



**Minutes of the Athy Municipal District Meeting
held at 10.00 am on Monday, 19 February 2024
in the Council Chamber**

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

Apologies: Councillor V Behan (Cathaoirleach)

Officials Present: Mr A Dunney (District Manager), Mr M Kavanagh (A/District Engineer), Mr S Deegan (Senior Engineer), Ms F Brown (Administrative Officer), Ms C Cashin (Senior Community Worker), Ms A Cassidy (LPT Coordinator) Mr B McGrath (Meetings Administrator), Ms A Noone (Meetings Secretary) and others.

Councillor Leigh extended apologies on behalf of the Cathaoirleach who was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Leigh congratulated Kildare County Council for the Brigid 1500 events especially mentioning the events held in the Athy Municipal District.

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Declaration of Conflicts or Pecuniary Interests

Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations made.

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Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes the monthly Athy Municipal District meeting held on Monday, 15 January 2024 and the progress report was noted.



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Dooley and agreed by all members that the minutes of the Athy Municipal District meeting held on 15 January 2024 be adopted and the progress report be noted.

AY03/0224

Municipal District road works update

The members received an update on the municipal district road works.

National Transport Authority (NTA) – Active Travel Measure Updates

No update since last Athy Municipal District meeting. Project Team dealing with this.

Department of Transport – Climate Adaption Projects

No projects completed in Athy Municipal District.

Municipal District Restoration Improvement Works – RI Program

R418 – Fontstown to Rathsillagh.

R418 – Kilkea Village.

L8079 – R418 to Bolgers Cross.

L8079 – Bolgers Cross to Burtown Cross.

L8080 – Grangerosnolvan.

L8076 – Rosetown Snugburrow.

L8040 – Back Moone.

L8045 – Commonstown Killelan.

L8045 – Killelan Newtown.

L8031 – Milltown.

L8094 – Coltstown Knockfield.

Municipal District Restoration Maintenance Works – RM Program

R448 – Timolin towards Crookstown.

R417 – Farmhill to Grangemellon.

R415 – Nurney to Clarey.



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L8008 – Calverstown to Narraghmore.
L8069 – Geraldine Clogorow.
L4007 – Geraldine Road towards Skerries North.
L4008 – Gallowshill.
L8044 – Moone to Killelan.
L8042 – Bolgers Cross to Belan.
L8062 – Goulyduff.
L4006 – Woodstock North Kilcrow.
L4006 – Goulyduff to County boundary.
L8031 – Milltown Cardington.

Local Improvement Schemes

No update for 2024.

Community Involvement Schemes

No update for 2024.

Footpath Upgrades / Surveys

Convent Lane – ready to go to tender.
Ballyroe – ready to go to tender.
Kilmead Newline Road – surveying.
Kilmead Newline Grove – surveying.
Ballitore Main Road and junction - surveying.

Signage Works

Continuing our update of signage in the Athy Municipal District.
Upgrading signage on completed resurfaced roads.
Signage works R-417 for Tankardstown – completed.
Signage Works R415 Cuckles Corner – completed.
Walterstown Junction all signs renewed.
Kilkea signage on approach to bridge – commenced.



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Road Markings

Upgrading road junction markings.

Upgraded road marking in Calverstown village.

Drainage Works

A number of villages have had drainage systems cleaned.

Jetting drainage lines on various roads – ongoing.

Cleaning gullies – ongoing.

Carrying out water cuts along roads – ongoing.

Carrying out drainage works at Mullaghreelan.

Completed drainage works at Kilgowan / Usk.

Survey completed at Mullamast. Drainage works to follow.

Completed jetting drainage lines on all streets in Athy before Christmas.

Completed drainage works along L4009 Castleroe.

Road Patching

Carrying out patching along various sections. – ongoing.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping to areas – ongoing.

Bin collection – ongoing.

Completed installation of ten new bins along Leinster and Duke Street, Athy.

Community Works

Carried out preparatory work to facilitate the “Big Switch”.

