



**Minutes of the Athy Municipal District Meeting held at 10.00 am on  
Monday, 16 November 2020 in  
Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas**

**Members Present:** Councillor A Breslin (Cathaoirleach), Councillors V Behan, B Dooley, I Keatley and M Leigh

**Officials Present:** Ms A Aspell (District Manager), Mr MI Kavanagh (A/District Engineer), Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Malone (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Ms A Corbett (South East Region and Kildare Age Friendly Programme Manager), Mr B Leonard (Administrative Officer), Mr B McGrath (Meetings Administrator) and Ms O Mooney (Meetings Secretary)

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**AY01/1120**

**Minutes**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Athy Municipal District meeting held on Monday, 12 October 2020 and the minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Monday, 19 October 2020 and the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Leigh, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Athy Municipal District meeting held on Monday, 12 October 2020 and the minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Monday, 19 October 2020 and the progress report was noted.

**AY02/1120**

**Additional Festival Grants 2020**

The Cathaoirleach stated that the members received an email on Friday evening from Mr D McDermott, Community Section looking for approval for the following monies to be



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allocated to the following events. As it was an unusual year, in an attempt to help community groups, she accepted two late festival grant applications as follows;

Athy Town Promotors – To support a Covid compliant Christmas event, project disks, posters and signage, shop local campaign and KFM advertising - €1,000

Athy Town Promotors – To support a Covid compliant Halloween event. Laser lights, digital decorations, disks, posters and signage - €1,500

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Behan and agreed by the members that these two applications be approved.

### AY03/1120

#### Update on the Athy Municipal District Road Works

The following report was circulated by Mr Kavanagh, A/District Engineer to the members prior to the meeting.

#### Pedestrian Works

- Pedestrian works have commenced in Pairc Bhríde.

#### NTA – Active Travel Measures updates

- Moone school works phase 1 works nearing completion i.e. kerbing, footpaths drainage, bollards.
- Castledermot school works phase 1 works nearing completion i.e. road resurfacing and road markings and drainage works.
- Crookstown school works phase 1 works this week i.e. road resurfacing and road markings and drainage works.

#### Bus Shelters

No funding for bus shelters was allocated to Athy Municipal District.

#### Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2020

- R-428 Brackney to Cardenton.
- R-418 Gallowshill to Russelstown.
- L-8037 Timolin to Wicklow bounds.



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- L- 8100 Graney to Plunketstown.
- L-7071 Ironhills to Eagle Hill.
- L- 4010 Newtownallen.
- L-4011 Mill road, Castledermot.
- L- 8073 Russelstown to Inch.
- L-8028 Broomfield to N-78.

Aftercare works been undertaken on a number of the above works.

### **Local Property Tax (LPT)/Carpark Funded Works 2020.**

- Kilberry housing estate roads/footpaths.
- Mount Hawkins/Kirwan's lane drainage/roads/footpaths.
- Garter lane drainage/roads.
- L-4009 Abbeylands, Castledermot.

### **Municipal District Road Surface Dressing Works 2020.**

- R- 415 Booleigh to Fontstown.
- R-415 Walterstown to Mullane.
- R- 417 Kildangan to Cloney.
- L- 8007 Ballyshannon to Martinstown.
- L- 8006 Martinstown to Crawnglass.
- L- 7055 Duneany to Walterstown.
- L-7066 Walterstown to Nurney.
- L-7072 Martinstown to Newtown.
- L-8009 Tippenan to Whitehouse.

**National Secondary** Resurfacing Works South of Athy are substantially complete with snag list to be done.

4 No. **CIS jobs** have been completed.

- Ballybough, Athy.
- Belan, Athy.
- Pit lane, Kildoon.



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- Brennan's lane, Kilcrow.

Mr Kavanagh confirmed that Hedge Cutting, jetting of drains and drainage works had been completed in various locations throughout the district also.

Councillor Leigh requested an update on the survey for footpaths in the municipal district. Mr Kavanagh stated that the survey for Pairc Bhríde had started and the survey for McDonnell Drive would commence the following week. The survey for Greenhills would happen soon.

