

**Minutes of Athy Municipal District held at 13.00 pm on Monday  
30 January 2017 in Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor I Keatley (Leas Cathaoirleach), Councillors M Dalton,  
M Miley, T Redmond and M Wall

Apologies: Councillor A Breslin (Cathaoirleach)

Officials Present: Mr J Boland (District Manager),  
Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer),  
Ms M Dalton (Meetings Administrator)  
and Ms D Heavey-Sharpe (Secretary)

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Councillor Keatley welcomed the members, staff and general public in attendance to the special meeting, he extended Councillor Breslin's apologies as she was unable to attend.

**AY01/1701**

**Local Property Tax**

The District Manager circulated a list of proposed local property tax spend 2017 for the Athy Municipal District which had been discussed with all the members of Athy Municipal District and the District Engineer. The District Manager went through the proposed list outlining current/ongoing projects, new initiatives and major schemes/projects.

In response to a query from Councillor Wall the District Manager stated that the capital fund for the Emily Square upgrade was €140,000 and not €150,000 as previously discussed due to €10,000 being allocated to Integrated Initiatives (LCDC) which are listed under new initiatives.

In response to a query from Councillor Redmond the District Manager stated that the education bursary would not be advertised but distributed equally to the three branches of Saint Vincent De Paul in the Athy Municipal District and the amount would be added to their own bursary fund.

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Councillor Keatley requested that the branches of Saint Vincent De Paul who receive the bursary funds be requested to give feedback to the members on the distribution of the fund in order for the allocation to be accounted for and that this feedback could be given at the end of the year and requested when the funding is distributed.

The meetings administrator sought clarification of the figures, the figures were outlined as follows:

Total Allocation per County Council Budget (LPT retained)	645,500
Add – Pay Parking Surplus	<u>19,500</u>
<b>Total for distribution</b>	<b><u>665,000</u></b>

Allocated as follows:

**(a) Current/Ongoing projects**

Athy Community Council	12,000	
Castledermot Playground (fund)	10,000	
Residents Associations (Top up)	15,000	
Ongoing contributions to local groups *2	25,000	
Rural Lighting	5,000	
Painting Project (Top up)	10,000	
Athy Heritage Centre (Top up)	5,000	
Xmas Lights Athy (Top up)	15,000	
Xmas Lights (Rural Villages)	3,000	
Monasterevin Wi-Fi	<u>2,500</u>	102,500

**(b) New Initiatives**

Athy Regeneration Strategy *1	12,500	
Monasterevin signage schemes (Pilot)	10,000	
Athy Heritage Centre (Saturday opening)	5,000	
Village Enhancement (urban design)	20,000	
Monasterevin Community Garden	10,000	
Integrated Initiatives (LCDC)	<u>10,000</u>	67,500

(c) Major Schemes/Projects

Emily Square Upgrade (capital fund)	140,000	
Athy Heritage Centre – capital project/design	15,000	
Public Realm Improvements – Athy (Design)	10,000	
Local Roads	275,000	
Community & Enterprise (local initiatives)	<u>55,000</u>	495,000
		<b><u>665,000</u></b>

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Upgrade of Woodstock Industrial Estate  
Marketing Plan  
Allotments initiative  
Athy in bloom  
NB – Contingent on local matching funding of €12,500

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Breakdown of €25,000 to be agreed at a separate meeting by the members for 2017 for ongoing contributions to local groups .

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Redmond, with all the members in agreement, that the allocation of the retained Local Property Tax as outlined above be agreed.

€30,000 of Local Property Tax monies from 2016 be carried over to the 2017 spend was also agreed under the following headings:

Castledermot Playground (capital fund) €10,000,  
Landscaping proposals for Woodstock Street €10,000 and  
Landscaping proposals for Narraghmore €10,000.

**AY02/1701**

**Part 8 - Extension to Crookstown**

The members considered the report on the proposed extension to Crookstown cemetery, which had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The District Manager stated that the proposal included space for an extra 235 plots on a three quarter of an acre site which would have a lawn finish and would include the provision of a columbarium wall. He stated that if the members agreed the plans the process would be commenced quickly.

In response to a query from Councillor Keatley the District Manager informed the members that footpaths were not included in the proposal but subject to members agreement could be negotiated as part of the contract.

The members in turn commended Councillor Keatley on the time and work he invested in this proposal along with the team from the Environment Section adding that this would benefit the Crookstown and Narraghmore areas greatly.

Councillors noted that Kildare/Wicklow Educate Together Board (KWETB) have taken over a new school in the area with the old school being turned into a training centre and that an open day in the new school or training centre was scheduled for 16 February 2017 from 7pm – 8pm where expressions of interest could be made by the public. Councillors also noted that this is another good news story for the area and it was great to see both projects progressing at the same time.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Wall and agreed by all members that the Part 8 process in relation to the extension to Crookstown Cemetery be commenced.

### **AY03/1701**

#### **Update on the improvements on the sewerage network planned for Narraghmore and Kilmead (AY06/1611, AY14/1612)**

In relation to the sewerage network planned for Narraghmore, the District Manager stated that he had a lengthy meeting with Irish Water where it was agreed that the council would lodge a formal application to Irish Water for a connection to the sewerage network at Narraghmore. He informed the members that some progress had been made and that they would be kept updated on any further progress. The District Manager requested that it be noted that Deputy Heydon's representations were acknowledged.

The meeting concluded.