General Maintenance

Hedge cutting along regional roads.

Hedge cutting for the Restoration Improvement works.

Hedge cutting for the Restoration Maintenance works.



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The members raised the following:

- Thanked the Municipal District Office for the huge body of work carried out.
- Could the footpath at Prusselstown Green be looked at.
- When would the culvert at Boherbawn be fixed.
- Welcomed all the footpath upgrades, when will the tenders come back?
- The Dunlavin to Kilgowan road, when would the works be completed, works were required on only a small section of that road.
- The Ballyroe to Castledermot Road (L8077) had a lot of muck and dirt, could this be looked at.

Mr M Kavanagh advised the members of the following:

- He would come back to Councillor Breslin on the footpath at Prusselstown Green.
- They were waiting on the waterbed to go down to fix the culvert at Boherbawn, they would get to it.
- Tenders were due back presently.
- The Dunlavin to Kilgowan road was being surveyed. Remedial works would be carried during the coming week.

The report was noted.

AY04/0224

LPT Schedule of Works 2024

The members considered the Athy Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works for 2024.



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Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024					Athy Allocation	923,020.00			
Athy Municipal District					plus C/F 22 & 23 unspent	204,955.00			
February 2024									
	Project Details	KCC Central Funding €	Pay Parking Funding €	Retained LPT Funding €	Budget spend to date	Total	Spent/Transfer €	Unspent Budget €	
Retained LPT Funding	Retained LPT Funding	1,933,260	42,610	923,020		2,898,890			
Roads	Roads/Footpath Projects								
	Support work of KCC Accessibility Officer			5,000					
	Local Road Maintenance (exc. pay parking)	925,602							
	Footpaths	68,335							
	Traffic Calming	21,625							
	Signage	21,625							
	Street Cleaning	425,000							
	School Bus Stop Ardscoil na Tríonoide			3,000					
	Ballyroe Housing Estate - footpath			20,000					
	Kilmead Housing Estate - footpath			25,000					
	Ballitore Village - footpath/design work			50,000					
	Castleroe Housing Estate - footpath/design work			40,000					
	Public Lighting								
	Roads Sub Total		1,462,187		143,000				0
	Economic, Community & Cultural Development	Community							
Alarms & Doorbell Alarms				3,000.00				0	
Aontas Orgra				2,500.00					
ARCH				3,500.00					
Athy Community Council				5,000.00				0	
Athy Community Family Resource Centre				6,000.00				0	
Athy Young at Heart				1,000.00				0	
Athy Order of Malta				5,000.00					
Athy Photography Society				389.00				0	
Athy Tidy Towns				1,200.00					
Ballyshannon Community Hall				5,000.00					
Bigstone Community Hall				5,000.00					
Calverstown Tidy Towns				3,000.00					
Castledermot Amenities Group				1,000.00				0	
Castledermot Choir				3,000.00					
Castledermot Christmas Lights				4,500.00					
Castledermot Community Centre				3,000.00				0	
Churchtown/Castlemitchell Developments Ass				1,500.00				0	
Christmas Lights Replacements				15,000.00					
Christmas Market				5,000.00					
Crookstown 21st Scouts				2,000.00					
Griese Youth Theatre (Heating Upgrade)				5,000.00				0	
Harbour Apartments (Youth Initiative)				5,000.00					
Kilkea Community (Graveyard Wall)				1,000.00					
Larries on the Move				1,500.00					
MD Promotions				81,350.00				0	
National Learning Network				4,800.00					
ONE - Rent				3,000.00				0	
Millview Residents Association - New Lawnmower				4,000.00				0	
Abbeylands upkeep - Wm Pearse Terrace RA				1,000.00					
Maganey Community Group				7,000.00					
Menshed Athy				3,000.00					
Narraghmore Development Association				10,000.00					
Radio Castledermot				2,000.00					
Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force				1,500.00					
St. Laurences (Fencing)				15,000.00					
Vincent de Paul (Education Bursary)				6,000.00					
Village Choir Voices				1,000.00					
Womens Shed				2,000.00					
Willow Counselling				10,000.00				0	
WIN				2,000.00					
Community Sub Total			0		241,739.00				0
Community Department									
Emerging Needs					10,000				0
Youth Activities Across MD					20,000				0
Health & Wellbeing Kiosk					12,349				0
Bridget 1500					50,000				0
Sports Fund					50,000				
Festival Grants		12,500							
Community Grants (general projects)		40,000							
Contribution to Athy/Kildare Heritage		50,000							
Residents Association Grants		12,342							
Community Sub Total			114,842.00		142,349	0	0	0	0
Economic Development, Planning & Heritage									
Community Monuments Programme					20,000				0
Barrow Blueway Maintenance Fund				15,000				0	
Dominican Lands				47,632					
Taking in Charge				45,000				0	
Freedom of the Water (Barge) (reallocated from shopfront grants 2023)									
Ballitore Burial Ground Restoration Group (fix wall)				10,000					
Econ Dev, Planning & Heritage Sub Total		0		137,632				0	
Libraries & Arts									
Music Generation				12,500				0	
Athy Distributor Road - Per Cent For Arts				64,000				0	
Ballitore Library Conservation Works				30,000				0	
Climate Readers Day				5,000				0	
Athy Sing Sign Projects				10,000					
Libraries & Arts Sub Total				121,500				0	



