



**Minutes of meeting of Full Council held at 3:00 p.m.  
Monday 25 November 2024 in the Council Chamber  
Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

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**Members Present:** Councillors J. Neville, (Cathaoirleach), A. Breen, A. Breslin, F. Brett, B. Caldwell, S. Doyle, K. Duffy, G. Dunne, D. Fitzpatrick, R. Heather, C. Kelly, P. McEvoy, P. O'Dwyer, T. O'Dwyer, B. O'Loughlin, C. O'Rourke, D. Trost and B. Wyse.

**Online:** Councillors P. Balfe, B. Dooley, T. Durkan, N. Killeen, M. Leigh, P. Melrose, S. Moore, S. Ní Raghallaigh, C. Pender, R. Power and P. Ward

**Apologies:** Councillors, V. Behan, B. Clear, W. Durkan, A. Farrelly, A. Feeney N. Heavey, I. Keatley, T. McDonnell, N. Ó Cearúil, L. Panaite Fahey and E. Sammon.

**Also Present:** Ms. S. Kavanagh (Chief Executive), Ms A. Apell, Ms M. Higgins, Mr. A. Dunney, (Directors of Service) Mr. D. Creighton, Ms. C. Barrett, (A/Director of Service), Ms. E. Hanlon (Head of Finance), Mr. O. Brady, (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms. C. O'Grady (Meetings Administrator), Mr. J. Hannigan (Meetings Secretary), and other officials.

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The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the November monthly meeting of the Council and confirmed that the meeting was being live streamed on the Council's YouTube channel. He reminded everyone attending that no recording or photography is allowed online or in the chamber during the meeting.

He reminded members that there is no privilege attaching to anything said at the meeting, either online or in the chamber.

**01/1124**



### **Bereavements**

The Cathaoirleach extended his sympathy to the families of the late:

Noreen Galvin, mother of Chris Galvin, Environment

Rose Sheridan, former colleague, Library Services

John McCarville, former colleague, Housing

James (Jim) Domican, father of Damien Beau Domican, Naas Fire Station

Josephine Guinan, mother of Finian Guinan Housing Maintenance

Noel Murphy, former Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Fire Service.

Seamus Connolly, father of Lisa Rothwell, Planning.

A minute's silence was observed.

### **02/1124**

#### **Declaration of Interests**

The Cathaoirleach sought from the members any declarations of conflicts of interest or pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended. There were no declarations.

### **03/1124**

#### **Minutes and Progress Report**

The council considered the draft minutes of the monthly meeting held on 21 October 2024 and the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell seconded by Councillor Mc Evoy and agreed by the members present that the draft minutes of the monthly meeting held on 21 October 2024 be adopted. The progress report was noted.

### **04/1124**

#### **Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report**

The members noted the Chief Executives monthly management report.

### **05/1124**

#### **Disposal of Lands Section 183**



The members considered the the disposal of lands pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, (as amended).

- i. Disposal of Decommissioned pumping station, .0029 hectares at Brownstown Great, Curragh (Statutory notice 11 November circulated previously and attached).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members present that pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended (Statutory notice of 11 November 2024 circulated previously and attached) the disposal of Decommissioned pumping station, .0029 hectares at Brownstown Great, Curragh be approved.

- ii. Disposal of 0.2106 hectares, by way of 30-year lease, land at Limerick Road, Naas, Co Kildare to the Trustees of Naas Care of the Aged. (Statutory notice dated 12 November circulated previously and attached)

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by the members present that pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended (Statutory notice of 12 November 2024 circulated previously and attached) the disposal of 0.2106 hectares, by way of 30-year lease, land at Limerick Road, Naas, Co Kildare to the Trustees of Naas Care of the Aged be approved.

- iii. Disposal of lands by way of lease 2.1ha/5.2 acres at Commons West (Bawnogues) Kilcock (Statutory notice dated 13 November circulated previously and attached).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members present that pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended (Statutory notice of 13 November 2024 circulated previously and attached) the disposal of lands by way of lease 2.1ha/5.2 acres at Commons West (Bawnogues) Kilcock be approved.

- iv. Disposal of lands by way of lease 0.08ha/0.19 acres at Commons West (Bawnogues), Kilcock (Statutory notice dated 13 November circulated previously and attached).



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members present that pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended (Statutory notice of 13 November 2024 circulated previously and attached) the disposal of lands by way of lease 0.08ha/0.19 acres at Commons West (Bawnogues), Kilcock be approved.

- v. Disposal of lands by way of lease 0.651ha /1.6 acres at Commons West (Bawnogues), Kilcock (Statutory notice dated 13 November circulated previously and attached).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members present that pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended (Statutory notice of 13 November 2024 circulated previously and attached) the disposal of lands by way of lease .651ha/1.6 acres at Commons West (Bawnogues), Kilcock be approved.

#### **06/1124**

#### **Annual Financial Statements 2023**

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the reports on the audit of the Annual Financial Statements 2023 which were circulated to the members previously and which include the Audit Committee Report in accordance with Section 121 Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the Unmodified Audit Opinion and the Local Government Audit Service Statutory Audit Report, were listed for noting on the agenda.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Mc Evoy and agreed by members, that the Annual Financial Statements be noted.

#### **07/1124**

#### **Default Speed Limit of 60 km per hour on Rural Local Roads**

The members considered the report circulated in relation to the implementation of the Default Speed Limit of 60 km per hour on Rural Local Roads in accordance with the Road Traffic Acts 1961- 2024.



Ms. C. Barrett advised that the report had been circulated to the members which included submissions received and responses given. It was intended to proceed with the implementation of the Default Speed Limit of 60km per hour on Rural Local Roads in accordance with the Road Traffic Acts 1961-2024. This would be implemented when the legislation was passed, which was expected to be in February 2025.

Members asked the following questions:

When did the council envisage that the signs would be erected? They had noticed that poles were being erected.

Could members have a refresher on the process?

Would members have the opportunity to make further submissions in this regard?

Are there plans to introduce any special speed limits near schools?

When will Jake's Law be introduced?

Can members get a list of the rural local roads where the speed limit will default to 60kms?

Ms. C. Barrett advised that the council are dealing with rural roads, and once this process is complete, the council will then proceed to the next phase which is to deal with urban roads. The next step was the tidying-up of the administrative process and there will be an agenda item at the December meeting with regard to rescinding of speed limit bye laws. The new signs will be in place but covered until the enactment of legislation in February 2025. To reduce the 60 kph speed limit would require the enactment of Bye Laws

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by the members present that the default speed limit of 60km per hour on Rural Local Roads be implemented in accordance with legislation.

**08/1124**

**Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029**



The members considered the report circulated in relation to the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029.

