



**Minutes of the Athy Municipal District Meeting
held at 10.00 am on Monday, 21 November 2022
in the Council Chamber**

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

Officials Present: Mr A Aspell (District Manager), Mr D O'Flaherty (Area Engineer), Mr S Deegan (Senior Engineer), Mr G Hooban (Executive Engineer) Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Ms C Cashin (Community Worker), Ms L Whelan (Community Worker), Mr S Merrins (Kildare Sports Partnership Coordinator), Ms M Fennelly (Athy and Monasterevin Sports Hub Coordinator), Ms J McNabb (Head of Kildare Local Enterprise Office), Ms C O'Grady (Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr B McGrath (Meetings Administrator) and Ms C Gallagher (Meetings Secretary).

AY01/1122

Condolences

The Cathaoirleach offered his and the members condolences to the families of Philip Berry and Vicky Phelan. A minutes silence was observed.

AY02/1122

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations of interest.



AY03/1122

Minutes and Progress Report

To adopt the minutes the monthly Athy Municipal District meeting held on Monday, 17 October 2022 and to note the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh, seconded by Councillor Breslin and agreed by all members that the minutes of the meeting be adopted and the progress report be noted.

AY04/1122

Christmas Parking Arrangements

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach and upon agreement by all members item four was discussed.

The item was proposed by Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Leigh.

To consider and agree Christmas parking arrangements in the Athy Municipal District for 2022.

Councillor M Leigh asked what observation period other municipal districts have.

It was agreed by all the members that there would be free on street pay parking (unauthorised and illegal parking would continue to be enforced) in Athy Municipal District from 8.30 am on Thursday 1 December 2022 until midnight Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Mr S Deegan advised that he would confirm what the observation periods for all districts and revert to Councillor Leigh.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Leigh and agreed by all the members that there would be free on street pay parking (unauthorised and illegal parking would continue to be enforced) in Athy Municipal District from 8.30 am on Thursday 1 December 2022 until midnight Tuesday 3 January 2023.



AY05/1122

Municipal District road works update

To receive an update on the municipal district road works.

National Transport Authority (NTA) – Active Travel Measure Updates

- No update since last Athy MD meeting. Project Team dealing with this.

Department of Transport – Climate Adaption Projects

- No projects completed in Athy MD

Municipal District Restoration Improvement Works – RI Program

- All surveying and preparatory works on all RI and RM for 2022 completed.
- 2 no. extra RI projects are surfaced
- Contractor has been appointed to 2 no. RI jobs;

- R417 Maganey to County Boundary (Completed and lined with cats-eyes installed)
- L7071 – Blackditch (Completed)
- L7063 – Ricardstown (Completed)
- L7065 – Eskerhill (Completed)
- L8037 – Timolin (Completed)
- L8089 – Bo Choill Road (Completed)
- L8012 – Kilrush (Completed)
- L8017 - Oldgrange (Completed)
- L7063 – Cherrymills to Cloney (Completed)
- L-8012 – Moone Village (Road Markings and Pedestrian Crossing to be installed)
- Margins and hedgerows along 2 remaining jobs have been completed.
- Kilrush – requires some lining
- Carried out junction realignments at L8089 – Bo Choill Rd.
- Drainage requirements also completed on 2 new roads.



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Local Improvement Schemes

- Portersize Lane
- Lowtown Lane
- Castlereban North Lane
- Crookstown Lane
- Ballymount, Blackrath

Community Involvement Schemes

- L80571 Castlereban
- L80351 Crookstown Lane
- L60951 Blackrath Lane
- L70653 Rickardstown Lane
- L80161 Rathsillagh Lane
- L60901 Calverstown Lodge Lane
- L80531 Ballinacarrick Lane

Signage Works

- Continuing our update of signage in the Athy MD
- Upgrading signage on completed resurfaced roads.

