



**Minutes of the Athy Municipal District Meeting
held at 10.00 am on Monday, 15 April 2024
in the Council Chamber**

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

Online: Councillor B Dooley

Officials Present: Mr A Dunney (District Manager), Mr M Kavanagh (A/District Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Ms M O'Dwyer (Administrative Officer), Ms S Bookle (LCDC Coordinator), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr G Hooban (Executive Engineer), Mr C O'Toole (A/Administrative Officer) Ms A Cassidy (LPT Coordinator) Mr B McGrath (Meetings Administrator), Ms A Noone (Meetings Secretary) and others.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the Kildare Minor, Ladies and Senior football teams on their recent wins.

She mentioned the volunteers who organised the Moone tractor run, where proceeds went to local charities.

She also wished Hilda Breslin (sister of Councillor Breslin) well as she stepped down as President of the Camogie Association.



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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, 11 March 2024 and the progress report was noted.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh seconded by Councillor Breslin and agreed by all members that the minutes of the Athy Municipal District meeting held on 11 March 2024 be adopted and the progress report be noted.

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Draft LECP 2024-2029

The members received a briefing from Ms S Bookle on the Draft Kildare Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2024- 2029.

Ms. S Bookle, Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Co-ordinator presented a briefing, based on the draft LECP sent to the members on 01 March (recirculated 20 March). She had worked with Ms. J McNabb (Head of Enterprise) to prepare the plan. The purpose of the briefing was to:

- Inform members of the process to develop the LECP.
- For their consideration of the draft objectives (section 7) to ensure consistency with:
 - a) Kildare County Development Plan
 - b) Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
 - c) Consistency between the economic and community elements.



Process to develop the LECP

- Members were reminded that this was a statutory plan which commenced in February 2023. Detailed guidelines underpin the development of the plan.
- The economic element is overseen by the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning, Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and community element by the Local Community Development Committee. An advisory steering group was in place. All structures have met between six and eight times since commencement.
- The preparation stage concluded in July 2023, with a draft vision and four high level goals.
- Broad ranging consultation took place between July and November 2023, with over 1,300 people engaging. The final draft vision and high level goals were agreed in December 2023.
- The draft objectives were prepared and agreed by the LCDC and SPC in February.
- Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screenings were completed and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) have considered the draft plan for consistency with the County Development Plan, RSES and consistency between community and economic elements and are recommending one change to the draft- to include the retail hierarchy which is a very minor change)
- If the MD members approve the draft plan for consistency, it will be presented for approval at the full council meeting in April.

The members unanimously agreed that the draft LECP was consistent with the County Development Plan, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and that the community and economic elements were also aligned. It was agreed to present the plan for approval at the full council meeting in April.

The members raised the following:

- Thanked Ms S Bookle for the presentation and huge body of work she does.
- Great to see different agencies have joined up thinking about the local economic development of the county.



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- Local economic development and supporting the community was one of the key objectives of the members.
- Parts of the county- South and Southwest were particularly challenged by poverty and economic viability and that the plan really helped to acknowledge this, and could be used as a tool to help. It was important to continue to highlight.
- The current LAP and CDP did not capture the pressures on South Kildare as the regional data does not reflect the growth and issues affecting Kildare. It was not based on Census 2022. This is being reviewed regionally and it is important and could potentially impact on the plan.
- With new growth figures from the census, could the plan adapt to them figures.

Ms S Bookle advised that she did not have the complete answer but the advantage now was that the LECP had been based off Census 2022 figures. She advised that the plan was flexible and adaptable and could be amended if required. The objectives and goals were broad which enabled changes to happen in the future.

Resolved: The members agreed that the draft LECP was consistent with the County Development Plan, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and that the community and economic elements were also aligned and it was agreed to present the plan for approval at the full council meeting in April.

AY04/0424

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 the last Athy Municipal District meeting. Project Team dealing with this.

Department of Transport – Climate Adaption Projects

No projects completed in Athy Municipal District (MD).

Municipal District Restoration Improvement Works – RI Program



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- R418 – Fontstown to Rathsillagh – going out to tender.
- R418 – Kilkea Village – going out to tender.
- L8079 – R418 to Bolgers Cross – tender under review.
- L8079 – Bolgers Cross to Burtown Cross – tender under review.
- L8080 – Grangenolvin – tender under review.
- L8076 – Rosetown Snugburrow – tender under review.
- L8040 – Back Moone – tender under review.
- L8045 – Commonstown Killelan – tender under review.
- L8045 – Killelan Newtown.
- L8031 – Milltown – tender under review.
- L8094 – Coltstown Knockfield – tender under review.

Municipal District Restoration Maintenance Works – RM Program

- R448 – Timolin towards Crookstown.
- R417 – Farmhill to Grangemellon.
- R415 – Nurney to Clarey.
- 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.

Currently grading edges of all RM roads listed.

Local Improvement Schemes

No update for 2024.



