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Minutes of the Athy Municipal District held at 10.00 am on Monday, 15 March 2021 via Microsoft Teams

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

Officials Present: Ms A Aspell (District Manager), Mr D O'Flaherty (District Engineer), Mr D Reel (Senior Engineer), Mr L Dunne and Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officers), Ms K Keane (Administrative Officer), Ms L Russell (Kildare Arts Officer), Ms M Higgins (Kildare County Librarian), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms P O'Rourke (Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr B Leonard (Data Protection Officer), Mr B McGrath (Meetings Administrator) and Ms O Mooney (Meetings Secretary)

AY01/0321

Vote of Sympathy

The Cathaoirleach proposed that a vote of sympathy be passed to the family of Mr Declan Reid who died tragically recently. She also paid tribute to the work of all the state agencies especially the Civil Defence during the search. She thanked Mr Scott McQuaid for his bravery in assisting the family and who saved the life of a young child. This was agreed by all the members.

AY02/0321

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District held on Monday 15 February, 2021 and the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Dooley and agreed



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by all the members that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District held on 15 February 2021 be adopted and the progress report was noted.

AY03/0321

Presentation from Music Generation Kildare

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Russell, Arts Officer, Kildare County Council and Mr Costello, Generation Development Officer, Kildare and Wicklow Education Training Board (KWETB) to the meeting. She proposed that if the members had any questions for Mr Costello or Ms Russell that they email them to them after the meeting and all the members agreed.

Mr Costello delivered a presentation to the members highlighting the following points:

- Local authorities and Educational Training Boards were working jointly to deliver the Music Generation Kildare with KWETB as the lead partner.
- Music Generation Kildare offered new opportunities for hundreds of children and young people ages 0 to 18 to access high-quality, subsidised vocal and instrumental tuition in their local communities.
- Expression of interest forms for the programme had been circulated to all schools in the county – 4 primary schools and 1 secondary school had responded and had already engaged in the programme.
- The goal of the programme was to provide children and young people with performance music education opportunities through tuition and access to equipment and attract an audience for the future for its young performers.
- The programme had a tiered system approach which included projects at an international level, a national level, county level and municipal district level.
- A funding model was currently being looked at and local matched funding was required from the partners.
- Welcomed the Cathaoirleach, Councillor A Breslin as Chair of the Local Community and Cultural SPC to their group.



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- A copy of the presentation and the Music Generation Workplan for 2021 would be circulated to the members.

Mr Costello made a formal application to the members of the Athy Municipal District for Local Property Tax funding in the amount of €30,000. He confirmed that this was being sought from each of the municipal districts.

The following points were raised by the members;

- Were delighted that the council were taking this approach as music, arts and creativity was very important and it was a gift to play music
- Can individual children take part privately in this initiative or do you have to go through schools and how would instruments be allocated to children?
- Much needed opportunity for children after spending months in lockdown and hoped more schools would get involved as music can bring so much joy and happiness into lives.

In response to questions from the members, Mr Costello clarified the following points:

- The programme would be available to schools in all municipal districts.
- It was hoped that instruments would be rented over a term and the user would then own and keep the instrument and the money generated from paying to rent the instrument could be used to buy more.
- The focus was not just on schools but outside of schools also.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Costello and Ms Russell for their presentation and informed them that their application for LPT funding would be considered.

AY04/0321

Schedule of Athy Municipal District Roadworks

The District Engineer stated that a report had been circulated to the members providing an update on works which had been undertaken prior to and since their February meeting and



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also details of future planned works. He stated that in light of the current COVID-19 restrictions, operations had been restricted to essential maintenance and the crews were currently looking at drainage and signage works and NTA active measures.

Councillor Dooley asked for clarification as to which estates, footpaths would be repaired.

The District Engineer stated that they would be starting with the older estates and the footpaths in most disrepair. They would be starting with McDonnell Drive and Pairc Bhríde and others thereafter. The report was noted.

AY05/0321

Athy Distributor Road

The Senior Engineer stated that stage two of the tender had been launched on 9 March 2021 and the project was on track to be on site by Quarter 4 of 2021. The six tenders would be assessed and then forwarded to the Minister for Transport for approval. He confirmed they were currently in ongoing discussions with Waterways Ireland and CIE. He stated that as Covid 19 restrictions were in place, contractors were not working but he was monitoring this now. He added Covid may delay pricing of tenders as operators were on lockdown and contractors may look for an extension of time to submit their tenders.