The Cathaoirleach requested an update on the remedial works on the back lanes of estates in the municipal district. Mr Kavanagh stated that in the short-term, the patcher would be carrying out some works for two weeks and long-term works would be investigated in 2021. The report was noted.

### **AY04/1120**

#### **Update on Community and Development Issues**

A report from Ms Berry was circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The Cathaoirleach informed the members that there was an Athy Town Promoters meeting arranged for 1.00 pm on Tuesday, 17 November 2020 to discuss shop local and Christmas Campaign for 2020.

The report was noted.

### **AY05/1120**

#### **Update on Spending of LPT allocation for Building and Development Control**

A report was circulated outlining the allocation of LPT funding under Building and Development Control. Mr Malone stated that the shop front scheme allocation of €18,000 was transferred to the Local Enterprise Office (LEO). He was unsure whether all the money had been spent but he would know by the end of November and he would inform the members.

The following points were raised by the members;



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- whether the amount would be reduced for next year or any outstanding monies would roll over to next year.
- To leave outstanding budget and roll over to next year due to Covid restrictions.

Mr Malone stated he would inform the members as soon as LEO came back to him.

It was agreed by all the members that any money unspent from this year be transferred to next year's budget.

### **AY06/1120**

#### **Update on Taking in Charge of Estates in 2020**

The following motion was received from Councillor Keatley:

That the council give an update on estates taken in charge in 2020 to date, in the Athy Municipal District and provide estimates of costs for housing estates that need minor works and surveys in order to be taken in charge.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that at the end of 2019, the Development Control Section issued a priority list of estates in the Athy Municipal District to progress towards taking in charge and the members had allocated €45,000 LPT funding towards this. They had been engaging with Irish Water and were awaiting an official response on whether the council can proceed with the taking in charge of some of the estates. (See Appendix 1)

The following points were raised by the members;

- They understood there was an issue with Irish Water and asked whether it had been sorted out yet by senior management?
- They noted that the council were seeking to spend some of the funding to carry out CCTV surveys for some of the estates costing €14,000 plus VAT and they asked for clarity on this matter.



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- The members gave a commitment to progress these estates at the 2019 Local Elections and worried that these works would not be completed. The members asked that this matter be prioritised.
- Estates waiting to be taken in charge such as Branswood and Shanrath were at a standstill at the moment as the developer had gone.

The following points were clarified by Mr Malone;

- They were waiting on formal response from Irish Water.
- They were waiting on quotations for CCTV surveys for five estates which would approximately cost €14,000 plus VAT for works to be completed to bring the five estates up to standard.
- The residents of the particular estate can ask the council to take the estate in charge and Irish Water would have to maintain it or the developer would need to finish the estate to bring it up to standard or use the bond until the works were completed.
- In regard to Branswood and Shanrath, he would update the members for the next meeting.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted and that a report in regard to taking in charge of Branswood and Shanrath be prepared for the next meeting and that surveys be carried out in order to get estates on priority list taken in charge by 2021.

### **AY07/1120**

#### **Athy Distributor Road**

Mr Conlan was unavailable to attend the meeting. Ms Pender stated that the tender documents had been forwarded to the Department of Transport as they now require ministerial viewing and approval, and this may cause a small delay, but she hoped it would be minimal. She added this was a new step in procedures and she had no definite timeline. She stated that the Department of Transport only recently informed the council to the new procedures associated with the Athy Distributor Road.

The following points were raised by the members;



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- They noted there were eleven original tender applications, five were accepted and six were not accepted.
- This was the first time the members heard about the new procedure and some of the members stated they would write to the relevant Minister regarding their concerns.
- They asked for an update be sent to them concerning this new step following the meeting today.

The report was noted.

### AY08/1120

#### **Christmas Parking Arrangements in the Athy Municipal District for 2020**

The members considered the pay parking arrangements for Athy Municipal District. The following points were raised by the members;

- They were hopeful that they would be out of Level 5 lockdown and all shops would be able to re-open and that an extra two weeks be given to allow for the January sales.
- Based on a Finance meeting a few weeks earlier and that the council were losing so much money on pay parking and as many people were happy with the free half hour that only the week before and week after Christmas be given as free pay parking.
- There was a need to give assistance to town centre businesses and free pay parking was necessary for the Christmas period.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Dooley, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by all the members that there would be free pay parking (unauthorised and illegal parking would continue to be enforced) in Athy from 8.30 am on 2 December 2020 to 8.30 am on 18 January 2021 in the Athy Municipal District.

