taken. In St. Paul's Arts and Heritage Centre in Ballysax, The Curragh, County Kildare, artist/researcher Ms Audrey Walshe

with a group of flower farmers will create a number of botanical installations using locally grown and sourced flowers. The event will be created for one day only taking inspiration from the botanical references in the episode. If you wish to celebrate Bloomsday with us please come along to our free event, we will have lemon soap from Swenys for sale as well as posies of locally grown blooms.

**'The Rhinestone Cowboy Sessions'**, Kildare County Council is very proud of its work in Arts, Health and Wellbeing. As part of the programme, it runs Past Times Community Choir, Naas and Voices of Spring, Celbridge, which supports people living with dementia, their families, friends and communities. The Past Times Choir is currently involved with 'The Rhinestone Cowboy Sessions', presenting renditions of Glen Campbell's "Try a Little Kindness" with singer songwriter extraordinaire Charlie McGettigan and local singer-songwriter Sive. The film series was launched in Riverbank Arts Centre in May as part of the Bealtaine programme. Links to 'Hoverfly' with





Sive is available via this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jV3ypHctbfE> and 'Try a Little Kindness' with Charlie McGettigan, here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcvShcmsNzo>, with more videos to follow.

### **Short Grass Film commissions**

Kildare County Council is delighted to announce details of its 2019 Short Grass Film commissions, for two films to be shot on location in the county.

The first award was made to writer Megan Devaney and Bear Print Media for their short film 'Blue', a comedy, looking at feelings and how they can be hard for a six year old to understand. In this film, little Katie is lucky to have her best friends Barry and Betty to help her out.

The second commission was awarded to writer David Christopher Lynch, director Natasha Waugh and will be produced by Dundara Productions for their short film "We Don't Choose How". This film explores 'how one person deals with overwhelming grief, while also inspiring hope in the human spirit'. According to writer David, 'The film will move people, provoke thought

and ultimately make us all think twice about the homeless crisis in Ireland today. Just as there are no overnight successes, there are no overnight solutions. Hopefully this film can be one step among hundreds needed to make a change to our society'.

Two further awards were made for Short Grass Short Film bursary awards. The first project is 'Memories of Mariga', written by Jules Charlton and produced by Colin Weldon about Marie-Gabrielle von Urach, who was married to Desmond Guinness and who founded the Irish Georgian Society, fighting to save house like Castletown House. According to Jules, 'It is fantastic for us to get the support of the Kildare Arts Office to make our film "Memories of Mariga" and to be able to tell her story against the magnificent canvas of Kildare."

"The second Short Grass Short Film bursary award was made to writer/director Margaret Kane-Rowe and Frame It Productions, with producer Richard Kearney, for the short film 'Duck Egg Blue' a comedy, set in a bathroom and tile store, a humorous take on the phenomenon of the "Ikea effect" where décor shopping





can bring a relationship to the brink of breakdown.

### Youth Arts

Griese Youth Theatre, Ballitore, is supported by the Arts Service, attracting young people from across South Kildare. An example of their work is the short film created here, to commemorate people from Kildare who died in WW1. *'Another envelope, another name. And what about those who came home?'* Devised by young people who 'don't know what war is' from testimonies of young people who do.

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### Kildare Youth Theatre

Newbridge has just completed 'The Séance', a one-act short play from the National Theatre Connections collection as part of the JuneFest programme. A group of teenagers come together at the end of the summer holidays with the aim of holding a séance but they never get around to doing this. The play is full of

ordinary, subtle dialogue that reveals tensions, relationships, dreams and possibilities.

### Kildare Young Filmmakers

Kildare Young Filmmakers have just wrapped after another very successful year. Under the guidance of John Conway films have been selected for screening at Cinemagic Film Festival, First Cut Youth Film Festival, FreshFilmFestival and Noise Flicks Film Festival and Dingle Film Festival. Two members have been selected to participate in the National Irish Filmmakers Residential Summer Filmmaking Intensive. Here's a timely video by young filmmaker Liam Boland.

<https://www.facebook.com/kildareyoungfilmmakers/videos/vb.1659388504307216/739704379759982/?type=2&theater>

### Music

County Kildare Orchestra celebrated 21 years in St Mary's Church, Maynooth, on 08 June with an Irish Premiere performance of Haydn's concerto for Two French Horns, featuring Soloists: Cormac



Ó'hAodáin & Brian Daly. They also performed Mozart: Overture to the Magic Flute and Dvorak: Symphony No.9 "From the new world", with Conductor Lorcan Daly, Leader Nicola White.