Road Markings

- Upgrading road junction markings at the present time.
- Renew all road markings including cats eyes along the newly surfaced section of the R417. – 3.1km
- Renew all road markings on R-448 from Castledermot to Moone – 6.8km.

Drainage Works

- Most of the villages have had drainage systems cleaned.
- A number of housing estates have had drainage systems cleaned.
- Jetting drainage lines on various roads.



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- Cleaning gullies on a number of roads.
- Carrying out water cuts along roads.

Road Patching

- Carrying out patching along various sections.
- We will be patching some cul-de-sacs.

Street Sweeping

- Street sweeping to areas, including housing estates.
- Bin collection.
- Have commenced bin replacement on Monasterevin road.

Community Works

- Carried out preparatory work to facilitate both Tri-Athy and Gordon Bennett
- Events. This involved road closures etc.

General Maintenance

- New wheelchair friendly seat installation on Monasterevin road, Athy.
- General cleaning of depot.
- New depot at Gallowshill completed, now decorating and outfitting.

Municipal District Restoration Improvement Works – RM Program

- R-448 Skenagun to Moone.
- L-4009 Maganey to Levitstown.
- R-747 Brookmount to Wicklow bounds.
- L-8068 Bert to Milltown.
- L-8031 Milltown to Cardenton.
- L-6094 Wood Road, Narraghmore.



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The members raised the following points:

- The sightlines at Wood Road are compromised
- Patching work is needed at the entrance to St. Michael's Graveyard
- The last 200-300 yards at bottom of Crookstown lane need to be completed
- Road markings which are fading, when will they be repainted

The District Engineer advised the following:

- Hedges have been cut back, a redesign is necessary and land acquisition to solve the sightline issue at Wood Road
- Patch work will be carried out at the entrance to St. Michael's Graveyard
- An onsite discussion will be held at Crookstown lane
- Different machinery is used for different types of road markings, outstanding markings which do not involve specialised machinery will be completed

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dooley and seconded by Councillor Breslin that the report be noted.

AY06/1122

Next Steps for the Athy Food, Drink and Skills Innovation Hub

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach and upon agreement by all members item 23 was discussed to facilitate Ms J McNabb who had to leave the meeting early.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brian Dooley
That the council outline the next steps for the Athy Food, Drink and Skills Innovation Hub on the back of receiving such positive news regarding funding.

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

A report was received from the Kildare Local Enterprise Office that Kildare County Council has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys T.D. of over €4.2 million in funding for the Athy Food, Drink & Skills Innovation Hub.



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Kildare County Council's plans, spearheaded by the Kildare County Council's Local Enterprise Office are to convert the historic Model School in Athy into a centre for educational and entrepreneurial excellence for the food sector, providing a dedicated space for enterprise development, job creation and training in the region. The Hub will contribute to the economic regeneration, strengthening and building of resilience in Athy. The Athy Food and Skills Innovation Hub will also benefit from a partnership and outreach arrangement with Boyne Valley Food Hub project in Navan who are working to empower food and drink entrepreneurs, escalate their growth and provide economic, physical, and networking assets to strive and succeed.

We now await a formal letter of offer from the Department and associated contracts, while simultaneously preparing to go to Construction tender January 2023 ,we have all the Tender Documents ready and a framework of developers with experience of handling historic buildings is in place from a competition we ran for the project earlier this year . We anticipate opening the doors in Quarter 1, 2025.

We will work closely as always with all the municipal district members to keep them informed of the ongoing developments In January we will better placed to share a project program.

The Cathaoirleach and all members thanked Ms McNabb for her and her team's work on this project. Compliments were given to Ms McNabb's on her foresight, dedication and the speed at which the project was completed. Members expressed their belief in how extremely beneficial the Hub will be to the people, economy and future of Athy.

Ms A Aspell echoed the members comments, congratulated Ms McNabb and her team and noted the Executive's confidence in her and the LEO team to complete this exciting project.