### AY09/1120

#### **Ownership of Ground in Rathstewart, Athy**

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillors Behan, Breslin, Dooley, Keatley and Leigh:

That the council investigate ownership of ground in Rathstewart Athy, (details provided), with a view to considering if it is feasible to purchase/CPO it for future use as a new entrance for the secondary school, to create a safer one way traffic system for students,



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parents and staff during Covid 19 pandemic and alleviating the traffic congestion in the town, subject to budgetary provision being available.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that a search had confirmed that this parcel of land was not registered with Land Registry. The Department of Education & Skills would need to consider establishing ownership of this ground if they are planning to apply for a second entrance.

The following points were raised by the members;

- That the secondary school would start a line of communication with the owner of the ground in question and start negotiations in order to alleviate congestion of traffic in the town.
- The possibility of a one-way system or a second entrance would be beneficial.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Behan, seconded by Councillor Breslin that the report be noted.

### **AY10/1120**

#### **Crom Abu Bridge, Athy**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Behan:

That the council carry out a structural examination of the Crom Abu Bridge in Athy.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the member that if they were in agreement, correspondence could issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting a structural examination be undertaken.

The following points were raised by the members;

- Surveys had already been carried out in 2015 and 2019
- The bridge stonework needs to be upgraded.





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- Removing HGVs from the town would help this structure, which was steadily deteriorating, and the new distributor road would relieve this.
- The future of the bridge was important as it was an iconic feature in the town of Athy.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Behan, seconded by Councillor Dooley that the report be noted and that a structural examination be undertaken by TII.

### AY11/1120

#### Remedial Works – Ballitore

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Leigh:

That the council fixes the area behind council houses (details provided) in Ballitore which is in need of immediate attention due to potholes.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that in the short-term, remedial works can be carried out. In the longer term we would need to consider this area for resurfacing. The Municipal District would need to identify a source of funding for same.

The following points were raised by the members;

- Resurfacing of the back lane behind these council houses was to be carried out as soon as possible.
- A source of funding needed to be identified – this would be considered during LPT 2021 discussions.

Mr Kavanagh stated the patcher would be going in next week to carry out temporary works and resurfacing would be considered in early 2021 subject to funding being identified.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Keatley that the patcher would be going in next week to carry out temporary works and resurfacing would be considered in early 2021 subject to funding being identified.



**AY12/1120**

**Remedial Works to the N9 at Main Street, Castledermot**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breslin:

That the council undertake remedial works to the N9 at Main Street, Castledermot.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that this was the R-448 and the council were awaiting funds from the National Transport Authority (NTA) in 2021 to carry out improvement works including surfacing and crossing points.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted.

**AY13/1120**

**Local Link Bus Service 880**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Dooley:

Can the council provide an update on when the local link bus service 880, will be adding the village of Calverstown and the Ballyshannon area to its already established route?

A report was received from Mr Alan Kerry, Local Link informing the members that Local Link Kildare South Dublin was currently undertaking a Case Study on its 883 service - Athy to Newbridge. This case study was inclusive of a survey of current users. An anticipated output of this Case Study would be to use evidence in relation to the success of Route 883 and apply this evidence to the reconfiguration of Route 880, a proposal that includes the addition of Calverstown to the new route. Local Link would be happy to present the results of the case study to an upcoming meeting of the Athy Municipal District.

Councillor Dooley said he would like to meet with Mr Kerry to move this matter on as some people are still isolated in rural Kildare. He added Local Link was very successful for rural Ireland, but he was anxious to add the village of Calverstown and the Ballyshannon area to its already established route 880.



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The District Manager advised that the council would liaise with Mr Kerry, Local Link and arrange a meeting in due course.

The report was noted.