Mr. O. Brady gave a presentation to the members, where he outlined the work undertaken by the previous committee. He also outlined the level of public consultation, and the methods used. He advised members of the number of submissions received and of the maintenance and upgrades to all sites. He outlined work that had been completed from 2019 to 2024 and the planned programme for 2024 to 2029. He also committed that the scheme if adopted, would be reviewed mid-term. He thanked all involved, including the elected members for the work done. Councillor P. O'Dwyer acknowledged the work done by the team, the camp wardens, the administration team, and social workers. She stated that this was very much a team effort.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by the members present that the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2024-2029 be approved.

#### **09/1124**

#### **Draft Meetings Calendar for 2025**

The members considered the draft meetings calendar and report circulated previously which outlined the proposed dates of meetings for 2025 and proposed changes to dates set as per Standing Orders and agreed protocols. A provisional date had been included for the Annual Budget meeting. Ms C. O'Grady advised members that some dates have been moved because of public holidays, which would have a knock-on effect on deadlines for receipts of motions and questions. Details of these revised dates were contained in the report to members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by all members present, that the Draft Meetings Calendar for 2025 be approved.

#### **10/1124**

#### **Cathaoirleach's Business**



The Cathaoirleach informed the members that it had been a busy month. He had attended the following events

Brigid 2025 launch

Launch of the Irish Language Plan

Into Kildare AGM

School Safety Launch

### **10/1124**

#### **Correspondence**

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that three items of correspondence had been received and circulated to the members consisting of resolutions from Fingal County Council, Waterford City & County Council and Monaghan County Council. A letter had issued to the Electoral Commission following the motion last month from Councillors Clear and Balfe and a reply is awaited.

### **11/1124**

#### **Conferences and Training**

The Meetings Administrator informed the members the council had not been informed of any new training or conference events since the report circulated the previous month. Retrospective approval was sought by Councillor G. Dunne for attendance at the AILG organised training event on Local Authority Finance and Budget in the Radisson Hotel Limerick on the 2 November

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Neville seconded by Councillor McEvoy that the attendance be approved

### **12/1124**

#### **Protocol and Procedures Committee**

##### **Referred motion from July Full Council –**

##### **Use of Irish at meetings and holding of December 2024 Full Council Meeting in Irish/bilingual.**

Ms O'Grady informed the meeting that the Protocol and Procedures Committee met on September 9 and October 3.



The recommendations of this Committee on the matters set out were considered at the Corporate Policy Group meeting on the 14 October and noted and it was agreed to put them forward to the November Council meeting.

The Committee concluded that due to cost and technical limitations, as well as the current low level of language proficiency of most participants, and the complexity of debate at such meetings, that it would be inadvisable to conduct a meeting in Irish or bilingually.

It was agreed that the training opportunities available to members would be communicated and the Irish Officer undertook to supplement this resource by the development of helpful phrases related to the conduct of statutory meetings, that could assist members in using Irish during meetings.

The recommendation was noted by the members present.

### **Webcasting of Council Meeting**

The Protocol and Procedures Committee recommended the extension of YouTube live streaming of the Council meeting for a further year, subject to investment in enhancements that enable the Council to more actively promote the streaming service and remove some manual aspects. Viewership for Kildare County Council and feedback from other Local Authorities is to be monitored and reported to the Protocol and Procedures Committee to review the position in September 2025.

The members would consider future uploading of recordings, subject to changes to Standing Orders, which would require assessment by the Committee and the development of further protocols, given greater governance needs associated with publication of recordings.

The recommendation was noted by the members present.

## **13/1124**

### **Climate-Related Flooding**

The following motion in the names of Councillors McEvoy, Power, Keatley, Farrelly was considered by the members:

With the increasing frequency and severity of climate-related flooding, that the Council heeds the economic warnings in the Central Banks' Flood Protection Gap report





(including concentrated risks to residential and business properties in County Kildare with funding shortfalls for disaster recovery) and prioritises risk mitigation when:

- (a) making decisions, as set out in the current national and county objectives and policies,
- (b) preparing additional flood mitigation policies,
- (c) engaging with stakeholders to advocate for the necessary resources to take preventative action.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Neville.

A report was received from Ms M Higgins, Director of Service, Climate, Community, Environment and Water as follows:

### **Background to Flood Risk Management**

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is the lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland. The co-ordination of Government Policy in terms of flood risk identification, assessment, and management is the responsibility of the OPW, and as such it is primarily charged with ensuring Ireland's compliance with its legal obligations in relation to flood risk. The EU Floods Directive and the recommendations of the 2004 National Flood Policy Review Report are driving forces behind flood management in Ireland. The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines, DEHLG (2009) and DECLG Circular PL2/2014 address the interface between flood risk management and the planning system.

The 2009 DECLG Guidelines for planning authorities – “The Planning System and Flood Risk Management” were issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála are required to have regard to the Guidelines in carrying out their functions under the Planning Acts. Planning authorities (both elected members and officials) must implement these Guidelines in ensuring that, where relevant, flood risk is a key consideration in preparing development plans and local area plans and in the assessment of planning applications. The Guidelines will also

assist regional authorities in preparing regional planning guidelines and should be utilised by developers and the wider public in addressing flood risk in preparing development proposals.

### The Planning System and Flood Risk Management

In achieving the aims and objectives of the Guidelines, the key principles that should be adopted by regional and local authorities, developers and their agents should be to follow a sequential approach with avoidance of development in areas of known flood risk the first step.

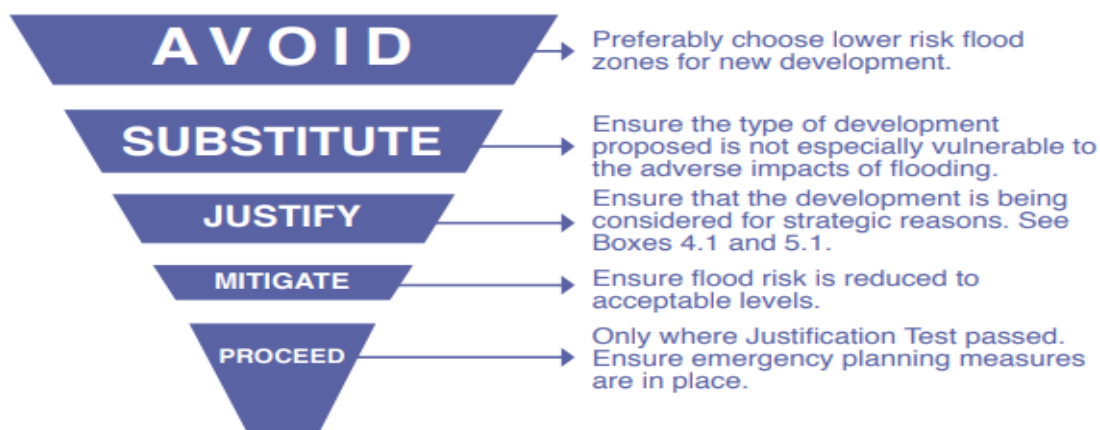


Fig. 3.1: Sequential approach principles in flood risk management

Flood risk must be assessed at plan making through a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and again at development management stage through a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment. Land use zoning for development and individual developments should only be considered in areas of known flood risk through compliance with a strict set of criteria, known as the Justification Test. At development plan level, these include the lands being within or adjoining the core of an established urban settlement, being essential in achieving compact and sustainable urban growth and there being no suitable alternative lands with a lower risk of flooding. A flood risk assessment must also have been carried out which demonstrates that the flood risk can be adequately managed and will not cause adverse impacts elsewhere.

