

**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of meeting of Full Council held at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Monday 28 March 2022 on**  
**Microsoft Teams**

**Members Present:** Councillor N Ó Cearúil (Cathaoirleach), Councillors  
VL Behan, A Breen, A Breslin, F Brett, B Caldwell, B Clear,  
M Coleman, A Connolly, N Connolly, Í Cussen, B Dooley,  
S Doyle, K Duffy, T Durkan, A Farrelly, A Feeney, D Fitzpatrick,  
C Galvin, P Hamilton, N Heavey, I Keatley, C Kelly, C Kenny,  
N Killeen, M Leigh, V Liston, P. McEvoy, F McLoughlin Healy,  
J. Neville, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer, C Pender, R. Power,  
E. Sammon, M Stafford, B Weld and B Wyse.

**Apologies:** Councillors S Moore and P Ward.

**Also Present:** Ms S Kavanagh, Interim Chief Executive, Ms A Aspell, Ms E Wright, Mr J Boland, Mr E Ryan (Directors of Service), Ms M Higgins, Ms B Sweeney (A/Head of Finance), Ms C O'Grady (Meetings Administrator), Ms K Keane (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**01/0322**

**Bereavements**

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

Josie Dooley, mother of Councillor Brian Dooley.

Mr Khan, father of Yasir Khan, Naas MD office.

Thomas Shortt Senior, father of Noel Shortt, Architects.

Nancy Murphy, mother of Triona Walsh, Corporate Services.

A minute's silence was observed.

**02/0322**

**Declaration of Interests**

The Cathaoirleach sought any declarations of interests from the members, as required under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended. There were no interests declared.

**03/0322**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The council considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 28 February 2022 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by the members present, with Councillor McLoughlin Healy abstaining, the minutes of the monthly meeting on 28 February 2022 were adopted. The progress report was noted.

**04/0322**

**Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report**

The members noted the Chief Executives monthly management report.

**05/0322**

**Annual Financial Statements (AFS) for 2021**

The members considered the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) for 2021 and the approval of over-expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2021 (Appendix 9 AFS).

Ms Sweeney referred to the Annual Financial Statements for 2021 (AFS2021) that were circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms Sweeney went through the main points of AFS2021 as follows:

- Revenue Surplus for the year of €121k reducing the cumulative deficit to €48k – in the context of a local authority this is effectively a 'break even' situation.
- Revenue expenditure of €201m for the year with the Housing Department being the highest spend directorate.
- Main Government Covid Supports for 2021 were Rates Waiver of €15m (2020: €22m), SBSAC Grants €500k (2020 Restart Grants €26m), Outdoor Seating €355k, Live Performances €311k, Litter Infrastructure €145k.

- Capital expenditure of €113m for the year and once again the Housing Department incurred the highest levels of expenditure.
- Appendix 7 shows Rates Collections 82%, Rents 93%, and Housing Loans 69%, all increased on 2020 figures.
- Appendix 8 shows the companies that KCC have an interest in and all companies except one, have submitted their 2021 accounts for reporting.
- Appendix 9 shows where areas have increased expenditure compared to the budgeted amount. The accounts for 2021 show a surplus of €121k. Examples of some of these increased expenditure are: A01 Housing Maintenance overspend is due to ongoing maintenance and retrofits, A07 Leasing is due to extra recoupable spend on leasing, A08 Housing loans overspend is due to the shared ownership review carried out, B02 Roads upkeep overspend is due to extra grant income, D09 Development overspend is due to extra grant income on LEO, SBSAC, H03 Rates overspend is due to the rates waiver for 2021, H09 Local Representation overspend is due to the extra costs of the Moorhead report which the department funded.
- Appendix 10 shows the actual expenditure by projects on the capital programme for 2021 when compared, to the capital budget for the year 2021. This is also shown by Municipal District as was agreed at CPG last year.

Ms Sweeney confirmed that the AFS2021 had gone before the Finance Committee, the Audit Committee and CPG who had recommended it go forward to full council for noting. She confirmed that once noted, the AFS2021 would be sent to the Department and audited by the Local Government Auditor and his team. Ms Sweeney stated the audit normally commenced in July, and the Auditors report would come before full council either in November or December.

Following discussion, the members raised the following points:

- Putting the entire surplus towards the overdraft was not necessarily prudent in an inflationary period, and whether consideration could be given to reassigning the surplus elsewhere ie. housing
- Big ratepayers in the county had not seen commercial rates increase in a number of years.

Ms Sweeney stated the surplus was down to €48K and going forward, the matter could be looked at by the Finance Committee.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members that the Annual Financial Statements for 2021 be noted and that the over expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 set out in Appendix 9 of the AFS be approved.

#### **06/0322**

##### **Appointment of an External Nominee**

The members considered the appointment of an external nominee to the Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that a vacancy currently existed on the Climate Action SPC because of the previously approved nominee from the Business Commercial Pillar, Mr Allan Shine, having stepped down from the role. She confirmed that Chambers Ireland had nominated Ms Sinead Ronan to fill this vacancy and her bio had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. Ms Ronan was also being nominated as the Chamber's representative on the LCDC and would add value to the SPC with her experience.

In response to a query from Councillor McLoughlin Healy the Meetings Administrator confirmed that the sectoral representatives were set out in the SPC scheme and the nominating pillars had been agreed at national level.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by the members present, the appointment of Ms Sinead Ronan to the vacancy currently on the Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee, was approved.

#### **07/0322**

##### **Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022**

The members considered the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022.

The Meetings Administrator outlined that Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 required the Council to prepare an Annual Service Delivery Plan, to be adopted by the elected members and the draft Annual Service Delivery Plan is developed within the context of the vision of the Council's Corporate Plan "working together towards an inclusive and sustainable County".

She confirmed that the draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022 has been prepared consistent with Budget 2022 as adopted by the members and it underpinned the objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan. It also outlined the objectives for service delivery, with measurable performance standards and targets, which Kildare County Council would set out to achieve in the year ahead, and CPG had agreed it go forward to full council for approval.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by the members present, the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022, was approved.