AY06/0321

Athy Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2021 (including the agreed list of roads projects)

Mr Leonard informed the members that he had circulated the report prior to the meeting. He stated there was an allocation of €793,854 for 2021 and a reallocation of €63,903 from 2020 (see Appendix A).

The Cathaoirleach asked that meetings be arranged with community groups to help them apply for grants. The District Manager stated that she would follow up with various departments in regard to providing as much support as possible to those applying for



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grants. The members thanked Mr Leonard and the District Manager for their great work putting these allocations in place.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Dooley and all the members that the Athy Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2021 (including the agreed list of roads projects) be approved.

AY07/03/21

Provision of Bus Shelters – South Kildare

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

That the council work with the National Transport Authority and Local Link Kildare South Dublin to provide bus shelters on the 883 and 880 route services in South Kildare, starting with the most used stops and populated rural areas.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the council would contact the NTA regarding the potential provision of bus shelters along these bus service routes. A bus shelter programme was already in operation in County Kildare with a current list of locations identified at different stages of installation. This programme was a multi-disciplinary operation between numerous departments of Kildare County Council and was very reliant on the availability of staffing resources.

The following points were raised by the members;

- Report was positive but would welcome a response from Local Link. This matter to be referred to Alan Kerry, Local Link
- Alan Kerry does great work and Local link service towns and villages in this municipal district. However, shelters and bus stops were necessary in rural areas especially in wet and cold conditions, otherwise, not enough people would use this service.



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- 880 service from Carlow, Castledermot, Moone, Timolin, Kilcullen and another route (increase timetable and scheduling) was with the NTA for approval and the members hoped that this would be sanctioned soon.

The Cathaoirleach stated that she would liaise with the Meetings Administrator to invite Mr Kerry to attend a meeting with the members shortly. This matter to remain on the progress report until resolved.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Dooley that the report be noted and that Mr Kerry, Local Link be invited to meet with the members shortly.

AY08/0321

Repair of footpaths and communal area at the social houses – Kilkea

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

That the council undertake to fix the footpaths and communal area at the social houses in Kilkea.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that there were no plans to carry out works to footpath and communal areas at Kilkea at the present time. This work would have to be costed and a source of finance identified to carry these works out.

The following points were raised by the members;

- This estate was 48 years old and paving stones on front courtyard and footpaths and communal area were in need of repair as elderly people living there used wheelchairs, mobility scooters etc.
- The members previously raised this issue and wondered why there were no current plans. Discussions had been held with residents two years ago and work was done by Parks Department.



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- This was a small area and should be listed on programme of works

The District Engineer stated he would look at this area again. Currently his team were reviewing footpaths in older housing estates and works could be undertaken this year. The Cathaoirleach asked if there was a schedule of footpaths to be repaired. The District Engineer stated that they had carried out surveys and they were going to start with the footpaths in a bad state of disrepair first.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh, seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted and that the survey be circulated to the members before the next meeting.

AY09/0321

2021/22 Winter Salting Route – Athy Municipal District

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

That the council add Fortbarrington Road and hill at Coneyboro Housing Estate to the 2021/22 Winter salting route.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that this area can be considered in light of the 2021/2022 budget and resources.

The following points were raised by the members;

- They had received many representations from community regarding conditions on the hill at Coneyboro during wintery/icy conditions.
- Heavy traffic on this road and should be added to list

It was agreed that the members would meet in July or August 2021 with the District Engineer to discuss/consider the salting programme.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Breslin that the report be noted and that a meeting be arranged in July or August with the District Engineer and the members to discuss the salting programme.

AY10/0321

Water Cuttings across from Wall Pub, Ballymount, Kilgowan on the R448

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

Can the council confirm when it will complete the water cuttings across from Walls Pub, Ballymount, Kilgowan on the R448?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that Athy Municipal District were in the process of carrying out drainage works on a number of roads. The council would be starting work on the R448 on the Crookstown to Kilgown Section the next few weeks.

The report was noted.

AY11/0321

Sightline issues at Junctions

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

Can the council confirm if it has designs done for sightline issues at junctions highlighted by councillors at recent Athy Municipal District meetings yet?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that no designs had been carried out at these junctions at the present time.

Councillor Leigh stated he had been receiving many calls in this regard and was looking for an update.



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The District Engineer stated that this issue was on list of works to be carried out. However, designs were prepared by the Roads Design Office and not the District office and no design had been carried out yet.

The report was noted.