### **The Big Sing**

Residents from Eyre Powell, Newbridge participated in a celebration of the work from Direct Provision and local choirs on Sunday, 09 June in the National Concert Hall. Choral

conductors and facilitators lead the singing groups in 6 centres across Ireland, supported by Sing Ireland, Mary Immaculate College, Ireland, and the Irish Refugee Council. The Big Sing is the culmination of this nationwide project in which four choral facilitators have been working in six Direct Provision centres nationwide to encourage choral singing within the centres and connect residents to local communities and choirs.

## **Water Services**

### **Infrastructural Projects**

#### **Contract 2B (Network)**

Irish Water published confirmation of the CPO in January 2019. Irish Water has notified Coffey Construction that it is the preferred tenderer. It is anticipated that the works contract will be signed in Quarter 3, 2019.

#### **Contract 2A (Newbridge Eastern Interceptor Sewer)**

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



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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**

The Director of Services is continuing to raise this matter with Irish water.

**Calverstown WWTP Upgrade**

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

**Kilmeague WWTP Upgrade**

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

**Newbridge Sewer Relining Contract**

Irish Water is appointing a contractor to do these works.

**Rathangan Waste Water Treatment Plant (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.

**Water Networks Projects**

**Allenwood to Kilmeague Watermain**

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

**Suncroft to Brownstown Watermain Replacement**

The contract is now complete

**Newbridge Town Watermain Rehabilitation Works**

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

**Kildare Town Watermain Rehabilitation Works**

Watermains have been laid in Lourdesville, Claemore Terrace, Assumpta Villas and Campion



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Crescent. The transfer of services is ongoing.

### **Taghadoo 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.

#### **Langton Road, Newbridge**

This scheme is now substantially complete, with final snagging to be completed by early May. Landscaping will be carried out following completion of snagging, depending on weather

conditions. The existing road side verge will also be cleaned and planted.

#### **Morell Flood Management Scheme**

A Judicial Review has been lodged against An Bord Pleanála's decision. Kildare County Council, as notice party cannot commence any works until the review is heard or withdrawn. Efforts are ongoing to resolve issues.

#### **Athy Flood Modeling**

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

#### **Hazelhatch**

The tender for further hydrological study into flooding at Hazelhatch is now on the e-tenders website, with a closing date of 27 June 2019. Consultants are scheduled to be appointed in July.



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### **Kerdiffstown**

An Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Licence was granted on 07 March. Taking possession of properties under the CPO has commenced. One advanced works contract is being awarded and a second for the L2005 to be realigned is being assessed. Demolition works is commencing shortly. Short-listing of candidates for the main contract has commenced.

### **Cemeteries**

#### **Athy Cemetery**

Further surfacing works have been completed in the cemetery.

#### **Churchtown Cemetery**

Works are substantially complete.

#### **Rathangan Cemetery**

Works have now commenced and are close to finalisation.

#### **Kildare Town Cemetery**

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

### **Newbridge Cemetery**

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

### **Columbarium Wall at Laraghbryan**

Works are substantially complete.

### **Columbarium Wall at Derrinturn**

Invitation for tenders is scheduled for June/July 2019.

### **Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)**

Governance structures are now in place and meetings of the Regional Steering Group have taken place. Kilkenny County Council was successful in their bid to partner with Kildare County Council to deliver this shared service across the region. Collaboration is ongoing with third level Institutions, the Office of Public Works (OPW) and the Eastern Midlands Assembly (EMA). The finalisation of the adaptation strategies has been prioritised across the region and the CARO has supported workshops in each of the constituent local authorities and are actively





assisting each county to develop their respective strategies. SEA/AA consultants 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 coming couple of months will be on public consultation for the plans (there are currently six strategies on public display with the other 11 due out in the next week or two) before final drafting and presentation to the elected members for adoption.

#### **Kildare Climate Action Team**

The Kildare Climate Change Adaption Strategy is at drafting stage and has been environmentally screened. Presentations have been delivered to the Environment Services and Water Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and full council. The strategy will be on public display from Tuesday 11 June and will remain on display until Tuesday 09 July, inclusive.