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Environment	Climate Action							
	Tidy Towns Competition	18,476						
	Sponsored Litter Bins	8,650						
	Removal of Bee Colonies			500				
	Smaller Fund			5,000			0	
Environment Sub Total		27,126		5,500			0	
Recreation & Amenity	Recreation & Amenity							
	Parks and Landscaping	89,105						
	Playgrounds	76,000						
	Public Realm Maintenance	164,000						
	Moat of Ardscull							
	Boundary Fence for Scouts Den			20,000			0	
	People's Park, Athy			25,000			0	
	Amenity Land Andrew/Woodstock Masterplan			25,000			0	
	Tree Pruning/Surgery			15,000			0	
	Glyphosate Elimination			7,500			0	
	Sports Partnership			20,000			0	
	Float			18,800				
	Recreation & Amenity Sub Total		329,105		131,300			0

TOTAL		1,933,260	0	923,020	0	0	0	0
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Pay Parking Funding								
MD Office	42,610							
Total Pay Parking Funding	42,610		0					

LPT Funds Carry forward from 2022 2023 in total - €170,510 (2023) + 34,445 (2022) = €204,955				Unspent in 2023 and CF to 2024				
Alarms & Texts				3,500				
Athy Community Council				5,000				
Athy MD Lights				4,500				
Athy Heritage Co				15,000				
Athy Photography Society				2,000				
Dunminogue Conservation Project				2,000				
Kildangan Community Development				2,500				
MD Promotions				20,078				
Milview Residents Association - Mobility Ramp				2,000				
Order of Malta				5,000				
Sports Grants				2,785				
Willow Counselling				10,000				
Narraghmore Development Association				-1,000				
Feasibility Rds CF2023				107,147				
Unspent in 2023				170,510				
Items to be Carried Forward:								
Dry Dock CF (2021 €20,000 & 2022 €20,000)				40000				
Shopfronts 2023 to be reallocated to Freedom of the Water (Change code)				10000				
Carry forward from 2023 to be allocated	0							

LPT Funds Carry forward from 2022	95,495	Spent		Unspent 2022 & CF to 2024				
Athy TUS Scheme								
Castledermot Christmas Lights								
Churchtown Old School Development								
Kilberry Walkways								
Kilkea Wall								
Maganey Amenities Group		2,000						
Mone Pier Café		5,000						
Rathnew Cementary								
Rural Christmas Lights								
Sports Grants								
Tanyard Ballitore								
Insync/Kildare Youth Services			4,250					
Extern Garda Diversion Projects			4,250					
Athy Cemeteries Committee			2,000					
New Milview Residents Association			900					
Athy Rugby Club - Traing Equip/Coaching			2,550					
Athy Rugby Club Ladies- Traing Equip/Jerseys			2,550					
Athy Rugby Club Youth - Upgrade Pitches			2,550					
Moone Sewage Works			15,000					
Castledermot St Johns			10,000					
Moone Parish			5,000					
St James Church Castledermot			5,000					
Carry forward from 2022 to be allocated	95,495	61,050		34,445				