AY12/0321

Preventative Measures against speeding on the Ardellis Road L8021

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to put in some preventative measures against speeding on the Ardellis Road L8021?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that there were no plans to carry out any preventative speeding measures on the L8021 at Ardellis. This was a local road and speed limits are enforced by the Gardai.

Councillor Leigh stated he had contacted the Gardai and traffic core, but the installation of a few signs would show goodwill from the council.

The Cathaoirleach stated that the members were to make a submission regarding speed limits and this area could be listed on that submission. A meeting would need to be arranged in order to make a submission to the Athy Joint Policing Committee.

The report was noted.

AY13/0321

Resurfacing and drainage works – Castleroe West, Maganey

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

Can the council give an update on when Castleroe West Maganey will have resurfacing and drainage works carried out?



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A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that there were no plans for Castleroe West Housing Estate in the current year. This can be considered in light of funding for 2022.

The report was noted.

AY14/0321

Remedial Works – Back Lanes in St Dominic’s Park, Athy

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

Can an update be given in relation to when remedial works to the back lanes in St Dominic's Park, Athy will commence?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that there were two back lanes at Dominics Park and these will be costed and the specification would be related back to Councillor Breslin.

The report was noted.

AY15/0321

Revised Standing Orders – Athy Municipal District

The members considered the revised Standing Orders for the Athy Municipal District Committee.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Dooley and agreed by all the members that the revised Standing Orders for the Athy Municipal District Committee be adopted.

AY16/0321

Establishment of a Commission of Investigation into County Homes

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

That we the members of the Athy Municipal District Committee call on the Government to establish a Commission of Investigation into County Homes including the former County Home, Athy, to provide a full and account of what happened to women and children during



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the period from 1920 to their abolition and to allow them access the redress scheme and all supports.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree. The members are aware of the council's previous commitment to work to actively participate with Government in furthering the development of the Government Action Plan as it relates to Local Government. The council had also confirmed its commitment to supporting local measures in Kildare, that form part of the suite of follow-up actions.

The Cathaoirleach stated that she had tabled a motion in this regard to the full council and she thought it was disappointing that the county home in Athy was left out of the Commission Enquiry and it was important to speak out for survivors.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that this motion be forwarded to the full council for consideration and this was agreed by all the members.

The following matters were raised by the members;

- What happened in the past was dreadful and it was important to set up an investigation into this County home in Athy.
- It was very important to hear the Chief Executive re-iterate his apology on behalf of Kildare County Council to the survivors of these homes and to work to make amends to those affected. The apology was appreciated and acknowledged by survivor groups.
- Survivors of the County Home in Athy were entitled to be part of any redress scheme and enquiry.

The District Manager confirmed that the Chief Executive was supportive and offered any support in dealing with this matter.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Dooley that the report be noted and that this motion be forwarded to full council and thereafter that a letter issue to the Minister asking that the County Home in Athy be part of any redress scheme and part of the Commission Enquiry.

AY17/0321

Access of Records – County Home Athy

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

That Kildare County Council assists survivors, their families and support groups in accessing the records pertaining to the former County Home, Athy and make the Forms of Contract available that were used when children were boarded/fostered from the County Home, Athy.

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

A report was received from the Kildare County Librarian informing the members that access to any records pertaining to the County Home which were held by Kildare County Council had always been available to members of the public by appointment with the Local Studies, Genealogy and Archives Dept. of Kildare Library Service. Access was governed by legislation and privacy issues due to the sensitive nature of the material. Requests can be facilitated (time and resources allowing) by qualified staff on site if records exist.

Kildare County Council do not hold all the records of the County Home. Some remain in St Vincent's Hospital in Athy and other records of interest relating to the Home are specified in the Commission Report on the Mother and Baby Homes which was published online.

To the best of our knowledge no 'contract forms' were deposited with the material currently held by Kildare County Council. Extensive research would be required to itemise or identify the existence of specific types of records. A general list of all Archive records in the care of Kildare County Council is on the Library website to show researchers and members of the public exactly what was available to them.



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Addendum - Public Notice on

website: <http://www.kildare.ie/Library/LocalStudiesGenealogyArchives/KildareBoardofHealthRecords/>

County Kildare Board of Health and Public Assistance

The archives of the County Kildare Board of Health and Public Assistance represent an invaluable primary source for the development and application of the Irish public welfare system and health, social and economic conditions in the early 20th century. The main record series in this collection are the minute books which contain information on policy and administration; the issues discussed include sanitation, housing repairs, control of infectious diseases, and the financial administration of the system. Other record series include correspondence files and material relating to day to day administration. Many of these sources contain information on the social, personal, and financial circumstances of families and individuals.