In terms of development management, the Justification Test may be applied to lands that have been zoned and meets a number of criteria including the requirement that the



development will not increase flood risk elsewhere, minimises the risk to people, property and the environment and manages residual risk to an acceptable level.

The Guidelines also advise the protection of existing flood plains and the assessment of the impacts of climate change at both plan and development management stage.

Since 2009, the Guidelines have been supported by the delivery of national flood mapping, with current and future (Climate Change scenarios) available on the website [www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie) and through the preparation of flood risk management plans by the OPW.

### **Kildare County Council Policies:**

Kildare's County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 (CDP) contains the following policy and objectives relating to flood risk management and urban and rural development:

<b>IN P5</b>	Ensure the continued incorporation of Flood Risk Management and National Flood Risk Policy (2018) into the spatial planning of Kildare, to meet the requirements of the EU Floods Directive and the EU Water Framework Directive and to promote a climate resilient County.
<b>IN O28</b>	Ensure development proposals in rural areas demonstrate compliance with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ability of a site in an un-serviced area to accommodate an on-site wastewater disposal system in accordance with the County Kildare Groundwater Protection Scheme, and any other relevant documents and legislation as may be introduced during the Plan period.</li><li>• The ability of a site in an un-serviced area to accommodate an appropriate on-site surface water management system in accordance with the policies of the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (2005), in particular those of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS).</li><li>• The need to comply with the requirements of the Planning Systems and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, published by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage, and Local Government (2009).</li></ul>



<b>IN O33</b>	Manage flood risk in the county in accordance with the sequential approach and requirements of the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG and OPW (2009) and circular PL02/2014 (August 2014), when preparing plans, programmes, and assessing development proposals. To require, for lands identified in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment to an appropriate level of detail, addressing all potential sources of flood risk, demonstrating compliance with the Guidelines or any updated version of these guidelines, paying particular attention to avoidance of known flood risk, residual flood risks and any proposed site-specific flood management measures.
<b>IN O36</b>	Require that development along urban watercourses comply with the Inland Fisheries Ireland Guidance: Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment (2020), including the maintenance of a minimum riparian zone of 35 metres for river channels greater than 10 meters in width, and 20 meters for river channels less than 10 metres in width. Development within this zone will only be considered for water compatible developments as defined in the OPW Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009).

These objectives support the implementation of the Guidelines and the avoidance of flood risk as the first step of sustainable development. The maintenance of a buffer zone along all watercourses supports adaptation against Climate Change increases in flow and flooding.

Further support in the mitigation of flood risk is provided by the promotion of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in the following policies and objectives:



<b>IN P4</b>	Ensure adequate surface water drainage systems are in place which meet the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive and the River Basin Management Plan in order to promote the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems.
<b>IN O20</b>	Maintain, protect and enhance capacity of the existing surface water drainage systems in the county.
<b>IN O21</b>	Facilitate the development of nature based Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, including the retrofitting of SuDS in established urban areas. Culverting entire drains and streams will generally be prohibited; interference with natural drainage systems is to be minimised and the Council will explore opportunities to remove culverted drainage systems in favour of open, natural drainage systems.
<b>IN O22</b>	Require the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) and other nature-based surface water drainage as an integral part of all new development proposals.

The Council has also delivered on action IN A3, with the launch of the Sustainable Drainage Systems Guidance, a copy of which is available on the Council's website.

<b>IN A3</b>	Develop a 'Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Guidance Document' for County Kildare within one year of the adoption of the Plan.
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### Existing Flood Risk

While retrofitting is encouraged in dealing with existing surface water (pluvial) flooding, existing river based (fluvial) flooding is managed through the delivery of flood relief schemes. In May 2018, the OPW published their Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) and announced €257 million for 50 New Flood Relief Schemes, as part of a Ten-Year €1 billion Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures. In July 2018 the Council adopted the relevant FRMPs for Kildare.

Since then, the following flood relief schemes have commenced:

- Morell Flood Management Scheme: At construction
- Naas Flood Relief Scheme: At preliminary design stage
- Athy Flood Relief Scheme: At preliminary design stage
- Leixlip Flood Relief Scheme: At pre-feasibility stage



The current capital value of delivering these schemes is €60 million.

Other schemes listed in the FRMPS are:

- Maynooth Flood Relief Scheme
- Clane Flood Relief Scheme
- Newbridge Flood Relief Scheme

These schemes are delivered by the Council in partnership with the OPW and must meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Guidelines, previously the Public Spending Code, as well as the relevant planning and environment legislation and approvals.

Delivery of flood relief schemes is a key action (N8) of the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.

The Council also operate a drainage maintenance team with responsibility for existing drainage districts. Drainage Districts typically date from the 1920's to 1940's and are in rural areas where drainage schemes to improve land for agricultural purposes were constructed.

### **Flood Risk Management and Insurance**

Insurance companies make commercial decisions on the provision of insurance cover based on their assessment of the risks using their own models and methods. While the OPW mapping cannot be used for commercial purposes, the Council have raised the issue of insurance companies refusing to provide insurance in areas not at risk from flooding and were assured by Insurance Ireland that their members (i.e. the insurance companies) would assess properties individually.

### **Flood Risk Management Resources**

The Flood Risk Management section consists of a Senior Executive Engineer and an Executive Engineer, both of whom are funded directly by the OPW to deliver the flood relief schemes listed above. Delivery of additional schemes and flood protection measures is subject to the availability of additional resources.



Other potential areas of future flood risk management include the development of natural water retention measures to manage flood risk outside of our towns and villages and promotion of individual and community resilience.