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Councillor Leigh advised that the sum of €143,000 was allocated to Roads Projects, €242,239 to Community Grants, €142,349 for Community Projects, and €137,632 for Economic Development Projects. Libraries had been allocated €121,500 alongside €5,000 for Climate Action and €131,300 for Recreation/Amenity.

The members raised the following:

- Thanked the District Manager and LPT coordinator for the schedule of works.
- The members each noted that the money was utilised well and supported many groups in the Athy Municipal District.
- Money going straight back into the community, from where the funds were generated.
- Infrastructural improvements could be seen in some of the more rural towns and villages in the Municipal District due to LPT funding.
- The amount of funding for voluntary groups had increased over the last number of years.
- Could standard signage be given to groups for projects which were funded through LPT.

The District Manager thanked the members for their work on this. He said they work well together as a team for the benefit and good of the Municipal District. He thanked the LPT coordinator for her work over the previous number of days.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley seconded by Councillor Dooley and agreed by all members that the LPT Schedule of Works for 2024 be adopted.

AY05/0224

Upgrade footpaths in St Dominics Terrace

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

That the council upgrade all the footpaths in St Dominics Terrace, Athy to support a small estate with an ageing community.



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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Athy Municipal District office will carry out a survey to ascertain what remedial works are required.

Councillor Dooley said this was an ageing community and the residents kept the area very well. Footpaths and remedial works were needed. St Patricks Avenue was a similar project that would be suitable and looked forward to seeing what works can be carried out.

Councillor Breslin supported the motion. She noted that great work had been carried out on the back alleyways last year. A new residents association had started, and she stated that it was great to see new people getting involved. Fencing along the canal could also be looked at which would tie in nicely with the works on Woodstock Street which would create better connectivity.

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

AY06/0224

Local Link services for Kilgowan and Ballyshannon

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

That Kildare County Council request Kildare Local Link to increase the frequency of bus services on Route 880 due to the increasing demand to include stops at Kilgowan and Ballyshannon and carry out installation of bus stops.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that with the members agreement, Kildare County Council will write to Local Link in relation to this motion.



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Councillor Keatley advised that he would like to have a meeting with Local Link to discuss the options for reinstating the stop at Kilgowan and installing bus stops at these rural locations. He was not happy with the response as he felt a letter should have issued by now. A lot of vulnerable users in the community needed these services to get to doctors or hospital appointments. He also noted that the fact the service had doubled in such a short period of time was an achievement, but further problems needed to be discussed with Local Link.

Councillor Dooley agreed and stated that local link had been life changing for the community but to take Kilgowan stop off the route had been detrimental, the 880 route was great but there were no bus services to Crookstown/Thompsons Cross and communities were left out. Hoped that a meeting with Local Link could resolve in some solutions.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley and seconded by Councillor Dooley that the report be noted and a letter issue to Local Link inviting them to meet with members.

Item 8 and 10 were taken together.

AY07/0224

Footpaths in Ballitore Village

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

That the council replace and repair broken and dated footpaths in Ballitore Village with the works to include Cockpit Lane.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that The Athy Municipal District office is currently looking to produce a design for footpath upgrade along the Main Street (L8036) to Balltiore Hill (L8035).



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The members raised the following:

- Footpaths needed to be replaced.
- Proper drainage was required and road needed to be resurfaced.
- Funding source and plan needed to be put in place.
- Signage at the T-junction was needed.
- The wall at Abbeyfield needed repairs, the whole area had to be looked at.
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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Breslin that the report be noted.