County Kildare Local Studies, Genealogy and Archives Department was happy to assist researchers in any way possible with their research. It would carry out research on behalf of researchers in records that are subject to restricted access as they may contain confidential information about families and individuals, and, therefore, for privacy reasons, cannot be made generally available to the public. Extracts can be supplied to members of the public or agencies acting on their behalf, for personal, research or statistical reasons. Some material may be unavailable because it was too fragile.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms Higgins for her comprehensive report. She stated she had heard some of the survivor's stories on the radio and what had happened to them. She added Kildare County Council had facilitated and financed these organisations and this was a national scandal and those survivors and families needed closure and access to any records that would assist in bringing them closure. Councillor Breslin asked that the council liaise with the HSE (St Vincent's Hospital) to see if they had any records and to see how we could move forward to amalgamating these records for the benefit of these families.



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The following matters were raised by the members;

- Should be looking for extra resources to find out what happened in the past to those who lived and went through the county home as these people were failed by our Government and we need to put action in place.
- The issue had filtered down through generations and was a silent trauma.
- Ensure that information is being made available to survivors and families only as this would be very sensitive information and many people want to keep this information private.
- Some families not willing to come forward because of their own personal trauma so it would be very important that their privacy and needs would be respected.

Ms Higgins stated that council records had been available all the time and they were currently working with survivors searching through the archives to find information relevant to each individual case. The staff were currently going through large journals and constantly updating the website. Ideally, one person would be required for one year to go through council records as records are not in good condition and you would need a qualified person to handle these records carefully. St Vincent's Hospital would have a lot of records but some may also have been destroyed. Ms Higgins stated she had written to them requesting access to their records and to establish what records they held and how people can access these records.

The Cathaoirleach asked whether the council could take St Vincent's Hospital records in charge if agreeable by the HSE.

Ms Higgins agreed that it would make more sense to have all the records in one place and the council would then be able to give a better service to those looking for records. She stated that she would update the members when she receives a response from the HSE, and she would keep the members updated on any discussions with the HSE on this matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Dooley that this report be noted and that the Kildare County Librarian would keep the members updated in regard to discussions with the HSE regarding retrieving county home records.



AY18/0321

Greise River Walking Trail

The members considered the following motion from Councillor Keatley:

That the council begin talks with community groups, landowners, and Waterways Ireland to examine the potential of a Greise River walking trail starting at the Tanyard Ballytore to Crookstown church on the old mass path.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team (SPPR) would look at the possibilities of developing a walking trail or perhaps a looped walk with the community. It was unlikely that Waterways Ireland would have any involvement, but we would investigate this further. If the Councillor has any knowledge of the ownership of the lands, it would be helpful if he could share that with the SPPR team, as it may be possible to discuss permissive access agreements with the landowners.

The following matters were raised by the members;

- Ongoing discussions to expand walking/cycling routes in this municipal district.
- The council need to sit down with community groups as people/children want to be safe on our roads whether walking or cycling.
- Important that the Active Travel Team be up and running before the end of the year, get list together for funding and bring forward to this Team.
- Trying to give people options of what to do when they come into the Athy Municipal District which was massively rich in heritage.
- Important to educate people how to live along rivers and to re-ignite interest in waterways.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted and that the Active Travel Team be up and running before the end of the year and that a list be put together for funding and bring forward to this Team.



AY19/0321

Emily Square Re-development

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

Can the council provide an update on the Emily Square redevelopment?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team (SPPR) recently met with the Roads Department to discuss their concerns regarding the delivery of Emily Square prior to the completion of the Athy Southern Distributer Road, and the impact this would have both in terms of reducing the R417 to one way at Emily Square as per the design and also the impact of construction traffic from the Athy Southern Distributer Road and Emily Square, on an already congested town centre.

It was agreed that the SPPR Team and the Consultants for Emily Square would look at the design and how we might phase the delivery of the square maintaining 2-way traffic on the R417 until the Athy Southern Distributer Road was delivered. If we can agree a phasing plan, it was likely that the tender for construction would be published in Q3 2021.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the District Manager for securing funding for Emily Square. The report was noted.

AY20/0321

Use of Pollinator Window Boxes – Athy Municipal District

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

That the council promote the use of pollinator window boxes in this municipal district in line with the council's Sustainable Energy Plan.

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



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A report was received from the Community Section informing the members that the Parks Section can assist where possible with this proposal. However, the main aim of the work may be best co-ordinated through Tidy Towns.