#### **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.

#### **Dog Pound**

Works have commenced on site.

#### **IBAL (Irish Business against Litter) latest Survey**

Leixlip and Newbridge have been judged to be cleaner than European norms.

#### **Tidy Towns**

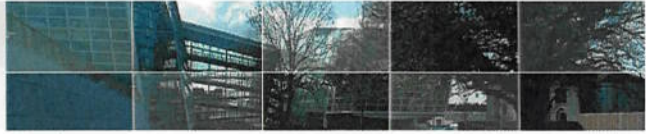
Ballymore Eustace has been selected to participate in Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition for 2019 in the small town award category.

#### **Rathangan Public Realm**

The Part 8 is to be published shortly.

#### **Kilcullen Public Realm**

The Part 8 is to be published shortly.



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**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 in the near future.

**Public Realm Upgrade for  
Newbridge**

The consultants have been appointed and a presentation was given to public

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



## 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 Department.

Grant Scheme	No. of Grants	Amount Awarded
Community Grant	176	€235,278
Festival Grant	78	€89,031
LPT grants (groups nominated by councillors)	88	€490,675
Private Residents' Associations	248	€210,551
Local Authority Residents' Associations	72	€65,643
LPT Grants (Sports – Athy MD)	30	€30,000
LPT Grants (Projects- Residents' Associations- Cel/Leix MD)	18	€19,444
Drehid Grants Scheme	30	€231,957
	<b>740</b>	<b>€1,372,579</b>



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## **Local Community**

### **Development Committee**

The last Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting was held on Wednesday 22 May 2019.

#### **Healthy Ireland (HI)**

A joint LCDC and CYPSC committee was established and met in early May. A discussion took place in relation to the next round of HI funding. However, the parameters of the application or process for the next round of funding were not available at the time of the meeting. These are expected in the coming weeks.

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

The programme in Athy finished on Thursday 02 May. A celebration event was very well attended and the programme was very successful.

The HeadsUp programme in Newbridge has commenced. Pre - development work is taking place in the North of the County to inform the programme there.

#### **AIRO- Maynooth University**

Sample mapping was available for the LCDC meeting. The work should be completed in the coming weeks, and interesting findings in relation to how HAP and RAS payments are impacting on the deprivation indices are emerging.

#### **Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme**

Work continues to implement the SICAP programme across the county. CKLP were recently successful in securing funding to employ a Youth Employment worker from KWETB targeting 16-18 year olds in Athy.

#### **Rural Development LEADER**

Four projects were approved for LEADER funding at the last LCDC meeting totalling €389,633.09. Funding is still available under this programme For further information contact: Brian Kelly, Helen Mulhall or Maeve Howe County Kildare LEADER Partnership- 045 895450.





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### **Big Hello**

The Big Hello in Kildare held over the Bank Holiday weekend was a great success. Eight events were held across Kildare with a number of large community events e.g. Monasterevin and Allenwood participating in this national initiative.

### **Community Enhancement Programme**

Kildare has been allocated €148,013 to fund community capital projects in

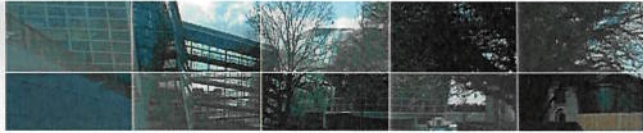
disadvantaged areas. It was agreed by the LCDC to prioritise LEADER projects that are at risk of not progressing and Town and Village Renewal that are not completed. The closing date for applications was 30 May 2019.

The next LCDC meeting will be held on Wednesday 03 July 2019.

### **Kildare Fáilte**

Key activities May 2019:

- Meeting with LEADER re Taste of Kildare
- Meeting with potential event management companies for Taste of Kildare 2019
- Recruitment began for Events Coordinator and Administrator role
- Taste of Kildare 2019 planning
- Attended Kildare Business Expo at Sheehy's, promoting Taste of Kildare and Kildare Derby Festival
- Organised Kildare Derby Festival launch event on 10 May – There were 100 attendees, great success
- Kildare Derby Festival ongoing marketing support