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Community Involvement Schemes

No update for 2024.

Footpath Upgrades / Surveys

Convent Lane – currently under construction.

Ballyroe – tender under review.

Kilmead Newline Road – tender under review.

Kilmead Newline Grove – tender under review.

Ballitore Main Road and junction – surveying and design works.

Barnhill – preliminary discussions, awaiting report from consultants.

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 – completed.

Installed signs at junction in Burrows, Calverstown.

Completed renewing of signage to Corballis Crossroad.

Installed new stop sign in Towns Park, Athy.

Road Markings

Upgrading road junction markings.

Upgraded road marking in Calverstown village.

Drainage Works

Several villages have had drainage systems cleaned.

Jetting drainage lines on various roads – ongoing.

Cleaning gullies – ongoing.

Carrying out water cuts along roads – ongoing.



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Carrying out drainage works at Mullaghreelan.

Completed drainage works at Kilgowan / Usk.

Drainage works completed at Mullamast.

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

Completed drainage works along L4009 Castleroe.

Installed non-return valve at Abbeylands.

Completed drainage works to Sweep Lane, Nurney.

Completed drainage works to RI roads.

Road Patching

Carrying out patching along various sections. – ongoing.

Nurney R415 centre line repairs.

N78 – Athy.

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.”

Meeting re “Welcome to Castledermot” signs.

General Maintenance

Hedge cutting along Regional Roads.

Hedge Cutting for the Restoration Improvement works.

Hedge cutting for the Restoration Maintenance works.

Hedge cutting at junctions.

The members raised the following:



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- Thanked the Municipal District Office for ongoing works around the Municipal District.
- Signage at Calverstown, needed to be looked at.
- When were RM works expected to start.
- Thanked the District Engineer for signage at Greens Farm/Levitstown.
- What were the results of the traffic count between Levitstown and Maganey.
- Council being blamed for speed issues, needed to be brought to An Garda Síochana.
- Could the Cathaoirleach list the speed issue as a special item on the Agenda at the next JPC.
- It would be great to see funding set aside to straighten the particular area north and south of Shed Road and also Levitstown Mill.
- There was also a speed issue at the 60km/h zone just south of Tankardstown Bridge, cars were going way too fast. There's a school bus that pulls in there in the morning and in the evening, Drivers needed to be aware.
- This feeds into why the speed review wasn't adopted, An Garda Síochana figures weren't being incorporated.

Mr M Kavanagh advised the members of the following:

- Would speak to Councillor Keatley offline re signage at Calverstown.
- RM works would start depending on availability of the contractor, hopefully May.
- Results of traffic count on the road from Levitstown to Maganey showed out of 25,000 vehicles, over half (13,000) were exceeding the speed limit. There were 4,100 vehicles clocked doing over 90km/h, 41 vehicles doing over 120km/h and two vehicles doing over 150km/h.

The report was noted.



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LPT Allocations

The members considered the following LPT Allocations for 2024.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024							Athy Allocation	923,020.00
							plus C/F 22 & 23 unspent	204,955.00
Athy Municipal District								
February 2024								
Revenue of LPT Funding	Project Details	KCC Central Funding €	Pay Parking Funding €	Retained LPT Funding €	Budget spend to date	Total	Spent/Transfer €	Unspent Budget €
	Retained LPT Funding	1,933,260	42,610	923,020		2,898,890		
	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 Trionoide			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
	Community							
	Alarms & Doorbell Alarms			3,000.00				0
	Anchor Youth Club			1,800.00				
	Aontas Orgra			2,500.00				
	ARCH			4,260.00				
	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
	Castledermot Youth Project			600.00				
	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				
	Gormanstown Chapel Committee			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				



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Economic, Community & Cultural Development	Athy Town Promotors			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	
	Maganey Community Group			7,000.00						
	Menshed Athy			3,000.00						
	Narraghmore Development Association			10,000.00						
	Pairc Bhríde Residents Association (Goal posts)			500.00						
	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			246,399.00					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	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	
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	
Environment										
Climate Action										
Tidy Towns Competition	18,476									
Tidy Towns (Top Up)				10,000						
Sponsored Litter Bins	8,650									
Removal of Bee Colonies				500						
Smaller Fund				5,000					0	
Environment Sub Total	27,126			15,500					0	
Recreation & Amenity										
Parks and Landscaping	89,105									



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Recreation & Amenity	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 Ardrew/Woodstock Masterplan			25,000				0
	Tree Pruning/Surgery			15,000				0
	Glyosphate Elimination			7,500				0
	Sports Partnership			20,000				0
	Ardrew Amenity Lands			42,610.00	4,140			
Recreation & Amenity Sub Total		329,105		116,640				0
TOTAL		1,933,260	42,610	923,020	0	0	0	0
Reallocations:				0				
Ardrew Amenity Lands	42,610	Allocated from 2024 Pay Parking funding						
Ardrew Amenity Lands	18,250.00	reallocated from 2023 Dry Dock - €40,000)						
Ardrew Amenity Lands	10,000.00	reallocated from 2023 Shopfronts						
Ardrew Amenity Lands	4,140	2024 LPT allocation						
Total to Ardrew Amenity Lands	75,000							
Residents Associations (Council top up)	6,750	reallocated from 2023 Dry Dock (€40,000)						
Residents Association (Private)	15,000	reallocated from 2023 (Dry Dock - €40,0000)						
Total of RA Top up	21,750							

The members thanked the District Manager and LPT coordinator for their hard work.