### **08/0322**

#### **Kildare Hubs Strategy 2022 to 2025**

The members considered the Kildare Hubs Strategy 2022 to 2025.

Ms J McNabb gave an overview of the project and the strategic objectives and goals in developing the Future Hubs Location Strategy for Kildare. She outlined the background and context to the strategy and highlighted the key policy drivers and objectives that related to the Hub landscape in an enterprise and regional development context. She confirmed the document also provided an overview of the national hubs classification framework which supports policy and resource allocation to different types of hubs. Ms McNabb presented a summary of the research, consultation and analysis behind the strategy along with an analysis of the hubs infrastructure and the enterprise landscape in Kildare. She confirmed that the details of the strategy itself included vision, values, strategy pillars and actions and set out the implementation plan for the strategy over the coming three years.

The members complimented and thanked Ms McNabb and her team for the work that had gone into the strategy, and raised the following points:

- The strategy would assist in the improved work-life balance for citizens of the county, whilst supporting the local economy and climate action targets.
- It was hoped that this strategy would align itself to the council's digital strategy that was currently being progressed.
- Concern that there were no hubs referenced in the Celbridge area, given its population or in Kilcullen.

- The Northeast of the county is underrepresented with hubs ie. Celbridge and Leixlip with the cost factor being a significant issue in these locations given its proximity to the Dublin border
- Competition for spaces between border towns such as Lucan/Blanchardstown etc.

Ms McNabb confirmed the mapping in the document was the “current position” and it was not a road map for future development. She stated that the map included private sector spaces also and confirmed there would be an opportunity in the future to look at hub opportunities at Municipal District level. She stated there had recently been a mention by Government of funding becoming available for rollout of hubs in closed pubs and she would keep the members advised. Ms McNabb confirmed that the north and mid-west of the county would definitely need hubs and asked that the members contact the LEO team to identify any opportunities they were aware of. She also noted that work was ongoing with the private hub providers in relation to climate action supports.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy seconded by Councillor Feeney and with the agreement of the members present, the Kildare Hubs Strategy 2022 to 2025, was approved.

## 09/0322

### **Presentation from Kildare Fáilte**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr David Mongey Chairperson and Ms Áine Mangan CEO of Kildare Fáilte who made a presentation to the members on the work of Kildare Fáilte over the last 12 months. He stated that personally he would love to see into Kildare supporting synergies between racing events and the south of the county similar to Barberstown Castle partnering with the Curragh racecourse in supporting race events. He emphasised the need to ramp up the work on the Brigid 1500 project and that consideration be given to the Cathaoirleach visiting New York for St Brigids Day in 2023.

Ms Mangan thanked the Cathaoirleach and the members for the opportunity to present to them and confirmed the vision for County Kildare Tourism as: “Kildare, a

rural escape close to the city, is recognised worldwide for exceptional thoroughbred experiences, a place to engage with rich culture, picturesque landscapes, and a warm welcome. A sustainable ethos based around low impact regenerative tourism is at the heart of what we do. Our county is a place apart, with a blend of fascinating history and modern vibrancy; a place to reconnect and indulge with friends and family, where reviving and recharging is a racing certainty”

She outlined the membership of the Board of Directors of County Kildare Fáilte and the importance of tourism to the domestic economy. “Tourism is everybody’s business”. She set out the network of groups and organisations that Into Kildare work with and outlined the highlights for 2021. She outlined the key strategic actions and activities for 2022 and the KPI’s for 2022 from the strategic plan. She referenced the very successful campaign around St Brigid’s Day 2022 and the support of President Michael D Higgins in lighting a candle, the video message from An Taoiseach Micheál Martin, the Nationwide programme on the event, the lighting up of the buildings nationally and locally to mark the event, the distribution of candles through the libraries, the organisation of events and crafts and sending cards and woven crosses to embassies. She looked forward to the future work to be done for Brigid 1500.

During the course of the discussion that followed, the members raised the following points:

- Consideration be given to the illumination of the Hill of Allen
- Illumination of the Perpetual Motion (Naas Ball) and the Áras via energy saving methods.
- Into Kildare to continue to support the great work on the Greenways and Blueways in the county, which was very much admired by our neighbouring authorities
- Consider using Leixlip town during the Rose of Tralee festival promotion events
- Could a brochure of tourism destinations within the county be produced
- That added emphasis be given to motorsport in the county including further promotion of the Gordon Bennett Rally.

- Ensure a strong focus on climate action initiatives in the future work of Into Kildare and that Kildare Failte policy is consistent with these policy's.
- How were the additional funding resources awarded to Kildare following the tri county lockdown in 2020, utilised.

Ms Mangan thanked the members for their contributions confirming the Rose of Tralee had been brought to the north of the county previously to view the Arthur Guinness grave. She confirmed a tourism pack/brochure for the county would be ready for the start of the 2022 tourism season, and that Into Kildare were inviting all tourism officers in the country to Mondello next year. Ms Mangan stated that following the tri-county lockdown, it had been intended that €500k would be diverted to the tourism sector in Kildare through Kildare Failte but in reality, the funding was referred to and managed by the individual agencies themselves.

In response to a query from Councillor McLoughlin Healy on the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Kildare Failte, Mr Mongey confirmed that these had been reviewed and updated and Ms Mangan undertook to forward further details to Councillor McLoughlin Healy in this regard.

Mr Mongey thanked the members for their continued support of the work of Kildare Failte noting the increase in race ticket sales this year which was up 56% from 2019 with 39% of the increase numbers coming from the UK. He emphasised the unique place Kildare holds in the tourism industry due to the strength of what it had to deliver.