Ms McNabb thanked the Council and the members for their comments and support throughout the project and advised she will keep them informed as the project progresses.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dooley and seconded by Councillor Keatley that the report be noted. Ms McNabb will contact the members regarding public consultations.

AY07/1122

Proposal of New Link Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brian Dooley. That the council examine with costings, a proposal to build a new link road from the R428 Stradbally Road, at Courtown East across to the N78, Kilkenny Road, to join with the Athy Southern Distributor Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department. It is estimated that to build a new link road between R428 Stradbally Road, at Courtown East, Athy across to the N78, Kilkenny Road, linking with the Athy Southern Distributor Road – a development of 1.8km would cost in the region of €20M - €25M. (approx. references - CHLR 1.8km @ €31M, MERR 2.2km @ €39M). The Council does not have the funding or the resources to deliver such a project.

The members raised the following points:

- Even with the South Distributor Road (SDR) there will still be a large number of HGVs which will still travel through Athy
- This proposed stretch of road should be considered the first part of the North Distributor Road (NDR)
- The process to get this link road should start now as it takes a number of years to start projects such as these

The Senior Engineer and District Engineer advised the following:

- This link road is not in the Local Area Plan
- The SDR work is sequential and works have already been set out
- Work on improving the town centre will happen in the future



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- Improvements under the NDR project have taken place such as widening roads

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dooley and seconded by Councillor Keatley that the report be noted.

AY08/1122

Upgrade of Alleyway in Ard na Laoi, Castledermot

On the proposal of the Councillor Breslin and with agreement by all members items 6 and 7 were taken together.

Item 6 - Motion

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Aoife Breslin
That the council carry out an upgrade of the alleyway in Ard na Laoi, Castledermot by providing additional public lighting and pruning the trees.

Item 7 – Motion

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Aoife Breslin
That the council write to the ESB asking them to remove the utility box in the alleyway in Ard na Laoi, Castledermot to facilitate an upgrade of the alleyway.

Both motions were proposed by Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Leigh.

Item 6 - Reports

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department, Public Lighting Section, that they do not have funding for additional lighting in this year's budget. The request has been added to the KLIPS (Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule) register and will be reviewed and ranked once funds become available.

A report was also received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department that a meeting with Councillor Breslin and the Gardaí will be arranged to review the site and assess what works are required to the trees.



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Item 7 - Report

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that with the members agreement, the Transportation Department will write to the ESB requesting the removal of the utility box in the alleyway in Ard na Laoi.

The members raised the following points:

- This is a public safety issue and must be looked at
- Antisocial behaviour is causing quality of life issues for residents
- Receiving costings for lighting would be beneficial prior to LPT discussions

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Leigh that the report be noted. A costing for this work will be investigated by the Public Lighting Team and a letter will be sent to the ESB requesting the removal of the utility box. The Parks Team will meet Councillor Breslin and the Gardaí will be arranged to review the site and assess what works are required to the trees.

AY09/1122

Installation of Dog Foul Bins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Mark Leigh That the council install dog foul bins in all scenic areas, tourist areas and popular dog walking areas in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that the national **Leave no Trace** campaign clearly promotes responsible dog ownership and control, encouraging dog owners to always pick up after their dog, bag it and safely bin it, or bring it home with them. An awareness campaign continues to provide the message 'Any Bag-Any Bin' reminding the owner to bring a suitable bag with them on their walk and bring that bag home or dispose of in a street litter bin. Kildare County Council's Litter Management Plan refers to the provision of dog fouling signage, stencils, and audio



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warning devices at locations around the County. The street sweeping services provided across Kildare are at capacity, a recent bin survey identified 60 bins in Athy and the schedule below extracted from the Litter Management Plan, set out the work schedule. In light of the foregoing, no dedicated dog waste bins will be installed as the policy is to maximise efficiency by collecting dog waste as mixed waste within litter bins.