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- New Chief Experience Officer attended Royal Ascot Trials Day at Naas Racecourse, Kildare Rose Selection night, overnights at Killashee Hotel and Westgrove Hotel
  - Meeting with Rose of Tralee organisers re Tour and pre-tour launch itineraries
  - Planning Rose of Tralee Tour itineraries
  - Completed training for Future Ticketing ticket sales for Taste of Kildare 2019
  - Organised Tourism Industry Day at Newbridge Silverware Visitor Centre in partnership with Newbridge Silverware - over 50 attendees
  - Attended Taste the Island workshops on 13 and 23 May
  - Attended Kildare Village event: "How does the Travel Industry think about Tourism in the Digital Age?"
  - Attended the launch of the new Curragh Racecourse on 24 and 26 May
  - Kildare Derby Legend's Walk planning meeting with Irish National Stud and Design Company on 28 May
  - Attended a number of Waterways Ireland meetings and completed OR Application for funding for ancillary infrastructure along the Royal Canal Greenway and sent to County Council to submit
  - Monthly social media agency meeting
  - Ongoing meetings supporting tourism providers and members in the county
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## Parks

### **Eadestown Playground**



The playground has been completed and opened for use on 03 June. An official opening will take place once the new Mayor is in place.

### **Caragh Playground**

Construction on this is due to commence by the end of the month. It is anticipated the work will take 12 weeks to complete.

### **Sallins Playground**

The playground is substantively completed. The remaining work is to complete the access road. It is hoped to have the playground open for use by the end of the month.

### **Maynooth Playground**

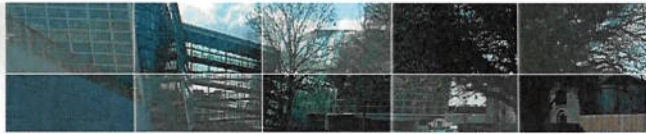
Resurfacing of the playground is in progress and should be complete by the end of the month weather depending. It is proposed to repaint the panels of the tall play tower once this is complete.

### **Outdoor Gyms**

Work on the installation of new outdoor gym equipment has started in Lourdesville Playground Kildare Town and Moone. It is expected this will be complete by the end of the month. Work was also to take place to replace the gym equipment in the Harbour Field. This has been put on hold pending the completion of a masterplan for the field.

### **St. Cocas Athletic Track, Bawnogues, Kilcock**

A tender has been issued for the construction of sprint lanes, a high jump area, upgraded lighting, relocation of the steeple jump and other works on the athletics track in the Bawnogues, Kilcock. The closing date for the tender is 25 June.



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

### **M7 Widening, Osberstown Interchange and Sallins Bypass Project**

SIAC Construction Ltd/Colas Ltd. is the contractor. The contractor is expecting to open 3 lanes both Eastbound and Westbound from Junction 8 Johnstown to Junction 10 Naas South by the end of June. The contractor is expecting to complete the remaining section of the M7 widening i.e. Junction 10 Naas South to the M7/M9 merge by the end of August. 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 is 27 June.

### **Athy Distributor Route**

An Bord Pleanála 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 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.

### **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 completion date is the end of 2019.





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### **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.

- 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

### **Naas Municipal District 2019**

#### **Naas Municipal District Footpath Works**

The following is an update in regard to the Naas Municipal District for improvement works to footpath and associated works at the following locations within the Naas Municipal District:

- Newbridge Road, Naas footpath works – complete

- Resurfacing of Abbey Street Car Park, Naas – complete

- Hazlemere road repairs – complete

- The Gables, Kill (footpath improvements) – complete

- Main Street, Naas – at pre-construction stage

- The Park, Naas (footpath improvements) – complete

- Brannockstown Footpath – complete



## **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 the end of June 2019. It includes the following works locations:

- Section A: L6039 Crab Road
- 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

The second package of road improvement projects (Works Package 2) is at pre-construction stage with construction to start by mid-June 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.

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

The LPT/Parking 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.

### **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. Due to funding constraints it was not possible to deliver the route at that time and 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 (as published by the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA, 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 away 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 metre and 3.5 metre high), and 2 metre 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) 9 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 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/Part8Schemes](http://www.kildarecoco.ie/PublicConsultations/Part8Schemes)). A maximum AADT of 11,278 vehicles is predicted on the proposed road by 2035.

The submissions received in respect of the Part 8 application were assessed and the Chief Executive's Report will be considered by the Naas Municipal District Committee at their meeting scheduled for 17 June.

### **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 has commenced.



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### **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 us 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 residential.