The Chief Executive thanked Mr Mongey and Ms Mangan for their work and acknowledged the significant role they played in supporting and developing the tourist industry in Kildare.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Mongey and Ms Mangan for the presentation and for their work over the past year



**10/0322**

**Gnó an Cathaoirleach/Cathaoirleachs Business**

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that following an invite from Ms Carmel Mangan of the Kildare Association, he and the Interim Chief Executive visited New York for the St Patricks Day celebrations and a report would be circulated to the members after the meeting detailing the events attended during the course of their visit.

He confirmed it was his honour to present an award to the volunteers in the Punchestown centre for their immense work and bravery during the pandemic.

He stated he had joined Minister Heather Humphreys on her visit to Kildare to visit numerous projects that had been funded through her Department, concluding with a visit to the Shackleton Museum in Athy. He noted the recent exciting discovery of the Endurance and looked forward to seeing how this discovery might feed into the Musuem.

The Cathaoirleach confirmed he had worked with the Planning and Communications team on a Podcast in relation to the County Development Plan and had attended the launch of the Mid-East Regional Enterprise Plan with Ms McNabb, Head of Enterprise.

He concluded by confirming the council was standing in solidarity with Ukraine and continued to fly the Ukranian flag at Áras Chill Dara stating the council would continue to do everything in its power to support them during this time of war.

**11/0322**

**Comhfhreagras/Correspondence**

The Meetings Administrator confirmed seven items of correspondence had been circulated to the members with the Progress Report. These included a reply from the office of Minister Daragh O'Brien to a motion referral in relation to an update on net income limits for Social Housing Supports, an acknowledgement from the office of Minister Darragh O'Brien and confirmation of referral to the office of the Minister of State Peter Burke to a motion referral re youth representation on SPCs, four motion referrals from other local authorities along with the AILG Elected Members Training Programme for 2022.

The correspondence was noted.

**12/0322**

**Conferences and Training**

The members considered the conference and training report that was circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer and agreed by the members that retrospective approval be given for the following events given notice had been received too late to list it for the last CPG and council meeting - Councillors B Caldwell, F Brett and J Neville's attendance at the AILG annual conference in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Bunrana Co Donegal on the 23 and 24 March at a cost of €155 per person plus travel and subsistence. Approval was also given to Councillors N Heavey, J Neville and F Brett to attend the LAMA Spring Training Seminar in the Hotel Kilkenny from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April, fee to be confirmed and for Councillor F Brett to attend AILG online training on the 6<sup>th</sup> May in relation to Housing for All, fee to be confirmed. Approval was given to The Suck Valley Way – Rural Regeneration Post Pandemic The Challenges and Opportunities to unlocking our potential Conference - in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon on the 27 and 28 April at a fee of €130 per person plus travel and subsistence.

Councillor Brett advised the members that the LAMA training dates had been changed to the 11 & 12 April. These changes were noted.

**13/0322**

**Suspension of Standing Orders Request**

Councillor Mark Stafford advised the Cathaoirleach that he wished to propose a Suspension of standing orders to consider the RTE Investigates programme of last week. He noted that the Interim Chief Executive had issued a press release on the matter and some acknowledgement and discussion needed to take place on the matter.

Councillor Killeen seconded Councillor Stafford's proposal.

The Meetings Administrator advised that at least two thirds of the members present were required to support the suspension of standing orders as requested. The Cathaoirleach proposed a show of hands vote.

**Resolved** with 27 members of the 36 members in attendance at the time, voting in favour of the suspension of standing orders, the suspension of standing orders in order to consider the RTE Investigates programme was approved and it was agreed to discuss this item at the end of the meeting.

**14/0322**

**Referral from Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee**

The following recommendation from the March meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee was considered by the members.

That the council make a submission on the draft Revised General Scheme of Monuments and Archaeological Heritage Bill and clarify if - Heading 27 (2): Burial Grounds - will impact on transfers of burial grounds to the local authority from community groups in the county.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Kelly. Report detailing the draft extract of the Clane-Maynooth minutes had been circulated to the members, along with a report from Ms A Granville, Senior Planner which confirmed that the Local Authority Heritage Officers Network had made a submission following input from the LGMA on the draft revised General Scheme of Monuments and Archaeological Heritage Bill on behalf of Local Authorities.

Councillor McEvoy stated that the matter really related to the remit of the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee, and that proper funding was needed to take in charge the historic monuments.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

**14/0322**

**Private Sector Engagement in Renovation of Council Properties**

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

That the council review processes with regard to renovation of properties to identify barriers/disincentives for private sector engagement in this work and address same in order to streamline delivery and improve turnaround times on properties.

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

A report from Ms A Aspell, Director of Service, Housing and Corporate Services stated that all renovation and refurbishment work on vacant Kildare County Council housing stock is carried out by contractors in accordance with the terms of the existing Planned Maintenance Frameworks. There are 10 -12 contractors currently engaged on our quick turnaround framework and mini tender frameworks; the use of these frameworks is dependent on the scale of works required in refurbishing specific properties. All Contractors listed on the frameworks have already been considered through the public procurement process and are pre-approved in respect of pricing, health and safety and relevant experience in carrying out the works required to return vacant properties to a suitable and habitable standard. The presence of these frameworks ensures that Kildare County Council can appoint contractors to carry out works in an efficient manner.

The availability of supplies is resulting in delayed turnaround times, an example is the increase in the delivery period for windows increasing from 28 days to between 10-15 weeks. Such a delay adds a significant period to the turnaround time.

The Local Authority Performance Indicator Report 2020 indicates that in 2020, Kildare County Council had the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest vacancy rate across the thirty-one local authorities. In 2021, a total of 90 vacant properties were returned to stock and 66 newly purchased properties were upgraded.

Councillor Behan noted the report stating the issue around availability of supplies causing delays was only since the pandemic and she had been made aware of issues that dated back to 2019. She stated that small and medium enterprises were the ones being negatively impacted the most, as they were not in a position to carry large debt and enquired whether the issue could be addressed during the procurement process stage. Councillor Doyle supported the motion stating rising inflation was a huge challenge for Kildare, especially given its proximity to Dublin and suggested that the council should consider having its own inhouse building crews.