Street sweeping schedule	
Athy MD	
Footpath sweeper	
Athy	Wednesday
Castledermot	Friday
Large sweeper (KCC)	
Athy	Wednesday and Friday
Castledermot and other villages	Friday
Large sweeper (hired)	
Athy	Wednesday
Castledermot	Friday
Litter Bins	
Athy	Monday to Saturday
Litter picking	
Athy	Monday to Saturday

The members raised the following points:

- Other counties have installed bins and bags which are unobtrusive and work successfully
- Providing bags is not enough, the waste must be put somewhere – so additional bins are essential
- The members agreed to refer this to the Environmental Services and Water SPC seeking their support

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted. This motion will be referred to the Environmental Services and Water SPC.

AY10/1122

Upgrade Work no Traffic Island at R415/R448 Junction

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



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That the council repaint the road markings and fit curb reflectors on the traffic island on the R415/R448 junction at Crookstown service station.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that this work is included in 2023, works programme. The junction requires resurfacing and signage and lining to be included in the design.

The members raised the following points:

- This curb is not obvious and causes numerous problems
- This is one of the busiest junctions in the municipal district outside of Athy town

The District Engineer advised the following:

- The whole area needs to be looked at and this will be carried out in Q1/Q2 of 2023, this junction will be looked at first

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Behan and seconded by Councillor Keatley that the report be noted.

AY11/1122

Resurface and Widen Dunlavin to Kilgowan Road

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

That the council resurface and widen the main Dunlavin to Kilgowan Road as part of its 2023 works programme.

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

Reports were received from Mr S Deegan, Senior Engineer, Roads Design, Planning & Projects and Mr D O'Flaherty, District Engineer.

Mr S Deegan

The road from the Wicklow boundary to Kilgowan is 3.3km and widening would require significant land acquisition, funding, and resources. The Roads Projects and Planning team does not have the resources to deliver such a project at this time.



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Mr D O'Flaherty

The Dunlavin to Kilgowan Road was addressed a number of years ago. There is still an issue with a bad bend, where the council will need to acquire land to improve sight distances. There is area development proposed for this road which could assist with flood alleviation.

Councillor Keatley was disappointed with the report but acknowledged only a small portion of the road was in serious need of realignment.

The members raised the following points:

- One particular area is particularly bad (Brown's pit to Dunlavin boundary – 100m of 1.5km section) and needs attention
- Can costings be provided for works on the above section
- LPT could be considered for funding this work
- The area is extremely busy especially during school times

The Senior Engineer and District Engineer advised the following:

- A site visit will be needed to assess the area
- Anything that can be done will be done

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley and seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted. The Senior Engineer and District Engineer will visit site to assess this section of road.

Cathaoirleach Dooley left the meeting, Leas Cathaoirleach Behan assumed the chair.

AY12/1122

Park and Ride Facilities at Junction 3 and 4, M9

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ivan Keatley
That the council complete park and ride facilities at Junctions 3 and 4 on the M9.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that the Sustainable Transport Section has no plans to develop Park and Ride facilities in County Kildare. There is a Strategic Park and Ride Office that has been set up by the National Transport Authority, however, it is understood that neither of these locations is included in their work programme.

Councillor Keatley noted his disappointment with the report received. He asked if planning permission was still in place from the original Part 8 which included works at Junction 4.

The members raised the following points:

- There are 15 to 30 cars parked at the junctions daily
- A bus service would be possible if there was space at these junctions for the bus to turn around
- Contact should be made with NTA and Sustainable Transport Team (STT) to look at this
- If the aim is to get commuters to reduce the number of cars on the road then parking facilities should be provided to assist with this
- The potential for theft from and of these parked vehicles is high

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley and seconded by Councillor Behan that the report be noted. The STT will be updated on the above comments and will be asked to further engage with members on this matter. The status of the planning permission under the Part 8 is to be confirmed.

AY13/1122

Letter to Waterways Ireland Regarding Horse Bridge and Bridge at the Marina, Athy

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

That the council write to Waterways Ireland advising them of the necessity to resurface the Horse Bridge and the Bridge at the Marina, Athy as soon as possible.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that with the members agreement, the Roads Department will write to Waterways Ireland requesting the required resurfacing of this area.