However, while flood relief schemes, along with drainage maintenance and the retrofitting of sustainable drainage systems aim to manage existing flood risk, the best way to manage future flood risk is through sustainable planning and development and adherence to the policies and objectives in place at national, county and local levels. Recent flood events in Middleton, Cork and in Valencia, Spain serve as timely reminders of the potential impact of flooding on the lives, homes and businesses of those within our county.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed the report and made the following points

The national media advised that €520 million was available in funding. The protection gap is geographically concentrated, with 54% of uninsured losses occurring in Dublin, Cork, Clare, Louth, and Kildare.

He talked of the scale of recent flooding events and drew members attention to events in Killybegs and Mallow. He talked about a recent Lawpro event in Athlone and mentioned how they had talked about nature-based solutions and gave an example of how this was used in Inishowen. He advised that research showed that a 1% increase in temperature led to a 7% rise in moisture. This would have an impact on flooding trends. This led to an inability for households and businesses to get flood insurance. The council worked in partnership with the Office of Public Works to implement solutions. It took time to implement these solutions.

Members made the following observations

Insurance companies were refusing flood insurance for premises in places that were not in Flood risk areas

The OPW map was showing areas as flood plains, and these were not.

Insurance companies were not offering flood insurance or were using prohibitive pricing

OPW schemes in Kildare were successful e.g. Morrell and Clane

OPW mapping had not been updated, this needed to happen



Could the council write to Insurance Companies to advise them that areas were not or were no longer in flood plains

A final report from the OPW on possible flood risk areas also showing areas that were no longer at risk of flooding due to relief works carried out was awaited. It would be helpful to get the report.

Ms Higgins noted all comments – Environment Department will write to all insurance companies, if necessary, but each case should be dealt with on their own merit for insurance purposes.

Councillor McEvoy advised the Central Bank report stated that the growing flood protection gap necessitates urgent multi-stakeholder action. While significant progress has been made in managing flood risks, current measures may not be sustainable under future climate conditions. Building flood resilience, both through infrastructural improvements and insurance market adaptations, is critical to mitigate economic and social impacts. The report highlighted the Central Bank's ongoing commitment to addressing this issue and engaging stakeholders in finding solutions.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillors McEvoy seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by all members present that the report be noted.

**14/1124**

### **Multi-Use Games Areas**

The following motion in the names of Councillors Councillor Balfe and Pender was considered by the members.

That the Council develops a streamlined, efficient, and centrally coordinated process to deliver Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs), inclusive of skatepark facilities, to communities across the County. This motion seeks to prioritise these facilities as critical social infrastructure for young people, supporting their physical health, mental well-being, and social engagement.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Balfe and seconded by Councillor Pender.





A report from Ms C Barrett, A/Director of Services, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces stated that The Play Strategy 2018-2028 contains an action 'to develop appropriate play and recreation spaces for older young people in which they feel welcome and safe'. An action arising out of this is that a pilot project would be developed in relation to play and recreation for teens. This is currently underway in Celbridge and has involved a lot of engagement with teenagers to find out the facilities they want and the design of these. The outcome was that teenagers wanted a variety of small facilities rather than one large one and within walking or cycling distance. The most popular facilities were hangout spaces with covered seating and access to Wifi and USB charging points. Other facilities they sought were outdoor gym, multi-use games area, skateparks and teen playgrounds. Any proposal to delivery further facilities will have to be considered in the context of recreational projects and works already identified across the county. Potential locations will also have to be assessed. Financial and human resources will also have to identified to deliver any proposals. Lastly another consideration is the negative view that the public hold regarding teenagers and difficulty this causes to provide accessible and safe facilities.

Councillor Balfe informed the members that the pilot scheme was very welcome and welcomed the level of participation in the survey. He highlighted permeability and construction of skate parks as issues. Once a template was agreed it could be rolled out across all Municipal Districts.

Councillor Pender supported the exceptional work being carried out saying that it should be youth led and focussed on what young people need, rather than on what the council thinks they need.

Ms Barrett informed the meeting that there had been considerable engagement, but the challenge is in the delivery. It would be challenging to combat some of the negatives.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Balfe seconded by Councillor Pender and agreed by members that the report be noted.

**15/1124**

**Master Plans and Part VIII Permissions**



The following motion in the name of Councillor Doyle was considered by the members. That this council receive a report on the number of master plans and part VIII permissions prepared and passed by the council in the past 5 years and what the current status of these projects are.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A report from Ms. C. Barrett as per Appendix 1 was circulated to the members.

Councillor Doyle welcomed the comprehensive report that had been circulated. She advised that the council were excellent at bringing the projects to this point. Then the council were at the mercy of central Government to secure funding. The securing of the Part 8 created an expectation that these would go ahead but without funding being secured this was not always possible. She advised that the council needed reassurance from central Government that funding was in place.

Whilst some members were in support of this motion, others stated that we don't have the skills to deliver these masterplans. It was suggested that this motion be considered with the Development Plan and linked in with social needs and infrastructure.

Ms Aspell advised that Housing Projects were 100% reliant on Government funding. Extra staff had been secured to support the work. There would be a New Programme for Government in Place. There had been significant progress in Public Realm with 7 towns seeking URDF funding. She continued to raise the issue, and she would like to keep all the projects inhouse but there was a skills deficit hence the current reliance on consultants.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted

#### 16/1124

#### **Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Programme**

The following motion in the name of Councillor P. O'Dwyer was considered by the members.



That the council provide an update on the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Programme commenced March 2024.

The motion was proposed by Councillor P. O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor T. O'Dwyer.

A report from Ms C Barrett, A/Director of Services, Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces stated that the PLEEP contractor has substantially completed the surveying of the public lighting infrastructure including public lighting columns and associated micro pillars across the 5 Municipal Districts in County Kildare. They are currently in the design stage and validating the surveyed information while also circuit testing the micro pillars supplying the public lighting columns. It is expected that the construction stage including retrofitting of public lighting luminaires will begin in 2025.

Ms Barrett advised the members that the policy on the public lighting system is currently being reviewed and upgraded to list all Kildare County Council lights plus other non-council owned lighting.

Councillor O'Dwyer welcomed the report and queried if the survey would identify gaps. Councillor Kelly informed the meeting that some light standards were not on the registered on the council system, therefore faults could not be logged on the system. Would this be addressed?

Ms Barrett advised that what was required was an inventory of all lighting stock for upgrading. Some light standards were not in the ownership of the council. They would be examining the Lux level of the lighting in the areas, and this may need to be increased. Installing extra lights would need to be costed.

Councillor O'Dwyer asked if extra lighting needed to meet the criteria on PLEEP.

Ms Barrett said that the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC once established would be reviewing the policy.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor P. O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor T. O'Dwyer and agreed by members that the report be noted

17/1124



### **Amendment Standing Order 10**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Ní Raghallaigh was considered by the members:

Go leasódh an Chomhairle Buan-Ordú 10 chun cead a thabhairt do chomhairleoirí rúin a chur faoi bhráid ar nithe a théann i bhfeidhm ar na toghthóirí nó ar phobail laistigh de cheantar na comhairle, fiú mura mbaineann siad go díreach le gnó na comhairle."