Ms Aspell confirmed the council was working from a framework of contractors and their availability. She noted the council did have its own housing maintenance

engineers and that efficiency and performance was always being monitored by senior staff in the Housing department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Behan, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

### **15/0322**

#### **Expansion of Short Hop and Leap Card System**

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

That the council undertake a feasibility study with the relevant authority bodies to expand infrastructure/facilities to support the expansion of the Short Hop and Leap Card system to all train stations in Kildare to drive a cultural commuter shift towards rail to achieve our climate action targets.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor N Connolly.

A report from E Wright, Director of Service, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety stated that the setting of fares on our Rail and Bus services is a matter for the NTA, Transport for Ireland and Irish Rail. However, Kildare County Council made a submission to the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 in January of this year in which an observation was made to the NTA on the issue of bus and rail fares from towns in County Kildare. The Council asked that the fares be reviewed, particularly those towns that are outside the Short Hop Zone.

Councillor Duffy stated the council had to keep this matter on its priority list and exert more pressure on the relevant authorities given the significant disparity that existed between the cost of using a car and the cost of using public transport within the county. He cited a recent example of the magnitude of the cost difference when travelling from Monasterevin to Dublin. The members supported Councillor Duffy's motion with Councillor Breslin noting there were huge cost challenges for 3<sup>rd</sup> level students in the south of the county who were travelling to college in Dublin.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy, seconded by Councillor N Connolly and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

**16/0322**

**Trauma Informed Care**

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

That Comhairle Contae Chill Dara undertakes a process to become a trauma informed organisation and provides training to Staff and Councillors on trauma informed care.

<https://traumainformedcareireland.com/>

<http://qualitymatters.ie/trauma-informed-care-in-ireland/>

The motion was proposed by Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer.

A report from Ms M McIvor, Senior Executive Officer, Human Resources stated that Human Resources and Health and Safety have agreed a 2022 annual work programme focusing on employee health & wellbeing. The scheduled programme will include elements of the proposed Trauma Informed Training Programme. The information on the Trauma Informed Training Programme is very much welcomed by the Training team in HR, who are currently reviewing same and considering making it available to relevant staff where appropriate.

A report from Ms C O'Grady, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services stated that If members agree the motion, we will seek to provide training for Councillors under the members training programme and put forward potential courses to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.

Councillor N Connolly stated he was happy with the report and outlined the real need for this form of training given the difficulties that existed in society currently around domestic violence, the ongoing refugee crisis, direct provision challenges, mental health issues and the impact of bereavement and loss. He stated the elected members and the council's staff had significant exposure to all these forms of crisis and it was important that staff and members alike had the appropriate tools to give

an appropriate response in these situations.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly, seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

### **17/0322**

#### **Removal of Offensive Graffiti on Council Owned Property**

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

That Kildare County Council commit to the removal of offensive graffiti on all council owned property and infrastructure within seven days of it being reported.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Feeney.

A report from Mr S Wallace, Senior Parks Superintendent, Parks Department stated that the Parks Section have to use a contractor to remove graffiti in parks and playgrounds. The timeframe for the availability of contractors varies. Additionally, cost is also a factor depending on the scale of graffiti and the number of sites involved. We try to remove graffiti as soon as possible but we cannot guarantee that a seven-day timeframe can be met for the reasoning outlined.

A report from Ms E Wright, Director of Service, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety stated that the Municipal District Offices endeavour to remove offensive graffiti on council property within the shortest timeframe possible. The response is dependent on available resources and allowing for other competing demands on their workforce.

Councillor Leigh stated he did not accept the report given and outlined a recent case of inappropriate and defamatory graffiti on a bridge in a rural area, and the real difficulty he had encountered whilst trying to seek assistance from the council for its removal. The Cathaoirleach sought clarity as to why this work was subcontracted out by the council.

Ms P O'Brien stated the council did not have the required skill set to carry out this work so it was necessary to subcontract it out and for that reason she was unable to commit to the requested timeframes for removal.

Ms Wright, Director of Services stated she was not familiar with the case referenced but noted that some bridges were in the ownership and control of Irish Rail and the council did not get involved in work on/to properties belonging to other bodies. She also noted that the removal of graffiti on private properties or boundary walls, was the responsibility of the owner.

Councillor Leigh acknowledged the information outlined and asked that going forward, some level of prioritisation would be given to requests of this kind when they were received by the council.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Leigh, seconded by Councillor Feeney and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

#### **18/0322**

#### **County Kildare Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2014**

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

That the council provide a report on the process and progress, including timescale, to update the County Kildare Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2014 including an outline of the process for elected members and the public to provide inputs to the plan.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Caldwell.

A report from Ms A Granville, Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Development stated that It is proposed to commence the preparation of the plan in Quarter 4 2022. Preliminary background information will be generated in advance during Quarter 3. It is proposed to create a steering group (subgroup of the Heritage Forum) to assist in the preparation of the plan.

Submissions will be invited from the general public and elected representatives on the pre-draft plan in Quarter 1 2023.

Councillor Hamilton raised queries around the timelines for this ambitious plan and details of the consultation process. He sought the council's commitment to work on providing the necessary resources to progress this plan. Mr E Ryan Director of Service agreed with Councillor Hamilton that positive and open communication



across all relevant platforms was necessary. He also noted that the Heritage Council were currently gathering information from all local authorities around the supports needed and resources required to assist Heritage Officers on the work they do.

Councillor Hamilton thanked Mr Ryan for his response.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

### **19/0322**

#### **Register of Derelict Sites**

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

That Kildare County Council publishes the Register of Derelict Sites on its website, in line with other local authorities.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Clear and seconded by Councillor Sammon.

A report from Mr J Boland, Director of Services, Water Services, Environment and Climate Action stated that under the **Derelict Sites** Act, all planning authorities are required to establish and maintain a **Derelict Sites Register**.