The members raised the following points:

- Wheelchair and buggy users are unable to use the bridge
- The Blueway will be bringing people to the town, the town and this bridge must be accessible and useable
- The members agreed that a letter should issue to Waterways Ireland

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Breslin that the report be noted. A letter will be sent to Waterways Ireland.

AY14/1122

Remedial and Restoration Works on Footpaths in William Pearse Tce., Castledermot

Upon the proposal of Leas Cathaoirleach Behan and with agreement from all members present Item 16 was taken while Cathaoirleach Dooley was absent.

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Aoife Breslin
Can the council provide an update on when remedial and restoration works will take place to the footpaths in William Pearse Terrace, Castledermot?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that the Athy Municipal District Office are finishing designs on the footpath network with a view to putting it out to tender. This will give Athy Municipal District Office an idea of the costing of this proposal to then see when it can be completed.

Councillor Breslin thanked the area office for their work and asked what the timeline was for the work on the footpath network.

The District Engineer advised that the tender will be going out in early 2023.



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The report was noted.

Cathaoirleach Dooley returned to the meeting and resumed his chair.

AY15/1122

Surface Dressing on R145

Cathaoirleach Dooley returned to Item 14 with the agreement of members.

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

Can the council confirm if a non-skid surface dressing would be appropriate on the R415 (Fontstown-St Laurence's GAA), on either side of the New Line Road before the acute bend?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that the Athy Municipal District Office will get PMS (a company that has equipment to carry out this work) to check the skid resistance on this stretch of road, to assess whether it requires a non-skid surface at this location.

The report was noted.

AY16/1122

Speed Reduction Measures on R145

Cathaoirleach Dooley continued to Item 15 with the agreement of members.

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

Can the council confirm if it has considered using a non-skid surface dressing or speed ramp being installed on the R415 in Nurney to reduce speed at the acute bend as you drive into the village from the Kildare town end?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that the Athy Municipal District Office will get PMS (a company that has equipment to carry out this work) to check the skid resistance on this stretch of road, to assess whether it requires a non-skid surface at this location.

The report was noted.



AY17/1122

Allocation of Funding for Rural Lighting

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Mark Leigh
Can the council confirm if there will be funding allocated in the 2023 budget for the provision of rural lighting in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that there will be no funding allocated in the 2023 budget for the provision of rural lighting in this municipal district. The installation of street lighting to illuminate such rural settlements is not economically or environmentally sustainable, would compromise the physical, environmental, natural and heritage resources of the county.

Councillor Leigh noted that he was not happy with the report, stating that it is unfair on old age pensioners who pay LPT to be told that this funding will not be used to light the rural area they live in.

Councillor Keatley advised that there are grants available in the district to fund security lighting on private property, such as sensor lights which may help alleviate the problem. The report was noted.

AY18/1122

Resurfacing and Footpath Works at Kilkea Cottages

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Mark Leigh
Can the council confirm when the resurfacing and footpath works at Kilkea Cottages will commence?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that the Athy Municipal District Office has a design which it will be sending out to tender in the coming weeks. It is hoped work can commence in 2023.

The report was noted.

AY19/1122

Installation of Bicycles Lock Boxes, Athy Train Station



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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to install bicycle lock up boxes in close proximity to Athy train station?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that it is the responsibility of Irish Rail to provide Bike Lockers at railway stations.

The report was noted.

AY20/1122

Completion of Road Works in Moone Village

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

Can the council give a completion date for the road works in Moone Village?

A report was received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department that it is hoped that the crossing works can be completed this year. We are meeting a number of locals to see our Design Proposals in the village.

Councillor Keatley suggested that a bus stop be incorporated as the bus service now operates seven days a week. Councillor Keatley also congratulated the area office on their work in the area.

The report was noted.