### **AY14/1120**

#### **Footpath and Bridge Repairs at Levitstown Bridge**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Behan:  
Can the council provide an update on whether any work is proposed for a footpath and bridge repairs at Levitstown Bridge?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that there were no plans to carry out major repairs to the bridge at Levitstown or to provide a footpath in this area.

Councillor Behan requested clarification and asked that consideration be given to a survey on this bridge as it was collapsing slowly.

The report was noted.

### **AY15/1120**

#### **Safety Works on the dangerous bends at Coltstown on the L40161 Castledermot to Baltinglass Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Keatley:  
Can the council confirm when safety work on the dangerous bends at Coltstown on the L40161 Castledermot to Baltinglass Road will commence?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that there were no plans to carry out any realignment works at Coltstown on the Castledermot/Baltinglass road.

The report was noted.



**AY16/1120**

**Completion of Works at the National Schools in the Athy Municipal District**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Keatley:

Can the council give a timeframe for the completion of works at the national schools in the municipal district, that received funding under the national stimulus package?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that works on the infrastructure at the school at Castledermot, Crookstown and Moone was ongoing and should be completed by the end of November 2020.

Councillor Keatley thanked the District Engineer and his team for meeting members of the public on site. He asked that the following issues be resolved;

- the Jo Jo Dollard monument and the bench would be moved back to their original sites as soon as works were completed.
- Vehicular access to Parish Hall be resolved.
- Ponding outside Church to be looked and dealt with over the coming days.

Mr Kavanagh stated that works were almost completed at Castledermot school. Works at Crookstown would start this week and they would carry out phase 1 on a school day and carry out the final surface next Saturday. In regard to Moone, the bench and the Jo Jo Dollard monument would be re-instated this week. He added that next year, the council would look at resurfacing the road from Moone to Timolin and the introduction of a continuous footpath from Moone to Timolin.

The report was noted.

**AY17/1120**

**Update on Community Involvement Scheme and Local Improvement Scheme – Athy Municipal District**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Leigh:

Can the council update this committee on the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) and Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) schemes confirming how many applications are in and when does it expect the next round will be?



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A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that there were 4 CIS Schemes completed in 2020. There were no LIS Schemes completed.

There are currently 6 applications countywide which fully comply with the terms of the Local Improvement Scheme and a further 2 applications which require further investigation.

Notification of a funding allocation would normally be confirmed in February/March.

A review of the applications on hand for Community Involvement Schemes would take place in early 2021 and would determine the number of applicants who still wish to proceed with the schemes. The next round of funding for Community Involvement Schemes was not expected until 2022.

The report was noted.

### **AY18/1120**

#### **Realignment of Road at Castlemitchell**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breslin:

Can the council confirm when will the completion of the realignment of the road at Castlemitchell take place?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the resurfacing on the final section of the R428 Athy/Stradbally Road was scheduled for completion in 2021.

The report was noted.

### **AY19/1120**

#### **Community Employment Scheme Supervisors**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dooley:

That the councillors of the Athy Municipal District receive a presentation from the Community Employment Scheme Supervisors in our district on the invaluable work that they carry out in the cemeteries under council control and in several housing estates in our community.

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



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The following points were raised by the members;

- Great work carried out on a weekly basis by those involved.
- They would like to see the presentation using Microsoft Teams.
- Thanked all involved in the schemes and Athy Community Council for invaluable work being carried out.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Dooley, seconded by Councillor Behan that the Community Employment Scheme Supervisors make a presentation to the members via Microsoft Teams.

### **AY20/1120**

#### **Update on the Progress of the 30 Cluid Houses – Formerly Dominican Lands in Athy**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Dooley:

Can the council give an update on the progress of the 30 Cluid houses, on what was formerly the Dominican Lands in Athy?

A report was received from the Senior Architect informing the members that Cluid had appointed a design team and had submitted a proposal for 29 units which was being reviewed internally in the council at the moment. Some queries had been sent back to Cluid. Site investigation works were also undertaken recently.

Councillor Dooley stated he would like to see the design for these houses.

The District Manager stated that a pre-planning meeting took place the previous week and the design was not in place yet, but the designs would be shown to the members when ready.

The report was noted.