The Act simply requires that the *“register shall be kept at the offices of the local authority and shall be available for inspection at the offices of the local authority during office hours”*.

Our Register is available for inspection at the Council Offices during normal opening hours.

As requested in the Notice of Motion, the council will arrange to make the information available on the council website.

The members will appreciate that the register does not give a full picture of activity under derelict sites and essentially refers to cases that have not yet been resolved.

It was further confirmed at the meeting that the Register was now available on the website.

Councillor Clear stated he was happy to see there was agreement to making this information publicly available, adding that the Naas Tidy Towns Group were looking into derelict sites around the town of Naas also.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

## 20/0322

### **Capital Expenditure Report from Irish Water**

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

That the council requests a report from Irish Water on their capital expenditure in Kildare since 2016; what projects were funded through the 1% for art scheme and how it intends to deliver any balance of that % due to our council area.

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

A report from Mr J Boland, Director of Services, Water Services, Environment and Climate Action stated that since its inception on the 1/1/2014, Irish Water, being a public utility, have not participated in the Per Cent for Arts programme. It has, in fairness, honoured any carry over commitments from pre-2014, this assurance having been given to the Local Government sector at the time.

Quite a number of Per Cent for Arts initiatives were progressed by the Arts Officer over the years arising from funding obtained from water services capital projects. These include the Athy/Shrowland Water Supply Scheme, Kildare Town Sewerage Scheme and the Ballygoran Water Supply Project, etc. Bear in mind that the nature of such initiatives has changed from the provision of art pieces to broader community artistic 'events' in accordance with guidance issued by the relevant government department.

The following were the more recent initiatives:

- Permanent art piece to commemorate Bill "Squires" Gannon in Kildare Town.
- 'All about Eva' film featuring local cast, crew and writers, shot on location in Athy (also screened at Dublin International Film Festival).

- Shackleton's Endurance: Musical / spoken word performance with Brian Hughes, Uileann piper and County Kildare Orchestra.
- 'JFK The Badgeman Conspiracy' was written and directed by Leixlip man John Sheridan. This film was shot on location in the Leixlip Manor Hotel and Weston Airport in 2015.
- 'Talker' an animated film was written by Adam Cullen from Naas
- 'Gridlock' by Ian Hunt Duffy was also shot on location in North Kildare and starred IFTA winner, Moe Dunford

It can be noted that there has been broad benefit arising for many parts of the county as a result of these projects. It is regrettable that the scheme no longer applies to water services capital projects.

In passing, it is worth mentioning that a particularly exciting 'Per Cent for Arts' initiative is emerging in respect of the Kerdiffstown project and I will apprise the members of details in due course.

Councillor Feeney accepted the report in order to expedite the meeting and confirmed she would send some follow up questions to the Director separately.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

## 21/0322

### **Expansion of County Library Services Lending**

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

That post covid and to encourage energy and waste reduction amongst all age groups, Kildare County Library Service expands its lending repertoire to include for example, a toy library and a home energy saving test kit in each library throughout the county.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kenny and seconded by Councillor Hamilton.

A report from Mr M Corrigan, A/County Librarian, Library Services stated that the library service can investigate if there is an unmet need in the supply of toys for lending. Traditionally, this aspect of the circular economy in local communities is met very well by local charity shops. Any initiative would have to take account of annual budgeting, catalogue management and storage, which is particularly challenging. The library service does not currently accept donations, other than those of historical merit to the county archive, and this position would need to be extended to toy donations. The library service currently lends DVDS, games for various consoles and has a wide range of specialist toys for lending via our TTT collection. Many libraries have board games and other toys for customers to use whilst in the library.

There are Home Energy Kits in all branch libraries in Kildare and we have recently purchased a second kit for the bigger branches. They are just over €600 each and take a little time to be delivered but this should be enough to satisfy demand for the moment. The level of usage or demand varies from place to place but libraries will be in a position to promote them now that they are open once again to the public without restriction.

Councillor Kenny noted the report and hoped that post covid, there would be increased encouragement for lending and borrowing of used items in support of the circular economy.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members present, the report was accepted.

## **22/0322**

### **Development Contributions**

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

That the council outline the plans to spend the €19,777,999 in development contributions that it benefitted from in 2020 and what years the spending of same on projects is to take place; and by acknowledging the scale of new developments in the county where only four other counties were paid more (table attached) that a

deficit social infrastructure will have arisen that needs to be met and if they will confirm their position on the matter.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Killeen and seconded by Councillor Farrelly.

A report from Ms B Sweeney, A/Head of Finance stated that the figure €19,777,999 is the actual amount of development contributions invoiced for the year 2020. This is not necessarily the amount the council collects in receipts for a year. The Capital Programmes are based on estimate of actual receipts not invoiced in a year. As agreed at CPG for the year 2020 onwards, the actual spend on the capital programme for that financial year is shown on Appendix 10 of the Annual Financial Statements.

The Capital Programme 2022-2024 was issued to Council as part of Budget 2022 in November 2021. It was also presented to Council in the new format showing each project by its relevant Municipal District at the January 2022 council meeting. (capital programme attached). The development contributions collected under the 2004 Development Contribution scheme are used to fund projects on this three-year rolling Capital Programme and are shown in the rolling three-year programme.

As per the 2004 scheme, development contributions are charged and collected on a county-wide basis, with the exception of Recreation & Amenity levies and Community & Enterprise levies which are collected on a municipal district basis. This enables Council to prioritise projects as required, and more particularly ensures that more rural areas are apportioned funds towards projects that may alternatively have been focussed in the urban areas.

In the 2022-2024 Capital Programme there is €712m proposed capital investment in providing capital projects within Kildare of which €42m is derived from development contributions. As the Capital Programme is a three-year rolling programme, this allows the programme to take account of changing needs in relation to social infrastructure.