The following matter were raised by the members;

- Kerb appeal was vital. People had issues with cabling along buildings etc.
- Pollinator Week was held at the end of June – people were planting their own gardens and the members asked that the council support this initiative for towns and villages i.e. Grants should be provided.
- Great work done in Ballitore through biodiversity, many trees sown etc.
- Council could put funding towards giving out packets of seeds.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Behan, seconded by Councillor Leigh that this report be noted and that the council assist where possible with this proposal.

AY21/0321

AES – Gallowshill, Athy

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

That the council, as both landlord and customer, invite AES to discussions to negotiate a freeze on the charges that were advertised by AES at Gallowshill as these new charges would bring a significant increase in costs to users of the facilities they manage in Athy.

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

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that these charges were already in place. It was open to the operator (AES) to set the scale of fees. In this regard, the Council had also stressed to the operator to keep any increases to a minimum. The revised scale was broadly in line with similar facilities in the region with no increases in relation to certain activity. There had been no increases at the facility for at least the last 10 years. While the council fully appreciate the concerns of the Councillor, there does have to be balance in terms of the commerciality of the facility particularly in light



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of the escalating costs of the ultimate disposal of the waste; in terms of landfill levy, challenges in the recycling market etc.

The members raised the following points;

- They would like to see the facility open longer hours/days
- AES should have given more time and thought into the timing of this charge increase from €4.50 to €6.50 in the midst of a pandemic.
- Increase in this charge might increase illegal dumping which was already dreadful.
- Understand that cost production and transportation had increased but it was a pity that AES costs increased by 40%.
- Charge should have been frozen for pensioners.

Mr Kavanagh stated he understood the members concerns but the council should be encouraging recycling and operations were labour intensive and charges had not increased in ten years. He stated the council could invite AES to join the Task Force for illegal dumping. He noted that this charge was introduced on 1 March 2021 and it would have to be abide by.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dooley, seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted and that the council ask AES to join the Task Force for illegal dumping.

AY22/0321

Parks Works Programme 2021

The members considered the Parks Works Programme 2021 consisting of three spreadsheets and the presentation outlining the Open Space Management for County Kildare.

The following points were raised by the members;

- When was Castledermot Playground likely to open?
- In regard to Moat of Ardsull, there was still a little bit of work to be completed and this was now a destinations venue and the area looked well.



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- In regard to funding stream i.e. Village renewal, what was available for walkways and cycle lanes and what role does the Parks Section play in that.

Mr Wallace stated that the opening of the Castledermot Playground depended on restrictions under lockdown as contractors were not back on the project yet. With regard to funding, he said he would be emailing the members asking them to submit projects which would be considered as part of the Works Programme. They would have to be designed, costed and tendered also. With regard to the Moat of Ardscull, he confirmed again that it was dependant on lockdown restrictions. However, scrapping of road was completed and bollards had to be provided.

With regard to Open Space Management, the members stated that Residents Associations were finding it difficult finding persons to provide grass cutting service.

Ms O'Rourke stated that grass can be used for fodder and she was currently in discussions with third party persons to take grass from the council and use it for creating energy purposes and would keep the members updated in this regard.

The report was noted.

AY23/0321

Bi-annual Newsletter – Athy Municipal District

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

That the council distribute a bi-annual newsletter to the residents of the Athy Municipal District, outlining all services available, emergency numbers, support contacts for voluntary and charity groups in the respective areas, whilst also informing the public of the many projects all departments of the council are working on in the Athy Municipal District.

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



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A report was received from the District Manager informing the members that the proposal to distribute a newsletter to all residents of the Athy Municipal District would be an excellent initiative, however, at this time, there are no staff or financial resources available within the council to prepare and arrange distribution of the newsletter. Any proposal as to how this initiative might be progressed would, of course, be considered.

The following points were raised by the members;

- Great work already done by the municipal district however, sometimes information was not getting out to the community at large.
- In regard to LPT funding, the onus was on the council to get information out to the communities to see what works/projects were in hand.
- Understood resources were not available at present but it would be massively important to those who do not use social media etc.
- Council needs to sell their services.
- Maybe this could be a pilot scheme for Transition Year Students.

The District Manager stated that the members comments would be taken into consideration.

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

The meeting then concluded.