### **Road Safety**

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

Primary	860
Post-Primary	120
Youthreach	30
Novice Cyclists	32

### **Drive for Work**

The Road Safety Officer delivered a "Drive for Work" Programme to 26 John Paul Construction employees on their site where the new Lidl Distribution Centre is under construction in Newbridge.




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

- Punchestown Racing Festival
- County Fleadh Cheoil - Naas
- Visit of President Higgins – Athy
- 5K Run\Walk Lackagh
- River Paw Walk - Athy
- Curragh Races
- Darkness into Light - Athy
- Boating Regatta - Blessington
- Africa Day - Athy
- Truck Run for Erin - Naas

**Fire Service**

<b>Operational Calls</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Total Calls 2018</b>	<b>Total Calls May 2019</b>
Newbridge	460	194
Naas	503	183
Athy	266	105
Maynooth	322	126
Monasterevin	214	81
Leixlip	245	93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>782</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	34	28	42	
Naas	35	38	42	22	46	
Athy	33	16	17	21	18	
Maynooth	25	25	29	22	25	
Monasterevin	19	16	17	14	15	
Leixlip	14	14	20	28	17	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>163</b>	

## Fire Safety

	<b>No. Inspections</b>	<b>No. Premises Inspected</b>
2018	88	85
2019	37	35

	<b>No. Fire Safety Complaints</b>
2018	18
2019	7

	<b>No. Fire Safety Certificates</b>
2018	204
2019	68





	No. Planning File Comments
2018	518
2019	158

## Building and Development Control

### Building Control

	2018	2019
<b>Commencement Notices</b>		
Total Number of Commencement Notices received:	662	272
Number of Valid commencement notices received:	618	267
Number of Invalid commencement notices received:	44	5
No. of Inspections carried out on Commencement Notices	109	76

	2018	2019
<b>Certificates of Compliance on Completion</b>		
Total Number of Certificates received:	644	227
Number Valid	629	227
Number Invalid	15	0
Awaiting processing	-	-
Additional Information		
Number of Inspections carried out	23	41



<b>Disability Access Certificates</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total Number of Disability Access Certificates received:	139	50
Number granted:	130	66
Number refused:	0	0
Number of Inspections carried out	35	8

<b>Building Control Active Sites</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Number of units inspected	107	702

#### Development Control

<b>Active Sites</b>	<b>At 31/12/2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Number of Sites with house construction	64	75
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)”*

### Funding Applications Awarded for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2019

	Export Marketing Grant	Web Development Grant	Business Start up/Expansion/ Priming Grant	Shop fronts	Total MD	No. of Clients
<b>Athy</b>	€1,500	<i>None availed in this period</i>	€48,871	€38,221	€88,592	15
<b>Maynooth</b>	€10,207	€11,225	€96,169	€6,940	€124,541	17
<b>Celbridge/ Leixlip</b>	<i>None availed in this period</i>	€1,000	€72,750	€6,094	€79,844	5
<b>Newbridge /Kildare</b>	€5,340	€7,582	€78,818	€13,468	€105,209	12
<b>Naas</b>	€5,340	€7,260	€30,483	€25,428	€68,511	17



## Entrepreneurship Support Services During May 2019

Brexit still remains very high on the agenda and a series of interventions have been put in place, including site

visits to the businesses most at risk, looking at the potential impacts, formalities and procedures our businesses will need to adopt when trading with a country which is outside the Single Market and Custom Unions.

### Soft Supports Summary

<p><b>One on One 1 HR Business Advice Clinics</b> Businesses Supported : 17</p>	<p>17 business owners availed of 1-1 free expert advisory sessions, to assist entrepreneurs with a range of business challenges at both start up business and established business stage</p>
<p><b>Business Mentoring</b> Business Supported: 8</p>	<p>8 businesses supported, delivered over a number of visits by experts to clients on their own premises.</p>

<p><b>Training Programs</b></p>	<p>Summary of impact on businesses in May 19</p>
<p><b>Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)</b>  Business Supported: 12</p>	<p>The fifth of 14 SYOB programs to be run in 2019. 12 individuals began the SYOB course in Newbridge in May. LEO continually rotate the programs across the county, with programmes planned to take place in Celbridge, Naas, Athy, Kildare and Newbridge in September.</p>
<p><b>Customs Export and Import Procedures</b>  Date: 17 May Location: Osprey Hotel</p>	<p>The LEO ran an interactive workshop for businesses in Kildare to improve business readiness for custom procedures post Brexit. Attendees learned about the potential impacts, formalities and procedures they will</p>