Any further detailed queries can be forwarded to either the relevant Director or the Municipal District Manager or discussed at the May Municipal Districts meetings

where the Capital Programme 2022-2024 will be listed on the agenda.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

## 23/0322

### **Air Quality Strategy**

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

That the council develop an Air Quality Strategy for Kildare.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Liston and seconded by Councillor Kenny.

A report from Mr J Boland, Director of Services, Water Services, Environment and Climate Action stated that the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) is developing a national Clean Air Strategy with the aim of promoting clean air policies to enhance and protect the quality of the air we breathe.

To this end, the DCCA has recently commenced a Public Consultation process which is open for submissions from 7th March 2022 until the closing date of 3rd May 2022.



The Clean Air Strategy is intended to provide the strategic policy framework necessary to identify and promote the integrated measures across government policy that are required to reduce air pollution and promote cleaner air while delivering on wider national objectives.

*The key strategic priorities are:*

- *To ensure continuous improvements in air quality across the country*
- *To guarantee the integration of clean air considerations into policy development across Government*
- *To increase the evidence base that will help to continue to evolve our understanding of the sources of pollution in order to address them more effectively*
- *To enhance regulation and improve the effectiveness of enforcement systems*
- *To promote and increase awareness of the importance of clean air*

The DCCAE are inviting submissions in relation to the proposed Clean Air Strategy and have prepared a paper to aid discussion which is available via the Gov.ie website at [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) - [National Clean Air Strategy Consultation \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)

Short responses (max 500 words) can be submitted on the Dept's [online form](#). Longer submissions can be sent by email to [airquality@decc.gov.ie](mailto:airquality@decc.gov.ie) or post to Clean Air Strategy Public Consultation, Air Quality Division, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Newtown Road, Wexford.

For information purposes, air pollution is governed in primary legislation under the Air Pollution Act 1987. Over the years, a number of amendments have been made to the Act to ensure it is fit for purpose and can support the requirements of air quality enforcement. Additionally, EU air quality legislation has been transposed into Irish legislation through a number of statutory instruments and these have been joined by other secondary legislation to set standards, ensure appropriate monitoring, measurement, reporting and planning across a range of air quality areas.

The EPA is responsible for monitoring ambient air quality as the designated competent authority in Ireland and has expanded the national ambient air quality monitoring network under the national Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (AAMP).

Specifically in relation to next steps, the output from this process will inform government policy in key areas such as agriculture, transport, residential sector,

public service etc. This area is clearly not without its complexities as can be gleaned from the draft consultation document. There will not be a requirement to prepare individual 'County Clean Air Strategies' but rather give additional guidance to local level in terms of; for example, county development/local area plans, waste management plans, climate action plans etc. There will also be an opportunity for government to strengthen legislation to have greater effect locally, for example, a more comprehensive approach to the Solid Fuel Regs.

In particular, the synergies with climate action should not be underestimated. In this context, there will be a significant opportunity for local government, through the forthcoming climate action plans (which encompass both adaptation and mitigation) to encourage transformational change in such areas as; reducing dependence on fossil fuels and encouraging modal shifts towards more sustainable transport.

In the interim, Kildare County Council continues to assist the EPA/HSE with the monitoring of air quality locally and, indeed, it is pleasing to note that such is generally good.

In summary, I would encourage the members, either individually or by resolution, to engage in this consultation process and all matters can be further considered when the National Clean Air Strategy is finalised. In the short term, there will also be an opportunity to further consider these issues in the context of the Council's next climate action plans.

Councillor Liston welcomed the report and the confirmation there would be an opportunity to discuss this matter further. She stated she was glad to see that the Department would work with the local authority sector on this important matter. Councillor Kenny raised an issue in relation to air quality reports.

Mr Boland, Director of Services thanked Councillor Liston for her very timely motion and confirmed he would take up the issue raised by Councillor Kenny on air quality reports with the EPA.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Kenny and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.



**24/0322**

**Our Rural Future, Rural Development Policy 2021-2025**

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

That the council seek a meeting with representatives from the Department of Rural and Community Development to review the council's recent record in securing funding from the Department under the various funding schemes administered as part of "Our Rural Future, Rural Development Policy 2021-2025", in particular the Rural Regeneration & Development Scheme Categories 1, 2 & 3 and Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

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

A report from Mr Eoghan Ryan, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Development stated that Kildare County Council has been extremely successful in obtaining funding not only under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) launched in 2018 and the Town & Village Renewal Scheme launched in 2016, but also under other funding streams such as the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund, the Carbon Tax Fund, Failte Ireland Destination Towns Fund and Failte Ireland Outdoor Dining & Weather Proofing Fund.

Please see the attached document (Appendix 1) which sets out Kildare County Councils success rate under RRDF and Town & Village Renewal Scheme since the commencement of both schemes, having obtained funding of €15,727,332 from these two funding streams alone.

The Public Realm team maintain regular contact with the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD). Prior to seeking funding for any additional projects, the delivery and completion of those projects that have received funding is a priority for both DRCD and the Public Realm team.

Councillor Stafford accepted there were peaks and troughs in terms of success in the application process adding Kildare had done very well which was testament to the calibre of its members, senior management and staff. However, he did note over

the last 12 months, Kildare were not as successful in securing RRDF funding whereas other authorities being of an urban and rural nature also, had been.

Mr Ryan appreciated the points being made by Councillor Stafford and stated the council had been very successful in awards of grant funding as it had just over 50 projects to deliver on and needed to ensure it has the capacity to be able to deliver those projects.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

### **25/0322**

#### **Kildare Heroes Awards**

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

That Kildare County Council hosts a 'Kildare Heroes' awards ceremony to recognise the contribution of individuals and groups/clubs to communities throughout Kildare. The motion was proposed by Councillor Farrelly and seconded by Councillor Clear.

A report from Ms P O'Brien, A/Director of Service, Economic Development, Community and Culture stated that Kildare County Council community department organise and support a number of events which acknowledge and recognise the contribution of individuals and groups to communities throughout Kildare. Through our Community Stories social media platform, we regularly feature the outstanding contribution of various community groups and individuals throughout the county.