AY08/0224

T junction on Main Street, Ballitore

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

That the council carry of a survey/investigation of the T junction on Main Street, Ballitore in order to facilitate upgrading works to the junction.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the upgrade of the junction to improve sightlines will be incorporated into the footpath design.

The members raised the following:

- Parking needed to be looked at.
- Glanbia had indicated they would come onboard with upgrade works/funding.
- Jobs needed to tie in and be looked at as one.
- Could liaise with Public Realm on other projects in Ballitore.

The District Manger advised that he would speak to the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team in the context of the planned works and with respect to any other public realm projects being undertaken in the area.



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

AY09/0224

Road Safety programme in Athy

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

That the council, along with the support of the Road safety officer and An Garda Síochána, launch a Road Safety programme aimed at the second level schools in the Athy Municipal District to promote road safety with particular emphasis on driver behaviour.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that The Road Safety Officer has delivered road safety education to three schools this year and three schools last year, within the Athy Municipal District/Local Electoral Area. Road safety education in schools focus on a range of road safety topics, relevant and relative to school-goers, vulnerable road users and general road safety, in addition to driver behaviour. While road safety education will continue in primary and post-primary schools around the county, the Road Safety Officer has confirmed two further upcoming schools' visits within the Athy Municipal District area with Community Garda Sean O'Mahoney for 29 February and 01 March 2024.

The members raised the following:

- The onus wasn't just on An Garda Síochána to highlight this issue.
- Speeding and use of mobile phones was a big issue.
- This had been raised at the JPC meeting in December.
- A huge amount of serious accidents had taken place in the last number of weeks which had led to life changing injuries and fatalities.
- Should be brought forward to Full Council.
- It was good to see something being done in schools.



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- Young people travelling the roads late at night at full speed. Needed to bring to attention of youths to show how catastrophic speeding can be.
- This issue needed to be talked about more.
- Since the pandemic driver behaviour had deteriorated.
- Other methods of travel should be made available for travel other than by car.
- The council needed to send out the right message.
- Speed limit review needed to be put in force.

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

AY10/0224

Remedial and upgrade works to the footpaths in Convent View

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

That Kildare County Council, as a matter of urgency, carry out remedial and upgrade works to the footpaths in Convent View, Athy.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this project is ready to go to tender.

The members raised the following:

- Delighted to see footpath works would be done.
- The road in this area was in dire circumstances due to the ongoing development beside Convent View.
- Was there a timeframe on when the development would finish, as it was causing havoc to residents.



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Mr M Kavanagh advised the following:

- He had been in contact with the contractor, and he confirmed he would repair any blocked drains.
- The road had been included in the tender.
- Hoped that works could be carried out during the Easter holidays.

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

AY11/0224

Upgrading and safety works required to Bert Cross

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

What is the up to date position regarding upgrading and safety works required to Bert Cross, Athy?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the project has undergone options analysis and a preliminary design drawing was prepared to improve safety at this junction. The Roads Capital project team are available to meet the members on site to discuss the preliminary design as soon as possible.

The members raised the following:

- Some of the members had met onsite a few weeks previous and asked could all members be briefed on that.
- This item had been brought up many times over the past five years.
- Could Geraldine Cross be looked at next.
- It was an interesting design.
- Hopeful funding could be sourced.

Mr S Deegan said the next step was to get the job done.



The report was noted.

AY12/0224

Pencil bollards at Kilkea National School

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

Can the council confirm when the pencil bollards at Kilkea National School will be installed?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that The Municipal District Engineer will discuss further on site with the Councillor to identify the type of bollards that would be suitable for this village.

Councillor Leigh was happy with the report and would arrange a meeting on site this week and was hopeful works would be carried out over the school holidays.

The report was noted.