That the council amends Standing Order 10 to allow councillors to submit motions on matters that impact the constituents or communities within the council area, even if not directly related to council business.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ní Raghallaigh and seconded by Councillor Pender.

A report from Mr E Ryan, Director of Services, Corporate, People and Cultural Services stated that the adoption of standing orders for the regulation of the meetings of council is a reserved function. Current standing order 10 provides that the order of business at all meetings other than annual meetings, Council budget meetings and special meetings shall, subject to the provisions of any enactments, be as follows:

- Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act as amended
- Confirmation of the minutes of council meetings and noting of reports of progress in matters raised at previous meetings
- Business prescribed by statute, standing orders, or resolutions of the Council for transaction at such meeting, and reports or recommendations presented by or on behalf of the Chief Executive
- Cathaoirleach's business
- Chief Executive's business
- Correspondence
- Reports and recommendations from municipal districts and/or committees
- Notices of motion on Council functions



With regard to non-council functions the council adopted standing orders on 31 May 2021 for the regulation of petitions on matters exclusive of the functions of Kildare County Council.

A **“Petition”** is correspondence, agreed by at least a majority of members, on behalf of the members of Kildare County Council, and bearing the signature of the Cathaoirleach, that requests an action concerning a matter which is exclusive of the mandate or the executive function of Kildare County Council.

The sanding orders set out the broad principles and the proceedings for members to consider a notice of petition for the issuance of correspondence on behalf of the members of Kildare County Council. A notice of petition shall propose to address a matter of public interest or public policy which is exclusive of the mandate or the executive function of Kildare County Council, or the deliberation of a Citizens’ Assembly, or an election, or a referendum.

A notice of petition shall propose that the Cathaoirleach correspond on a matter with a government minister, a government department, or a public authority to address a matter of a local, regional, or national concern. It is envisaged that a notice of petition will relate to the operation of government departments, the legislative powers of the Houses of the Oireachtas or be an issue of public policy.

The full standing orders can be accessed here <F:\users\GP\Meetings\Standing Orders and Procedures\Full Council\CURRENT STANDING ORDERS\>

The adoption or amendment of Standing Orders is a reserved function and under Standing Order 31, this requires the following:

“...orders may be amended by a resolution of the Council for which two-thirds of the Members of the Council vote in favour. For this purpose, two-thirds of the Membership shall be determined by disregarding any fraction remaining after the calculation of two-thirds.”



Standing orders would normally be first reviewed by the Protocol and Procedures Committee and a recommendation sought in relation to any proposed changes before coming back to Council through CPG for approval.

Councillor Ní Raghallaigh informed the meeting that she was requesting a change to Standing Orders. A number of motions had been rejected because they were deemed not to be a function of the council. She gave a number of examples of where the council had supported non-Council functions. She said the role of local government was limited and she believed the council needed to be able to advocate and show solidarity on behalf of constituents.

While several members supported this motion, other members opposed it, stating that including motions not relating to council business whilst being well intentioned, could cause the meeting to run over time leading to motions being adjourned. It could also give false hopes of action on subjects outside the members remit.

The Cathaoirleach called for a vote on the motion.

Prior to the vote taking place, the meetings administrator informed the members that for the motion to pass, under Standing Orders 2/3 of the membership of the council (26) had to vote in favour.

4 members voted in support of the motion. The Cathaoirleach advised that as the required threshold of 26 had not been reached the motion fell.

**Resolved** following a vote on the proposal, that as the required threshold of 26 was not met the motion was defeated.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Neville vacated the chair as he had to leave the meeting. Leas Chathaoirleach Councillor Duffy took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**18/1124**

**Open Government Partnership**

Motion Councillor Feeney



That the council, as a member of the international Open Government Partnership Local programme since 2022, meets the requirement to deliver a co-created action plan with civil society on improved citizen engagement, transparency and/or accountability, and that this is delivered with one commitment by April 2025.

As Councillor Feeney could not be in attendance and had not authorised any other member to move the motion the motion fell.

### **19/1124**

#### **Countywide CCTV Network**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Brett was considered by the members.

That Kildare County Council work proactively with community groups throughout the County to support the installation of a Countywide CCTV network.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor T. O'Dwyer.

A report from Ms M Higgins, Director of Service, Climate, Community, Environment and Water stated that the establishment of a Community CCTV schemes is set out under S38 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 and S.28 of An Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act 2023. There are significant legal requirements around the implementation of community CCTV schemes and each scheme must be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Under the legislation the establishment of all Community CCTV schemes requires the authorisation/consultation of the local Joint Policing Committee prior to submission of an application to the Garda Commissioner. As there are no longer Joint Policing Committees in place to obtain this authorisation/consultation, there does not appear to be a mechanism currently available for Local Authorities to apply for establishment of any Community CCTV schemes at this time.

It is not known at this stage if the required authorisations will be from the Local Community Safety Partnerships as regulations in relation to same are currently



awaited. It should also be noted that there are currently no resources or funding available to progress this request.

Councillor Brett informed the meeting that the use of CCTV was essential to combat the increase in crime and antisocial behaviour. This needed to be progressed as quickly as possible. It would be helpful if the County Safety Partnership could rollout a scheme like this. He believed that there was no legal impediment to setting up this type of scheme and suggested it be programmed for February/March 2025

He was supported by other members who made the following points.

CCTV could be used to prevent illegal dumping.

GDPR should not be used as an excuse for delay.

It could be used to tackle crime black spots in Kildare.

It could be used for traffic management.

There was a CCTV scheme operating in Dundalk, we could learn from that.

There needed to be a multi-pronged approach.

Councillor McEvoy advised there were technical, policy and physical layout challenges in setting up the system. He estimated the cost of the scheme between €140,000 and €150,000.

Ms Higgins advised the members that there is a pilot scheme in Clane which has progressed, but changes in the landscape of Clane has impacted same. There are many responsibilities in this scheme, and it is a long process, but management are aware of this. Ms Higgins advised the members that Kildare County Council need to learn from other councils with regard to their policies and processes. Legislation and regulations with regard to same all need to be in place prior to implementation of such a scheme.

Councillor Brett thanked the members for their support and looked forward to seeing progress.





**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Brett seconded by Councillor T. O'Dwyer and agreed by members that the report be noted.

## 20/1124

### Section 5 Planning Referral to An Bord Pleanála

The following motion in the name of Councillor Killeen was considered by the members:

That the council outlines the official planning processes and enforcement timeline and processes following a decision on a Section 5 Planning Referral to An Bord Pleanála; how that decision impacts change of use and development non-compliance where timelines for compliance are already issued and if immediate action can be taken by Kildare County Council in respect of open cases.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor O'Rourke.