Kildare County Council host an annual Community Awards night in November and we will look at including an award for a 'Kildare Hero' category.

A report from Ms A Aspell, Director of Service, Housing and Corporate Services stated that the Protocol and Procedures Committee are looking at revisions to the 2015 Ceremonial Functions and Civic Honours policy including Sporting/Community achievement awards and will bring forward proposals shortly through CPG to full council for approval.

Councillor Farrelly accepted the report asking that his request be included in the policy being worked on by the Protocol Committee, and that the council would consider awarding such an award to the late Mr Shane Griffin for his work in social care to highlight and improve the lives of many who needed help at particular times. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Farrelly, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by the members present, the report was noted, and it was agreed that the Protocol and Procedures Committee would consider this motion as part of the revision of the Ceremonial Functions and Civic Honours policy.

### **26/0322**

#### **Professional advice acquired with public funds**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy was considered by the members.

That the council list and clarify the grounds in legislation for withholding legal or other professional advice acquired by the council with public funds, from the council's elected members; to include the grounds for recent refusals to grant elected members access to legal advice in relation to the disposal of land (a reserved function), and mediation reports relating to the dumping on the Curragh Plains.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Clear.

A report from Ms A Aspell, Director of Service, Housing and Corporate Services stated that where advice is received from our legal advisors, it is provided for use only by the intended recipient. Sharing of the information provided with any other party is subject to an exemption as it is provided under legal professional privilege.

The council has also refused to issue this information on foot of a Freedom of Information request on the basis that "this information is considered legal professional privilege".

A report from Mr J Boland, Director of Services, Water Services, Environment and Climate Action stated that by way of background and for the benefit of all members,

the latter issue relates to dumping of construction and demolition waste close to Donnelly's Hollow. You may recall that it was raised previously at full Council.

As the matter involved another arm of the State ie. Department of Defence, it was not considered desirable either from a governance or financial perspective to progress the matter through the courts. Indeed, apart from the cost aspect, there are also delays in the courts arising from covid while, as with all legal proceedings, there was never a certainty that there would be a successful outcome.

Accordingly, the matter was progressed through mediation which ultimately, in the view of the undersigned, proved to be the correct course as there were significant cost savings and, in addition, the Department of Defence have undertaken to remediate the site.

In light of the Mediation Act 2017, the Council is not permitted to share mediation information particularly in light of Section 10 :

“Subject to subsection (2) and Section 17, all communications (including oral statements) and all records and notes relating to the mediation shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed in any proceedings before a court or otherwise”

In referring to the 'Council', I am of course referring to the Executive. As you will be aware, there is a separation between the roles of the executive and elected members which is prescribed in legislation. The members cannot, and indeed would not likely wish to involve themselves, in functions carried out by the local authority on a day-to-day basis including for example, the planning process, the assessment of housing need, awarding of contracts, etc.

Again, and as outlined above, the Department of Defence has agreed to remediate the site and I have undertaken to keep the relevant Municipal District Committee informed on progress.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated that following the reports received, she had two matters that required clarification. In the case of the legal advice received on the land disposal in Athgarvan, she noted the Minister had been advised the council had received legal advice on that disposal and asked was it reasonable for the

councillors to have received a copy of that advice. Secondly, in relation to the mediation report, and notwithstanding the differentiation given in relation to reserved and executive functions, the councillors had an oversight role related to the functions being carried out by the executive and they were entitled to ask about proper procedures. She noted the report stated that where legal advice was sought for the council, it was sought on behalf of the executive and not the body corporate and asked who gives legal advice to the councillors.

Ms Aspell stated the council's position in relation to the land disposal referenced had been outlined in her report and she had nothing further to add to that report.

Mr Boland reiterated the point that the mediation process had been chosen as the most preferable option for the reasons outlined and that he was bound by the terms of the Mediation Act as set out in his report and noted it had yielded a successful outcome.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy sought clarification on commentary made on the referenced RTE coverage that the disposal of land was for social housing and advised the Cathaoirleach of his powers under legislation to request access to any council file and asked that he use these powers to seek access to the referred to legal advice that was being withheld from the members. The Cathaoirleach stated he was aware of the rights afforded to the role of Cathaoirleach and at all times he acted in the best interest of the majority of the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by the members present, the report was noted.

## **27/0322**

### **Motion following the Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that following the earlier agreement of the members to suspend standing orders to consider the RTE Investigates programme of last week, Councillor Stafford submitted the following motion, and he asked the Meetings Administrator to read the motion into the record. The Meetings Administrator confirmed the following motion had been received in writing from Councillor Stafford in accordance with standing orders.

That the Council endorse the position taken by the Interim Chief Executive Officer in writing to RTE, the national broadcaster, requesting clarification on the inclusion of an item relating to the disposal of land at Athgarvan in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act in circumstances where the function was exercised lawfully and that the Council will, pending the response, instruct its solicitors to review the content of the programme as it relates to the Council.

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

The Cathaoirleach stated that a response had been received from RTE to the letter that had issued from the Interim Chief Executive and did he wish to change his motion on this basis. Councillor Stafford stated he had not had sight of the response from RTE and asked that it be circulated to the members as the members would need to review it. He requested that legal advice be sought by the council on the content of the programme, to examine whether there had been any defamation to the council having regard to the coverage and the content of the programme

Councillor Brett noted there had been reference in the programme to a second valuation and asked the executive if they had sight of this second valuation. He also asked what criteria was given for the second valuation and had the CDP clause been included in that criteria.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy sought clarification on who the advice was being sought on behalf of. She stated that the members should be entitled to seek independent legal advice, but as the report on her previous motion stated that legal advice was solely for the executive and not for the members, she repeated her request for clarification on who this legal advice was going to be for.