AY13/0224

Process to name the new bridge over the Barrow

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

Can the council outline the process to name the new bridge over the Barrow on the Southern Distributor Road?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Civic Memorial Policy adopted by Kildare County Council on 26 February 2020 outlines the formal procedure for the naming of infrastructure and dedication of memorials and plaques which must be submitted in writing to the Civic Memorial Technical Committee. This Committee is chaired by the Director of Services, Corporate Services and the composition of the Committee is outlined in the policy document. In accordance with the Policy, recommendations of the Civic Memorial Committee will be brought to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration who will determine whether the



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application should be brought before the full council or the municipal district for a final decision.

Councillor Leigh mentioned that this question came from curiosity as this matter had been raised a number of times on social media. There were two bridges and two roundabouts to be named in Athy in the near future and he was hopeful that this would be done by the next term of councillors in the Athy Municipal District.

Councillor Breslin asked what were plans for the bridge outside the college. Councillor Dooley advised that stone had been taken from Aughaboura and that's where the name had come from. He also advised that he thought there was landscaping due to be done on that bridge.

Mr S Deegan advised that landscaping works would be carried out along the bridge.

The report was noted.

AY14/0224

Footpath upgrading in Michael Dooley Terrace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Dooley.
Can the council confirm if Michael Dooley Tce, Athy is on the council's schedule of works for footpath upgrading?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this section of footpath is not currently on our schedule of works for this year. However, a survey will be carried out.

Councillor Dooley was happy with the report. He said this was an old estate and the footpaths/entrances needed to be looked at.

The report was noted.



AY15/0224

Replace bollards on Offaly Street

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Dooley.
Can the council outline if two bollards that were crashed into on Offaly Street, Athy are being replaced?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this repair work can be carried out as part of the Athy Municipal District routine maintenance.

The report was noted.

AY16/0224

Reallocate unspent LPT to 2024 sports grants

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Keatley.
That the members agree to reallocate any unspent LPT monies from the Athy Municipal District sports grant to sports grants for 2024.

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

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree on.

The members raised the following:

- Happy with this. It was dealt with as part of the LPT earlier in the meeting.
- Wonderful support to clubs, money going towards equipment, helping pay bills, this money goes directly back to the clubs, community and sports.
- Since 2019 LPT allocated towards sports clubs had greatly increased and had given many clubs in the Athy Municipal District wonderful support.
- More and more clubs were utilising this fund.



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The District Manager said that increasing the funding in the future could be looked at, as it was directly benefiting children.

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

AY17/0224

Taking in charge of Andrew Meadows

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

Can the council confirm when it will begin the process for the taking in charge of Andrew Meadows, Athy?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that the roads and open spaces in Andrew Meadows form part of folio KE3861 which is currently in the ownership of Kildare County Council

The report was noted.

AY18/0224

Upgrade works on the Community House in Townspark Estate

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

That the council carry out the upgrade works necessary on the Community House in Townspark Estate, Athy.

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

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development department informing the members that Kildare County Council is drafting a caretaker's agreement with County Kildare Leader Partnership for 1306 Townspark Athy and will link directly with them regarding any outstanding works. The community house will be a hub for all residents in the area but it will also provide a space for agencies to operate from as needs are identified.



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The members raised the following:

- This was a great facility for the community that was used by a number of groups.
- There were a number of issues. The doors and windows needed to be replaced. Internal doors needed to be looked at. More storage was also needed. It was also not wheelchair accessible. The doors needed to be widened to facilitate wheelchair users as a matter of priority.
- A neighbour of the property had use of the shed. This needed to be rectified as the community needed storage space.
- Welcomed this work but noted that the residents association in Townspark could not get use of the community house for a recent meeting and requested that they be facilitated as a priority.

Ms C Cashin advised that they were aware of the neighbour using the shed and were currently dealing with the situation. The caretakers agreement was being drafted and this would mean Kildare Leader Partnership would be taking over the handling of the property. She asked Councillor Leigh to send on the list of repairs and she would speak to the Housing Maintenance team. There were five designated estates that were prioritised for use of the community house. Townspark estate was one of them.

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

The meeting concluded.