### **AY21/1120**

#### **CCTV Cameras – Dun Brinn Estate, Athy**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Behan:

Can the council confirm if it has plans to install CCTV cameras in Dún Brinn housing estate in Athy?



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A report was received from Corporate Services informing the members that the council does not have any plans to install CCTV cameras at this location.

The report was noted.

### **AY22/1120**

#### **Athy Age Friendly Town Walkability Audit**

Ms Corbett confirmed she had circulated a comprehensive audit report to the members prior to the meeting. She stated that the primary objective of this report was to capture the opinions of the participants of the walkability audit and to acknowledge their concerns in relation to the walkability of Athy. The voice of the older person had been recorded and expressly re-produced in this document. She thanked all those involved who helped with this audit to make Athy, the first age friendly town in the municipal district.

The District Manager welcomed the report and indicated that she had spoken with Ms Corbett in regard to the housing elements of this audit.

The Cathaoirelach requested that a Microsoft teams meeting be set up in order to fully brief the members on this walkability audit report before the December meeting of the municipal district.

The report was noted.

### **AY23/1120**

#### **Update on the Model School Food Hub**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Leigh:

Can the council provide this committee with an update on the Model School Food Hub?

The District Manager informed the members that the report originally forwarded to the members was incorrect. She read the following report to the members.

A report was received from the Head of Enterprise informing the members that following the appointment of Bluett O'Donoghue in September, the design team held their first meeting the Head of Enterprise on 30 September. It was agreed at the meeting, that design work



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and preparation for submission of Part 8 planning was the immediate priorities. It was further agreed that a draft programme be prepared.

Following the circulation of a draft programme on the 28 October, a design team meeting took place on 3 November. The programme includes submission of the Part 8 planning application, with permission scheduled for March 2021, detailed design completion by February 2021 and the commencement of the tender process for construction in April 2021. The design team had been advised of the steps needed for the Part 8 process. The design team completed a site visit to Wicklow Education Training Board on Wednesday, 11 November 2020 to review the design and layout of the training kitchen and had also scheduled a virtual tour of Drumshambo Food Hub in Leitrim. A topographical survey of the site commenced on Friday, 6 November 2020 and was expected to be completed on Tuesday, 17 November 2020. A further meeting of the design team was expected to take place week of 16 November 2020.

The report was noted.

### **AY24/1120**

#### **Provision of a Water Sports Hub for Athy**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breslin:

Can the council confirm what is the up to date position with the provision of a Water Sports Hub for Athy?

A report was received from the Co-ordinator, Kildare Sports Partnership informing the members that a feasibility study was currently being undertaken in relation to the provision of a Water Sports Hub facility. The study would be completed before the end of the year.

The Cathaoirleach stated that this project was essential for South Kildare as the town of Athy would be either at the start or end of the Blueway and the members needs to look at all relevant projects.

The District Manager stated that S3 Solutions were carrying out a feasibility study in relation to the Water Sports Hub which they expect to complete before the end of 2020. Once the feasibility study was complete the Public Realm Team would be in a position to use this





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document to support any funding opportunities that arise to support the delivery of this capital project.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.



## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Taking in Charge Report for the Athy Municipal District – Justin Murtagh, Executive Engineer**

As the members can appreciate, 2020 has been a difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in lockdowns and a serious change in our working practices and arrangements.

At the end of 2019, the Development Control Section issued a priority list of estates in the Athy Municipal District to progress towards Taking in Charge (TIC) and the members allocated €45,000 LPT funding to progress taking in charge.

#### **Priority list of estates in Athy MD to progress towards TIC in 2020**

1. Castle Raven, Nurney	S180 Request from Homeowners
2. Kildoon, Nurney	S180 Request from Homeowners
3. Cois Caisleain, Nurney	S180 Request from Homeowners
4. Castle Gate, Nurney	No request to TIC
5. Abbeyland, Castledermot	Advertised 2015
6. Timolin Terrace, Timolin	No request to TIC
7. Cluain Bhearu, Athy (6 units)	Developer requested TIC
8. Lugatana, Calverstown	S180 Request from Homeowners
9. Cluain Ard, Kilmead	Site Resolution Plan via bond
10. Corran Ard, Athy	Site Resolution Plan via bond
11. Blackhall, Calverstown	No request to TIC

On the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 the Development Control Section advertised the following estates for taking in charge:-

1. 8-13 Cluain Bearu, Athy
2. Cois Caislean, Nurney



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3. Lugatanna, Calverstown
4. Kildoon, Nurney
5. Castle Gate, Nurney
6. Castle Raven, Nurney

The Development Control Section have been engaging with Irish Water and are awaiting an official response on whether the Council can proceed with the taking in charge of these estates.