Councillor Doyle stated the legal advice being sought by the motion under consideration, was on the reporting by RTE and the potential for reputational damage of the council on foot of this reporting. She stated that the issue Councillor McLoughlin Healy was raising with regard to the members right to seek legal advice on matters such as the disposal of land, was separate to the motion under consideration.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy responded stating the report on her previous motion differentiated between the right of the executive to seek legal advice and the right of the members to access this legal advice and again sought clarity from Councillor Stafford that what he was seeking in his motion was independent legal advice for the elected members.

The Interim Chief Executive stated that RTE had aired a programme on Wednesday, 23 March 2022 titled "RTE Investigates Council Chamber Secrets". The programme stated that it highlighted certain issues, including allegations of fraud, corruption, waste of public money, mismanagement, and lack of oversight and accountability however, the segment relating to the disposal of land by the elected members of Kildare County Council did not demonstrate any wrongdoing on the part of either the Elected Members or the Executive of the council. She stated that in its response, RTE were justifying its inclusion given that Part 212 of the Local Government Act 2001 had not yet been enacted. She stated the request she was hearing from the members was around legal advice on the programme content and the intimation that something wrong had taken place. She confirmed that the second valuation had not been commissioned by the council and understood that valuation had been sought after the councillors had made their decision on the disposal of the land in question.

Councillor Stafford stated that Section 212 of the Local Government Act in the main related to the removal of councillors and that if a decision maker made a decision that was considered to be ultra vires, there were established principles to follow around Judicial Review. He also noted the potential reputational damage for staff of the council on foot of the programme reporting.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked Councillor Stafford where in Section 212 of the Act did it state anything about councillors. Councillor Stafford stated that Section 212 primarily referred to councillors and the removal of councillors. Councillor McLoughlin Healy again stated that there was no mention of the removal of councillors in the section referenced.

The Cathaoirleach asked the Meetings Administrator to read the motion that was currently before the members and called for a show of hands vote on the motion.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed the motion currently before the members was as follows:

That the Council endorse the position taken by the Interim Chief Executive Officer in writing to RTE, the national broadcaster, requesting clarification on the inclusion of an item relating to the disposal of land at Athgarvan in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act in circumstances where the function was exercised lawfully and that the Council will, pending the response, instruct its solicitors to review the content of the programme as it relates to the Council.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Doyle and with 31 members voting in favour of the motion, the motion was passed.

The meeting concluded



## Appendix 1

### Town and Village Renewal and Rural Regeneration and Development Funding Received to date.

Scheme	Year	Location	Project	Funding
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	2016	Prosperous	Development of Prosperous Town Park	€100,000
		Kildare Town	Healthcheck & Town Renewal Masterplan	€95,000
		Athy	Development of Part 8 plans for Emily Square	€95,000
		Ballymore Eustace	Town Centre Improvements	€45,000
		Timolin	Monument/ Art Work	€20,000
		Ballitore	Restoration plan for first Tanyard Building	€25,000
Scheme	Year	Location	Project	Funding
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	2017	Ballymore Eustace	Development of 5km Looped Walk	€92,000
		Narraghmore	Development of the Old Hardware Social Enterprise	€80,000

		Ardclough	Development of Interpretative Centre – Phase 1	€76,680
		Athy	CCTV	€67,723
		Monasterevin	Looped walk and refurbishment of Community Centre	€100,000
<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	2018	Kilcullen	Redevelopment of Market Square	€200,000
		Rathangan	Redevelopment of Market Square	€200,000
		Ardclough	Healthcheck & Town Renewal Masterplan	€20,000
		Athgarvan	Healthcheck & Town Renewal Masterplan	€20,000
		Castledermot	Healthcheck & Town Renewal Masterplan	€20,000
		Derrinturn	Healthcheck & Town Renewal Masterplan	€20,000
		Monastervin	Healthcheck	€20,000
		Straffan	Healthcheck & Town Renewal Masterplan	€20,000

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme</b>	<b>2019</b>	Kildangan	Works to Community Hall	€92,164
		Kilcock	Town Branding	€100,000
		Prosperous	Town Branding	€100,000
		Ballitore Tanyard	Restoration Plan for 2nd Tanyard Buildin	€20,000
<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme</b>	<b>2020</b>	Athy	Works to Athy Enterprise Centre	€89,533
		Ardclough	Arthurs Grave Heritage Centre + Community Facility Phase 2	€87,300
		Clane	Main Street Accessibility and restoration plan for Clane Abbey Community Centre	€200,000
		Sallins	Healthcheck & Town Renewal Masterplan	€63,000
		Leixlip	Covid Works	€40,000
		Celbridge	Covid Works	€40,000
		Newbridge	Covid Works	€40,000

		Kildare Market Sq	Covid Work	€40,000
		Maynooth	Covid Works	€40,000
		Naas Poplar Sq	Covid Works	€40,000
		Monasterevin	School Street	€25,000
		Athy	School Street	€25,000
<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	2021	Churchtown	Development of Churchtown Community Hub	€61,200
		Curragh Camp	Restoration works to historic Curragh Post Office	€45,000
		Johnstown	Development of Community Amenity	€25,200
		Kilcullen	Works to Senior Citizen Community Centre	€28,530
		Monasterevin	Masterplan for former Cassidy's Distillery Site	€50,000

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Rural Regeneration & Development Fund	<b>2018</b>	Athy	Shackleton Museum & Redevelopment of Emily Square	€2,754,752
		Athy	Dominican Lands Masterplan	€80,000
		Monasterevin	Monasterevin Town Renewal Masterplan	€98,000
<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Rural Regeneration & Development Fund	<b>2019</b>	Lowtown to Athy	Development of Barrow Blueway	€8,000,000
<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Rural Regeneration & Development Fund	<b>2020</b>	Kildare Town	Redevelopment of Kildare Market Square and Pedestrian Link to Kildare Village	€1,750,000
		Athy	Development of Model School Food and Drinks Hub Concept	€476,250
		<b>TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED UNDER RRDF AND TOWN &amp; VILLAGE RENEWAL FUNDING TO DATE</b>		<b>€15,727,332</b>