AY21/1122

Process for Dealing with Antisocial Behaviour in Council Owned Properties

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

Can the council outline the process for dealing with reports of antisocial behaviour in council owned properties?

A report was received from the Housing Department that in order to process and respond to a report of alleged antisocial behaviour, a complainant must fill in, sign, and submit an official complaint form. These forms can be completed, using the online complaints form,



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by downloading and completing a form from our website, or they can be posted out to the complainant, if preferred.

When the form is received, it is given to the relevant TLO who will investigate the complaint and, if appropriate and necessary, liaise with the local Gardai. In the interests of fairness, the TLO may also visit the alleged perpetrator of the antisocial behaviour and, in all cases, will put the complaint to the respondent to seek a response.

The next steps in the process depend on the nature of the alleged antisocial behaviour and on the outcome of the investigations undertaken by the TLO.

The TLO will try to resolve the issues without having to resort to official procedures. If that is not successful, the TLO can serve warning letters as part of an escalating warning system, culminating in a Statutory Tenancy Warning in severe cases. If such a letter, or letters, are unsuccessful in achieving the desired results, the TLO can consider making an application to the District Court to apply for possession of the dwelling under the provisions of the Housing Acts and refer the file to the Council's legal advisers for the commencement of legal proceedings which could culminate in the repossession of the council property in the event that the District Court grants an order for possession.

The report was noted.

AY22/1122

Heritage Study on Pigeon House, Nurney and 'The Caves'

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Veralouise Behan
That the council carry out a heritage study on the Pigeon House in Nurney, the ancient ruins, the oratory and the tunnels (known locally as the caves).

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

A report was received from the Planning Department that Pigeon House in Nurney is currently listed on the Kildare County Development Plan Record of Protected Structures



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Ref; B27-05 following an assessment of its heritage and conservation value. No further studies are planned or warranted at this time.

The members raised the following points:

- The entire area has huge potential and should be utilised to celebrate the history of the area
- Rough sleepers are using 'The Caves'
- Could the Heritage Officer look at the whole area and give the members a detailed report
- Contact the Heritage Officer and ask her to engage with local community groups to establish a group who could be involved in developing the area

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Behan and seconded by Councillor Keatley that the report be noted. The Heritage Officer will be contacted to engage with members on this matter.

AY23/1122

LPT funded projects from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department–Part 1

The members received an update which was previously circulated on LPT funded projects from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department from Ms L Whelan, Athy Community Worker.

Ms Whelan detailed the LPT funded projects she is working on in this municipal district. These projects are Women's Sheds, Youth Afterschool Activities, Allotments/Community Garden, Sensory Trail and Street Leagues. Ms Whelan discussed the activities involved under each project, the breakdown of funding received and spend involved. Ms Whelan also advised of the future plans for these projects.

The members thanked Ms Whelan for her comprehensively detailed report on LPT spending and for her dedicated work in the district. The members requested a quarterly update, in the second month of each quarter, going forward.



The update was noted by the members. Ms Whelan will provide quarterly updates for the members starting in 2023.

AY24/1122

Provision of Community Playing Pitch at Ardrew, Athy

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Aoife Breslin
Can the council provide an update on progress made for the provision of a community playing pitch at Ardrew, Athy?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department that it is hoped to commence work on the preparation of a masterplan for the amenity lands the end of 2024. Further progress beyond this will be subject to the adjoining social housing being completed to facilitate access to the site and the overall cost of the masterplan and identifying funding to progress it.

The report was noted.

AY25/1122

LPT funded projects from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department–Part 2

The members received an update on LPT funded projects from the Economic, Community and Cultural Department, Ms M Fennelly presented a report on the work of the Athy and Monasterevin Sports Hub (Appendix 1).

The members thanked Mr Merrins and Ms Fennelly for their outstanding work in the district. The members requested a quarterly update going forward from Ms Fennelly.

The update was noted by the members. Ms Fennelly will provide quarterly updates for the members starting in 2023.