A report from Mr A. Dunney, Director of Services, Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency Services stated that in regard to the above the Planning Authority Enforcement Section endeavours to carry out its enforcement functions in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of The Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended.

The processes and timelines for same are set out below.

- Planning authorities are required to issue a warning letter as soon as may be but not later than six weeks after receipt of a representation/ complaint, regarding unauthorised development which may have been, is being or may be carried out. The 2000 Act specifies who a letter should be issued to, what it should contain and that submissions may be made on the contents of the letter.
- The 2000 Act requires that it should be an objective of a planning authority to ensure that a decision on whether to issue an enforcement notice is taken within 12 weeks of the issue of a warning letter.
- If a person fails to comply with an enforcement notice they may be guilty of an offence.



- A person who has carried out or is carrying out unauthorised development is guilty of an offence. A person can be prosecuted under Part VIII of the 2000 Act, either on indictment or summarily.

Following a declaration on a Section 5 referral to An Bord Pleanála, the Planning Authority consider the outcome of the Section 5 referral and the detail therein which can differ in the level of detail and complexity from case to case.

Depending on the outcome of the declaration and whether a development has been considered to be development and is not exempted development pursuant to Section 2(1), Section 3 (1) and Section 5(7) of the Planning and Development Act as amended and Article 6, Class 32 (c) and Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations as amended, the planning authority may following careful review and consideration of all matters required pursue the case further through the planning enforcement process as per the above provisions of Part VIII of The Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Where specific timelines are set out for compliance in a final grant of a planning permission the onus is on the applicant to submit relevant details for agreement with the Planning Authority within that specified time period. In cases of non-compliance this can lead to enforcement proceedings in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of The Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, as set out above.

Additional information on Planning Enforcement is available from the Practice Notes on Planning Enforcement (PN05) published by the Office of the Planning Regulator in October 2023, please refer to [this link](#).

Mr Dunney advised the members that the Planning Department will review their information in regard to Section 5's on our website, which is based on OPR advice, and offer more information regarding same. He stated that Section 5's are under assessment at present and will change in the next 18 months.

Councillor Killeen outlined to the members that when a Section 5 (Exempted Development) application is referred to An Bord Pleanála it can take up to 12 months to



get a determination. This has caused confusion for some constituents. The information requested was to help her manage people's expectations.

She asked if the council might look at its website to put up a simplified version for the public.

Mr Dunney advised that the process will change over the next 18 months with changes in legislation. He would arrange to have the website reviewed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and agreed by members that the report be noted.

## **21/1124**

### **Procedures when working on commercially sensitive projects**

The following motion in the name of Councillor O'Dwyer was considered by the members.

That Kildare County Council outlines what the procedure is for departments when working on commercially sensitive projects to ensure confidentiality is retained between Client and the Council and if a breach is identified is an internal review carried out.

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Brett. A report from Mr Eoghan Ryan, Director of Services, Corporate, People and Cultural Services stated that the appointment of staff is subject to a contract of employment which contains the following confidentiality clause.

#### Confidentiality

'You shall not discuss or disclose any information of a confidential nature relating to Kildare County Council or its business or in respect of which the Council owes an obligation of confidence to any person during or after your employment except in the proper course of your employment or as required by law''.

Staff are obliged to conduct themselves in accordance with their contract of employment and the code of conduct for staff which is issued to all new staff members.



<https://kildarecoco.ie/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/Ethics/EthicsDocuments/>

In addition, the council has a Grievance Policy and Disciplinary Policy which are internal policies applicable to staff. The application of these policies in the case of individual staff members is in itself a matter of confidentiality.

A customer complaints policy available on the website includes a section in relation to complaints against members of staff and a procedure to be followed. <https://kildarecoco.ie/YourCouncil/CustomerService/HandlingProcedureforComplaintsandComments>

All departments are responsible for the administration of the relevant policies in the case of complaints in relation to staff of those departments.

Any complaints under any of the above policies are reviewed, evaluated and investigated where necessary.

Councillor T O'Dwyer accepted the report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by members that the report be noted

**22/1124**

### **Donaghcumper House**

The following motion in the name of Councillor O'Rourke was considered by the members.

That the Executive inform council members and the public of the identity of the purchaser of Donaghcumper House.

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Rourke and seconded by Councillor Heather.

A report from Mr E Ryan, Director of Services, Corporate, People and Cultural Services stated that the executive is currently preparing the Section 183 documentation for the members approval of the sale, and this will be forwarded in due course with the intention that it will be an agenda item on the December monthly meeting of Council. In the



meantime, we are seeking Section 53 approval from the Land Development Agency - Section 53 states:

A relevant public body shall not dispose of relevant public land unless the body has given notice under subsection (2) and offered the land for sale to the Agency within the period of 12 months immediately prior to the disposal.

Councillor O'Rourke advised that she had seen a document, procured following a Freedom of Information request that identified a possible purchaser. She could see no justification for the council withholding this information from the members

Councillor Heather had welcomed the development and was expecting a Press Release from the council. This had not yet happened.

Councillor Killeen Informed the meeting that this was a highly divisive issue in the community, and it was of the upmost importance that the members were informed.

Ms O'Grady informed the members that the sale of land is governed by Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and members approval is sought to every disposal. The executive must carry out the necessary negotiations, reports and valuations and prepare the paperwork prior to any request to the members to approve a disposal. It is also now necessary to seek Section 53 approval from the Land Development Agency. It had been intended to bring the Section 183 to the November meeting however the Section 53 process has delayed this, and it was hoped to bring the matter to the December meeting. The details of a section 183 are not disclosed in advance of the notice to the members.

Councillor O'Rourke asked if the withholding of the details was by way of law.

Ms. O'Grady confirmed the requirements set out in the act under section 183 and that the process was to inform the members in accordance with the act. The decision on disposal was a matter for the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor O'Rourke seconded by Councillor Heather and agreed by the members that the report be noted



**23/1124**

**Removal of all unauthorised flags on poles in Kildare**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Heather was considered by the members. That Kildare County Council follow the example of other local authorities and remove all unauthorised flags on poles around the county.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Heather and seconded by Councillor Breen.

A report from Mr A Dunney, Director of Service, Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency Services stated that if flags are attached to council property or premises without authorisation they will be removed. Where flags are displayed on private property exemptions may apply under the provisions of the Planning Acts. Each case would need to be examined, as an exemption may or may not apply.

The Flag Policy of Kildare County Council is in place with regard to the flying of flags by the Local Authority at all council owned buildings.