<p>Business Supported: 17</p>	<p>need to adopt when trading with a country which is outside the Single Market and Custom Unions. This course will run again on the 05 September.</p>
<p><b>Trading Online Voucher Seminar</b> Date: 14 May Location: Áras Chill Dara Businesses Supported : 24</p>	<p>Another 24 businesses were met and encouraged to take up the online trading Voucher valued at €2500. The objective of the scheme is to help small businesses build their brand; grow their sales, exports and ultimately jobs. The next Trading Online Voucher Seminar takes place on 25 of June.</p>
<p><b>GO 2 Tender Successes Programme</b> Date: 14 May Location: Osprey Hotel Businesses Supported : 20</p>	<p>In association with Intertrade Ireland the LEO supported 20 businesses with the knowledge and practical skills to tender successfully for public sector contracts in their own jurisdictions and on a cross-border basis.</p>
<p><b>LEAN for Micro Programme</b> Date: 14 and 28 May Location: Osprey Hotel Businesses Supported : 11</p>	<p>Supporting an additional 11 companies through the LEAN programme. This is a direct on site mentoring intervention to ensure competitiveness and viability of Kildare based businesses. Support is available for 20 more businesses in September. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/Training-Events/LEAN-Programme-2019/">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/Training-Events/LEAN-Programme-2019/</a></p>
<p><b>Basic Bookkeeping and Taxation</b> Date: 21 and 28 May Location: Áras Chill Dara Businesses Supported: 15</p>	<p>15 businesses were provided with bookkeeping and taxation skills. The next course will take place on the 02 and 09 of July.</p>

All of our courses can be booked here:

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





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## Local Enterprise Development Services

### **Kildare LEO win National Enterprise Awards back to back**

On Wednesday 29 June, the LEO, and Kildare Global Skincare Company Pestle and Mortar, won the top prize at this year's National Enterprise Awards, organised by the LEO's to celebrate Ireland's best small businesses. The Newbridge-headquartered company, launched by Ms Sonia Deasy in

2014, is now a global skincare brand and stocks its products in thirteen countries including the US, the UK, Australia, Bermuda and Thailand. Pestle and Mortar is the first skincare company to win the overall title in the competition's 21 year history and is backed by the LEO Kildare. This is the second year in a row that the top title has been won by a Kildare company, with Terra NutriTech of Athy winning the top prize last year.

### **3 Kildare Local Enterprise Office Entrepreneurs in Regional finals of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur representing Kildare County Council**

3 out of 62 under 35's who entered the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition will represent Kildare at the regional finals on Wednesday 12 June, where they will be up against finalists from counties Laois, Offaly and Westmeath. From here, those successful will go on to represent the county at the National Final, which will take place at Google Headquarters in September.

In 'Best New Idea' category is Ms Claire Afolabi, founder of Little Sitters in Kilcullen. The online babysitting directory provides parents with vetted, interviewed, reference checked and trained babysitters, recruited through an easy to use website.

In 'Best Start-Up Business' category is Pierce Dargan, founder of Tincomy Ltd. T/A Equine MediRecord in The Curragh. The subscription-based software service automates medical record compliance in the equine industry. 'Best Established Business', is Mr Conor Browne, founder of Conor Browne Wreaths, Ireland's largest producer of fresh



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Christmas wreaths, foliage, Christmas trees and florist sundries.

**Local Enterprise Office Business Network opportunities in association with Kildare Chamber**

The Local Enterprise Office sponsored two lunch and learn events with the Kildare Chamber, with talks from Brian Purcell of Big Picture Communications at Lawlors Hotel Naas, and Allan Shine, Chief Executive of County Kildare Chamber at the Keadeen Hotel Newbridge.

**Kildare Summer Expo Show**

The Local Enterprise Office sponsored 20 clients to take a stand at the annual Kildare Summer Business Expo show, The event took place on Thursday 31 May at Sheehy Motors, Naas with more than 100 exhibitors present and an estimated 1,500 in attendance. The Local Enterprise Office also ran 1 to 1 Access to Finance business advisory clinics throughout the day and was heavily subsidised.