The Development Control Section only more recently received the €45,000 LPT allocation and are seeking to spend the funding to carryout CCTV surveys and As Constructed Drawings to progress the taking in charge of the following estates:-

1. St. Johns, Castledermot - Approximate cost €6,700 incl VAT
2. Lugatana, Calverstown - Approximate cost €1,300 incl VAT
3. Carrighill, Calverstown - Approximate cost €1,500 incl VAT
4. Carrighill Lower, Calverstown - Approximate cost €2,500 incl VAT
5. Castle Raven, Nurney - Approximate cost €2,000 incl VAT

Approximately totalling €14,000 incl VAT

The Development Control Section is awaiting a quotation from our contractor. There are some bond monies available to put towards the surveys. The CCTV surveys are essential as there may be extensive underground repairs required which are expensive.

Once the Council can establish the cost of the essential underground repairs, we can budget to carry out any underground repairs and surface defects in the estates funded from the LPT fund and bond monies.

### **Kildoon, Nurney**

The Members specifically allocated €10,000 towards the taking in charge of the estate. At present we are awaiting a quotation to upgrade lanterns of 2 of the 3 number streetlights.



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The third streetlight needs to be completely replaced and possible rewired as the original streetlight was extensively damaged.

### **Castlewood, Kilkea**

The Attenuation system was never completed for this estate. The attenuation system will have to be constructed in the adjacent agricultural field with a drainage outfall to the River Griese. It is intended to get the estate surveyed to produce As Constructed Drawings and to carry out a topographical survey on the adjacent agricultural field to the River Griese. This will cost approximately €1,500 - €2,000.

It is then proposed to procure a consulting engineer to design the attenuation system, prepare drawings and a pricing document.

Subject to funding and approval of the landowner, a contractor will have to be procured to complete the works and this could commence in Q2 2021.

The Development Control Section may not spend all the 2020 LPT allocation this year but subject to the Members approval it could be carried over to 2021 and hopefully added to the 2021 LPT allocation. The construction of the attenuation system with drainage and associated works will require significant funding.

### **Cluain Ard, Kilmead**

The Development Control Section have been in negotiations with the Receiver and Irish Water to progress the taking in charge of the associated WWTP which, in turn, will allow for the taking in charge of the housing estate Cluain Ard.

### **Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure program 2019 – 2021**

The National Taking in Charge Initiative (NTICI) introduced a funding program for estates with Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) with the aim of identifying estates with WWTP or WTP that could be connected to the public network and would allow the taking in charge of the estate. There was also potential funding to upgrade 1-2 demonstrated projects consisting of small standalone WWTP or WTP that could not be connected to the public network.



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The Council identified 3 no. Category 1 estates that could be connected to the public network and 7 no. Category 3 demonstrated projects/site in County Kildare.

2 no. Category 1 estates sites were allocated funding in County Kildare to connect to the public network with the demonstrated projects to be funded from a separate scheme in 2022-2024.

In the Athy Municipal District there is

1 no. Category 1 estate - The Paddocks, Ballitore.

1 no. Category 3 estate – The Village, Moone.

### **The Paddocks, Ballitore**

This is the only estate in the Athy Municipal District to receive DPWSI funding. It is proposed to replace the WWTP with a gravity sewer laid through third party agricultural lands to the pump station at the new National School. Approximately €94,000 has been allocated to complete the project which represents 80% of the funding applied for. The Water Services Department contracted a consulting engineer a couple of years ago to carry out preliminary investigations and draft design drawing.

It is intended to re-engage the consulting engineers to complete the tender documents and arrange legal wayleaves across the third-party lands. It is proposed to commence works on site in Q2 2021.