Councillor Heather informed the meeting that some flags being flown were Anti Asylum seeker, inflammatory and politically motivated. Flags flown should enhance the image of Kildare.

Councillors gave examples of where these flags had been removed and wanted these removed quickly. Members informed the meeting that the people putting up these flags were not local to the communities. Flags had been removed by Tidy Towns Groups. They should not be ignored. If Longford could remove these flags why couldn't Kildare. They asked if this could be dealt with under the Litter Act.

The members were informed that they could not be dealt with under the Litter Act.

Mr Dunney requested a list of specific locations of these flags to inspect same but was not committing to removing them.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Heather seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

**24/1124**

**Public Toilets in all towns in Kildare**



Councillor Mc Donnell

That the council consider the provision of public toilets in all towns in Kildare.

As Councillor McDonnell could not be in attendance and had not authorised any other member to move the motion the motion fell.

**25/1124**

**Funding for Tenant in Situ Scheme**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Aoife Breslin was considered by the members.

Kildare County Council calls on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to immediately reconsider their decision to cease providing funding for the Tenant in Situ Scheme.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Breen.

A report from Ms A Aspell, Director of Services, Housing and Regeneration stated that The decision to support this motion is a matter for the Members, however the Housing Department would welcome support for this motion as the Tenant in Situ Scheme continues to play an important role in the council's response to homeless prevention. In the period January-September 2024, 48 households were prevented from risk of homelessness due to the Tenant in Situ Scheme.

Councillor Breslin informed the members that the Tenant in Situ scheme had been very successfully used by the council to prevent people from entering homelessness. The department needed to fund this scheme as it could be months before funding is provided.

Members made the following points

This was an excellent scheme and had helped prevent families ending up homeless. It was a victim of its own success.

There was support from all political parties for this motion.

Funding needed to be restored



Could unused funding from other local authorities be allocated to Kildare

Ms Aspell agreed that the scheme was a victim of its own success. The scheme was oversubscribed. There was an increase in applications from 55 to 83 and it had now gone to 104. There were 24 applications received which have not been submitted. The Housing department were reviewing applications to determine who were most at risk.

Councillor Breslin advised that they all would face homelessness at some point. It was agreed that a letter issue to the department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by members that a letter will issue to the Department

**26/1124**

**EMRA Members**

Motion Councillor Moore

That representatives selected by Kildare County Council members, to the EMRA, should at all times, in that capacity and as consensus members of Kildare County Council, promote the adopted Kildare County Development Plan and all Local Area Plans.

Councillor Moore confirmed that he had withdrawn the motion.

The meeting concluded.





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### (A) Part 8 applications 2020-2024

Ref.	Department	Details	Location	Launched	MD	Approved	Status
<b>2020</b>							
P82020.01	Transportation	Training /Welfare Centre,	Gallowshill, Athy	07/07/20	Athy	14/09/20	Operational
P82020.03	Parks	Playground at Allenwood	Allenwood	24/11/20	Clane-Maynooth	05/03/21	Operational
P82020.05	Housing	4 semi-detached houses at Lipstown Lower	Narraghmore	10/12/20	Athy		Did not proceed
P82020.06	Housing	3 houses	Craddockstown, Naas	17/12/20	Naas	09/03/21	Did not proceed
<b>2021</b>							
P82021.01	Public Realm	Environmental Works at Rathangan	Rathangan	26/01/21	Kildare-Newbridge	19/05/21	Rathangan Town Renewal Masterplan to be completed before this project progresses. Project is listed in the Capital Programme.
P82021.02	Facilities	Cotton Mills	Naas				Did not proceed
P82021.03	LEO	Athy Innovation Hub	Athy	23/02/21	Athy	17/05/21	Under construction
P82021.05	Transport	Roundabout at Newhall	Naas	13/04/21	Kildare-Newbridge	21/07/21	CPO completed
P82021.06	Public Realm	Harbour Field	Maynooth	05/10/21	Clane-Maynooth	04/02/22	Landscape Architect Team appointed to prepare detailed design and tender package. No funding available for construction.
P82021.07	Housing	Ardrew, Athy	Athy	30/11/21			This was superceded by P2022.03
<b>2022</b>							
P82022.01	Parks	Amenity Lands	Sallins	28/01/22	Naas	10/05/22	Detail Design for Phase 1 in progress
P82022.02	Housing	Castlepark, Athy	Athy	No			Did not proceed
P82022.03	Housing	Ardrew, Athy	Athy	01/02/22	Naas	16/05/22	PPP - successful letters issued, start on site 2025
P82022.04	Public Realm	Kilcullen Square	Kilcullen	09/02/22	Kildare-Newbridge	15/06/22	Alternative parking solution required to progress this project.
P82022.05	Transportation	Green Lane Cycle Scheme	Leixlip	22/03/22	Celb-Leixlip	15/07/22	Tendered for construction. Awaiting confirmation of funding from the NTA.
P82022.06	Transportation	Meadowbrook Cycle track	Maynooth	22/03/22	Clane-Maynooth	08/07/22	Detailed Design completed. Awaiting funding from the NTA.
P82022.07	Transportation	Celbridge Pedestrian and cycle bridge	Celbridge	10/05/22	Celb-Leixlip	16/09/22	Detailed Design Process is continuing with funding from the NTA.
P82022.08	Housing	1 Patrician Avenue	Naas	13/04/22	Naas	12/07/22	Under construction
P82022.09	Housing	25 Corbans Lane	Naas	18/05/22	Naas	09/09/22	Under construction
P82022.10	Housing	65 houses at old Greenfield, Maynooth	Maynooth	21/11/22	Clane-Maynooth	06/04/23	Under construction
P82022.11	Library	Newbridge Library	Newbridge				Did not proceed
P82022.12	Housing	Residential Development - 33 units, Ambassador	Kill	29/06/22	Naas	11/10/22	Under construction
P82022.13	Fire Service	Fire Station in Maynooth	Maynooth	21/09/22	Clane-Maynooth	02/12/22	Under construction
P82022.14	Housing	New build and remedial works St Patrick's Park,	Rathangan	04/11/22	Kildare-Newbridge	15/02/23	Stage 4 application being prepared
P82022.15	Corporate	Storage Facility	Naas	07/06/22	Naas	09/09/22	Under construction
P82022.16	Transport	Cycleway, Craddockstown	Naas	05/07/22	Naas	18/10/22	Tendered for construction. Awaiting confirmation of funding from the NTA.
P82022.17	Transport	Naas to Kill Cycle	Naas	07/09/22	Naas	13/12/22	Detailed Design stage awaiting funding from the NTA to proceed.
P82022.18	Housing	residential development, Newtown House, Leixlip	Leixlip	27/09/22	Celbridge-Leixlip	17/02/23	Preparation of contract tender documents
P82022.19	Housing	Glandour House, Woodstock Street, Athy	Athy	14/10/22	Athy	20/02/23	Stage 4 approval received
P82022.20	Transport	M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures	Maynooth-Leixlip	14/10/22	Maynooth/Leixlip	17/02/23	Works in Progress
P82022.21	Library	County Library, Newbridge	Kildare-Newbridge	10/05/23	Kildare Newbridge	11/08/23	Detailed Design stage progressing
P82022.22	Housing	Shamrock Lodge, Athy	Athy	No			
P82022.23	Transport	Naas to Sallins Greenway	Naas	No			Design of scheme not agreed with Waterways Ireland so Part 8 Process not commenced.
<b>2023</b>							
P82023.01	Library	Clane Library	Clane	16/02/23	Clane-Maynooth	19/05/23	Detail design stage and tender documents for main contractor in progress
P82023.02	Library	Newbridge (County) Library	Newbridge	10/05/23	Kildare Newbridge		