**Local Enterprise office offer food producers highly subsidised opportunity to exhibit in the Taste of Kildare**

The Taste of Kildare food festival takes place on 18 August, 2019 at the K Club, where attendees sample menus from Kildare's leading restaurants, producers and suppliers. Local Enterprise Office Kildare are seeking Expressions of Interest forms 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 Taste of Kildare festival, for the subsidised cost of €100 per stand (unsubsidised fee €350). For more information: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/News/Taste-of-Kildare.html>

**Local Economic Development Services**

**MERITS Building**

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 county and wider



region. MERITS was awarded nearly €2m 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 the coming weeks with the building due to be completed by the end of 2020.

### **Athy Food, Drink and Skills Innovation Hub**

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 investment and an application for additional funding for this ambitious

project will be submitted under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund later this year.

### **Equine Innovation Centre at 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 are working with The Irish National on this project currently and an application for funding to renovate the space identified has been made to Kildare LEADER.

Tender request for design team will be published in the third week of June. Set to open 2020.



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### **Online Retailing for the Traditional Retailer Conference**

Local Enterprise Office hosted a seminar for 37 retail business owners of County Kildare. The aim of the seminar was to support retailers support their bricks and mortar business with the potential for online success. The conference featured guest speakers James Burke of James Burke and Associates, Ms Jean McCabe of willow.ie and Gerard Keohane of studioforty9.com. Next event digital program will take place on 25 June.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/Trading-Events/Online-Bookings/Trading-Online-Voucher-Digital-Marketing-Seminar.html>

### **Pride of Business Premises Competition 2019 launched**

Kildare County Council's Economic Unit Forum launched the 'Pride of Business Premises Awards' competition on Thursday 31 May.

The 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 premises to take part applications available on website here <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/News/Pride-of-Business-Premises-Awards.html>



## Ongoing Grant Aid

If your constituents are interested in any of the grant aid below, advise them to 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 less than 10 employees.

**TAME** – This grant can part-fund the costs incurred 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) and is available to any business with less than 10 employees.

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

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

**MFI** – Works with small businesses with less than 10 employees and turnover of up to €2m, by providing unsecured business loans of €2,000 to €25,000 for commercially viable proposals. It is available to any business with less than 10 employees.

## Business Advice Clinics

If your constituents are interested in booking a Business Advice Clinic,

advise them to contact the LEO on 045 980967, or [localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie)

Location	When	Where
Athy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds of each month	Library
Newbridge	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri of each month	TBC
Maynooth	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds of each month	Library
Leixlip	Last Weds of each month	Library
Naas	Ongoing, by appointment	Kildare County Council





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**Peter Carey**

**Chief Executive**



**Kildare County Council**

**Appendix I**

**Revenue Account Summary by Service Division to period to 31/05/2019**

Division	Description	Expenditure			Income		
		Expenditure €,000	Budget €,000	% Budget Spend	Budget €,000	% Budget collected	Budget to be collected
A	Housing & Building	15,526	39,746	39%	12,462	40%	18,901
B	Road Transport and Safety	12,919	35,581	36%	5,314	34%	10,401
C	Water Services	3,358	9,860	34%	2,319	24%	7,284
D	Development Management	6,846	17,797	38%	2,410	49%	2,505
E	Environmental Services	6,833	19,650	35%	1,709	26%	4,862
F	Recreation and Amenity	4,101	11,144	37%	817	72%	325
G	Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	352	1,193	30%	116	34%	226
H	Miscellaneous Services	6,160	15,882	39%	537	9%	5,293
LG	Local Property Tax Allocation				5,364	33%	10,726
RA	Rates				24,584	41%	34,698
		56,095	150,853	37%	55,632	37%	95,221

**Kildare County Council**

**Summary of Major Collections to 31/05/2019**

	Arrears 01/01/2019	Accrued	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Outstanding 31/03/2019	% Collected
Commercial Rates	12,683,304	58,751,408	383,895	-	71,050,817	16,919,605	54,131,212	24%
Rents & Annuities	1,487,528	5,500,428	144,377	-	6,843,579	5,147,879	1,695,700	75%
Housing Loans	3,732,579	1,234,136	51,537	-	4,915,178	1,770,279	3,144,899	36%

**Kildare County Council**

**May-19**

**Number of days recourse to overdraft**  
**Days**

**Interest incurred**  
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