Athy Sports Hub

Majella Fennelly

Athy Sports **Hub** Coordinator

Creating, promoting and supporting physical activity opportunities in Athy



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Coordinators Vision

- To assist in changing people's attitude towards Athy
- Showcase the Barrow Blueway by creating and coordinating the delivery of land-based activities by increasing cycling, walking and develop a Fitsticks Walking Trail.
- Increase visibility on the water with new water sport activities
- Create links & support local business
- Create sustainable links with Clubs & Groups
- Collaborate with Stakeholders, NGBs & Organisations
- Continue to reach out to target groups
- Ensure that local resources are put to their best possible use



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Collaboration with Stakeholders, NGBs, Clubs, Groups & Organisations



- Kildare County Council
- Athy Slaintecare Healthy Communities
- County Kildare Leader Partnership
- Healthy Ireland
- Creative Athy
- An Garda Síochána
- Insync
- Civil Defense
- Swim Ireland
- Triathlon Ireland
- Orienteering Ireland
- School Completion Officer
- Extern.Org
- FAI
- K Leisure Athy
- Local Clubs & Groups



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Working together in the community



Getting People Moving & Meeting Again!

Athy Sports Hub Activity & Social Gathering

Casual Cycling Swimmin' Women

Men's Community Swimming Lessons

Men's Health Week Men's Sheds Women's Sheds

Irish Sign Language Festival Barrow Blueway Cycle

Womens Aqua Aerobics New to Tri

Shackleton Tour & Trek Kayaking Triathlon Club Day

Dragon Boating Canoeing

Autumn Trails 5km

Bert House Yoga sessions

The Peoples Park Walk & Talk 2km

Roller Skating

Buggy Buddies

Activator Poles

Scooch

Community Fun Week

Youth Investment Programme

Inter-Agency Soccer Tournament



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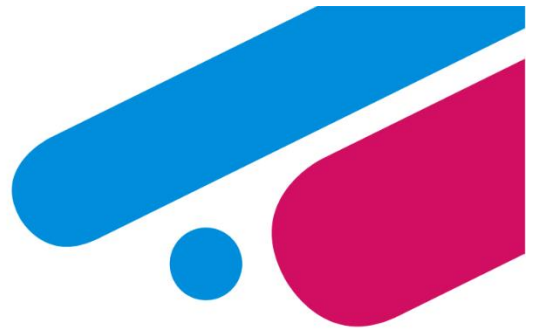
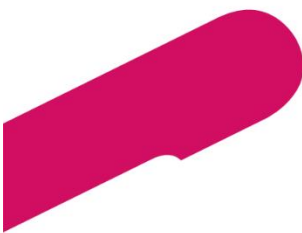




Continuing to Empower, Train & Build Confidence



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Utilising Local Amenities and increasing visibility on & at the water



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May to October 2022



Target Groups that engaged in the Community and Municipal District
Unemployed – Ethnic Minorities – Women & Girls – Older Adults – Disadvantaged Area –
People with Disabilities & Young People

Men	Women	Boys	Girls
197	457	194	208

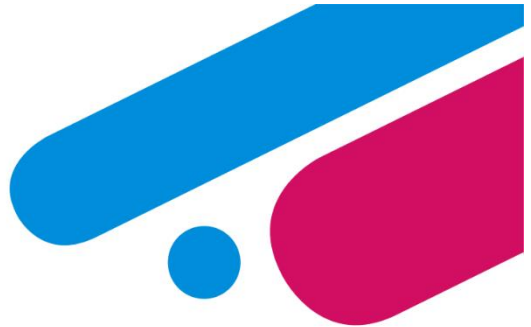
**Total Reach
1,056**



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It's been great to get back cycling in my 50s, as I would have done when I was a teenager.
It's an enjoyable physical activity and I already feel the benefits.
Brigid



Casual Cycling Group
Participating in the group.

It's given me great confidence cycling on the roads.



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THANK YOU!

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