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Schedule of Municipal District Works 2021

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Meeting 15th March 2021

	Project Details	Agreed Budget €	Spent/Transfer €	Unspent Budget €
Roads, Transportation and Public Safety	Roads Projects			
	Narraghmore	60,000.00		
	Kilmeade	40,000.00		
	Rural Bus Stops	40,000.00		
	Development Control			
	Taking-in-Charge [Athy MD]	45,000.00		
Public Lights Projects				
	Public Lighting - Greenhills	30,000.00		
	Roads Sub Total	215,000.00	-	-
Community & Cultural Development	Community			
	Sports Grants	60,000.00		
	Residents Association Grants [Private]	15,000.00		
	Residents Association Grants [Council]	6,750.00		
	Residents Association (All) [Biodiversity/Innovation]	30,824.00		
	MD Promotions	30,000.00		
	Athy Christmas Lights	15,000.00		
	Castledermot Christmas Lights	4,500.00		
	Rural Christmas Lights	4,500.00		
	Restoration of Devoy Gates	1,000.00		
	Athy Heritage Co	18,000.00		
	Order of Malta	4,000.00		
	KYS Bus	2,000.00		
	Sing & Sign	2,680.00		
	Paul O'Connor History of Nurney	1,000.00		
	Athy Photographic Society	2,500.00		
	Moone Handball Committee	2,000.00		
	Athy Community ARFC	18,600.00		
	Aontas Ogra	2,000.00		
	Churchtown Old School Development	3,500.00		
	Kildangan Community Association	2,500.00		
	Willow Counselling	10,000.00		
	Castledermot Community Centre	5,000.00		
	Radio Castledermot	2,000.00		
	Care of the Elderly, Athy	3,000.00		
	ONE	4,000.00		
	Athy Young at Heart	1,000.00		
	Kilberry Walkways	3,000.00		
	Athy Tús Scheme	2,500.00		
	Barge - Window Repairs	3,000.00		
Moneen Walk	1,500.00			
Remembrance Garden	2,500.00			
St Mary's Graveyard	1,000.00			
Moone Piers Café	18,000.00			
	Community Sub Total	282,854.00	-	-
Economic Development, Planning, Heritage and Public Realm	Economic Development, Planning, Heritage and Public Realm			
	Barrow Blueway Maintenance Fund	15,000.00		
	Town/Village Health checks [Athy MD]	40,000.00		
	Dry Dock, Athy [Feasibility]	20,000.00		
	Midlands Transition Report	15,000.00		
	Shop Front Scheme	18,000.00		
	Biodiversity [Heritage]	3,000.00		
	Econ Dev, Planning & Heritage Sub Total	111,000.00	-	-
Libraries & Arts	Libraries & Arts			
	Music Generation	20,000.00		
	Decade of Commemoration	10,000.00		
	Libraries & Arts Sub Total	30,000.00	-	-
Environment				
	Tidy Towns in MD	10,000.00		
	Environment Sub Total	10,000.00	-	-
Recreation & Amenity				
	Moat of Ardscull	15,000.00		
	People's Park, Athy	25,000.00		
	Amenity Land Barrow Masterplan + Andrew Feasibility	50,000.00		
	Tree Pruning	10,000.00		
	Tree Planting	10,000.00		
	Glyphosate Elimination	15,000.00		
	Support Sports Partnership Projects [Athy MD]	20,000.00		
	Recreation & Amenity Sub Total	145,000.00	-	-
	Total LPT Funding	793,854.00	-	-
	Reallocation of 2020 LPT			
Co Kildare Access Network [CKAN]	5,000.00			
Athy Community Council	5,000.00			
Community Workers Work Programme Contribution	10,000.00			
MD Roads Projects	43,903.00			
	Total	63,903.00		
	LPT Funds projects carried forward from 2020			
LPT 2020 Alarms and Lights (reallocated)			4,000.00	
LPT 2020 Residents top up private (reallocated)			503.00	
LPT 2020 Christmas Lights Villages (reallocated)			1,800.00	
LPT 2020 Cycle Officer (reallocated)			40,000.00	
LPT 2020 Sports Clubs Grants (reallocated)			8,600.00	
LPT 2020 Town Team (reallocated)			9,000.00	63,903.00
LPT 2020 Christmas Lights Athy			1,420.00	
LPT 2020 Alarms and Lights			1,500.00	
LPT 2020 Sports Clubs Grants			4,150.00	
LPT 2020 St Ita's Park fence			4,500.00	
LPT 2020 Community Text Alert			10,800.00	
LPT 2020 Castleroe Fence and Alley ways			5,500.00	
LPT 2020 Kilberry Walking Trail			4,500.00	32,370.00
	Total		96,273.00	96,273.00