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P82023.03	Parks	Playground on Leixlip Amenity Centre Lands	Leixlip	02/05/23	Celbridge-Leixlip	21/07/23	Works in progress
P82023.04	Housing	Infill Residential at St John's Convent	Rathangan	No			Superseded by P2024.02
P82023.05	Housing	5 No. Residential Units	Clane Road, Satlins	No			
P82023.06	Housing	15 Residential Units, St Evin's Park	St Evin's Park, Mon	08/04/24	Kildare Newbridge	17/07/24	Part 8 aproved subject to amendments, requires further consultation
P82023.07	Public Realm	Grand Canal Greenway - Tie in Phase 1 and 2 (S	Satlins	10/01/24	Naas	16/07/24	Expect to go to tender Q4 2024/ Q1 2025
P82023.08	Public Realm	Market Square, Kildare Town	Kildare	17/01/24	Kildare-Newbridge	15/05/24	Interim works complete, prototype seating to be installed for public review. Next stage is detailed design and construction - both of which require funding
<b>2024</b>							
P82024.01	Housing	14 Residential Units - Whitestown House	Boycetown, Kilcock	No	Clane-Maynooth		
P82024.02	Housing	St Johns Convent, Rathangan	Rathangan	27/03/24	Kildare-Newbridge	17/07/24	Stage 3 submission to the department to be prepared
P82024.03	Housing	5 Residential Units - Ardrew	Athy	No			
P82024.04	Housing	30 Residential Units - Station Road		No			
P82024.05	Housing	1 Residential Unit - Maddenstown	Curragh	03/10/24	Kildare Newbridge		Advertised
P82024.06	Housing	131 residential units Coolaghknock Glebe, Kild	Kildare Town	22/05/24	Kildare-Newbridge	18/09/24	PPP - Procurement stage
P82024.07	Public Realm	Grand Canal Greenway Bridges	Grand Canal	14/08/24	Naas		Due before Clane Maynooth MD for decision at December meeting
P82024.08	Housing	60 Residential Units, Oldtown Mill	Celbridge	21/03/24	Celbridge-Leixlip	19/07/24	PPP - Procurement stage
P82024.09	Housing	Residential Units, Skenagun	Castledermot	03/04/24	Athy	15/07/24	Stage 3 application to the Depaetment to be issued in October (pre-procurement)
P82024.10	Public Realm	The Wonderful Barn	Leixlip	07/06/24	Celbridge-Leixlip		Due before Celbridge Leixlip MD for decision at October meeting.
P82024.11	Housing	2 Residential Units, Shamrock Stores, Athy	Athy	No			
P82024.12	Housing	1484 Castle Park, Kildangan	Athy	12/09/24	Athy		advertised
P82024.13	Housing	Carbury Dispensary, carbury	Carbury	31/07/24	Clane-Maynooth		Due before November meeting of Clan Maynooth MD
P82024.14	Housing	Kildangan House Extension	Kildangan	04/09/24	Athy		Superseded by P2024.12
P82024.15	Housing	An Triantan		No			

### (B) Masterplans 2020-2024

Masterplan	Public Realm	Monasterevin Town Renewal Masterplan	Monasterevin	07/07/23	Kildare-Newbridge		DRCD funding received to progress Market Square proposal to Part 8. Other proposals require funding, planning consents, design.
Masterplan	Public Realm	Kildare Town Renewal Masterplan	Kildare	16/05/24	Kildare-Newbridge		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Celbridge Town Renewal Masterplan	Celbridge	17/05/24	Celbridge-Leixlip		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Leixlip Town Renewal Masterplan	Leixlip	19/03/24	Celbridge-Leixlip		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Johnstown Bridge Village Renewal Masterplan	Johnstown Bridge	26/03/24	Clane-Maynooth		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Straffan Village Renewal Masterplan	Straffan	26/03/24	Celbridge-Leixlip		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Derrinturn Small Town Renewal Masterplan	Derrinturn	26/03/24	Clane-Maynooth		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Ardclough Rural Settlement Renewal Masterpla	Ardclough	19/03/24	Celbridge-Leixlip		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Castledermot Small Town Renewal Masterplan	Castledermot	13/03/24	Athy		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Athgarvan Village Renewal Masterplan	Athgarvan	06/03/24	Kildare-Newbridge		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Allenwood Village Renewal Masterplan	Allenwod	27/05/24	Clane-Maynooth		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Robertstown Village Renewal Masterplan	Robertstown	27/05/24	Clane-Maynooth		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Kilmeague Village Renewal Masterplan	Kilmeague	27/05/24	Clane-Maynooth		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Coill Dubh Cooleragh Village Renewal Masterpl	Coill Dubh	27/05/24	Clane-Maynooth		Proposals require funding, planning consents and detailed design to proceed
Masterplan	Public Realm	Newbridge Town Renewal Masterplan	Newbridge		Kildare-Newbridge		Recommendation of process in coming weeks with a public consultation piece on a revised draft document which will consider the findings of the ABTA.
Masterplan	Public Realm	Naas Town Renewal Masterplan	Naas		Naas		Contract to be awarded in coming weeks
Masterplan	Public Realm	Maynooth Town Renewal Masterplan	Maynooth		Clane-Maynooth		Contract to be awarded in coming weeks



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Masterplan	Public Realm	Clane Town Centre First Plan	Clane	01/04/24	Clane-Maynooth		
Feasibility Stu	Public Realm	The ACRE Project Celbridge	Celbridge	01/04/24	Celbridge-Leixlip		
Conservation	Public Realm	Clane Abbey	Clane	04/03/24	Clane-Maynooth		
Conservation	Public Realm	Tanyard Ballitore	Ballitore	24/03/23	Athy		