The District Manager thanked the LPT coordinator for her work and commended the members for how they had worked together for the delivery of strategic infrastructure in Athy.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley seconded by Councillor Leigh and agreed by all members that the above LPT Allocations be approved as part of the Schedule of Works 2024.

AY06/0424

Local Link Services 2024

The members received a presentation from Mr Alan Kerry of Local Link services 2024 and Delivering the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan for Kildare.



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Mr A Kerry advised that in 2022 Minister Ryan launched Ireland's Rural Mobility Plan – Connecting Ireland.

The aim of the plan was to increase public transport connectivity, particularly for people living outside the major cities and towns.

He advised that in October 2021, the National Transport Authority (NTA) launched a public consultation to improve transport connections in rural areas. Public opinion was invited on how to

- Improve existing services.
- Adding new services; and
- Enhance the current Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) network in Kildare and South Dublin

Following the public consultation process between October and December 2021. In Q1 2022, detailed planning, design and proposal processes commenced on the following service enhancement and establishment projects;

1. Route 880 Carlow to Naas
2. Route 821 Newbridge to Sallins Train Station.
3. Route 129 Dunlavin to Newbridge.
4. Route 888 Athy to Allenwood via Lullymore.
5. Route CtN Celbridge to Naas via Ardclough.

Focusing on the area relevant to Athy Municipal District he advised that in January 2024 they had enhanced the Route 880 Carlow to Naas. This service was increased to 102 trips a week Monday to Sunday. Peak time arrival and departures are provided into and from both Naas and Carlow

He briefly went through other services that had been provided across the county and the feedback they had received. He quoted that people had said it leaves less dependency on cars and more and more people were availing of public transport.



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He then went through what they aimed to deliver in Kildare 2024:

The formal procurement process for service 129 Kilcullen to Newbridge, had now concluded. This enhancement would see the route extended to include Dunlavin and Brannockstown.

Timetabling would be expanded to deliver eight trips a day and scheduling would increase to include evening and weekend services. As per the Connecting Ireland minimum standards – this service would be provided using low floor fully accessible vehicles.

Discussions were currently on going in relation to a commencement date for the commencement of the enhanced service.

Route alignment, scheduling, frequency and funding had now been agreed in principle with the Service Planning Team in the NTA to establish the new 888 Athy to Allenwood service. The development of this route would see Lullymore Heritage Park connected by public transport for the first time. This route would support tourists/residents visiting Lullymore Heritage Park.

Timetabling for 888 would see eight trips per day with onward connections provided to regional bus and train services. Prioritised within the preferred route alignment for 888 were the recent residential developments in Rathangan and stops would be provided so as to minimise car dependency within these new estates.

It was expected that procurement for this service would commence in coming weeks, and the new 888 service would commence service delivery from early Q3 2024.

He said they were currently trying to manage the procurement process and there were challenges. They were currently trying to get planned services up and running and then they would look at additional services/routes that had been suggested. Once the 892 service was fully operational then they would put their attention to 888 Athy to Allenwood. He also mentioned that decisions were made by NTA.

He added that passenger trips had increased from 92529 in 2018 to 173835 in 2023. It was expected that this year would see over 220,000 passenger services. He mentioned that back in 2007 when Local Link services started that the average age of a person using the



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service was 77 but that it was now a lot lower, the demographic had changed, a wider percentage of people were using the service.

To implement the current plan of works for Connecting Ireland in Kildare and more importantly to expand and improve all Sustainable Mobility options in the County, they need foresight, support and policy direction to ensure car dominance in our towns and villages is no longer facilitated. To provide punctual and reliable alternatives to private car usage, they must prioritise road space reallocation to the sustainable modes of walking, cycling, and public transport.

Currently the private car user is not happy with congestion, the pedestrian and cyclist feel un-safe, and the bus user wonders what time they will get home at.

He said that running a service to rural areas they could estimate arrival times down to a tee. But with services going to bigger towns and villages the services were not always as punctual. Road space reallocations were needed and asked that this was something the members looked at. He thanked the members for their time.

The members raised the following:

- Thanked Mr A Kerry for the presentation.
- It was great to have his level of experience involved in running Local Link.
- New generations of young people were using the services.
- 880 route had been very well received.
- The 880 route was benefitting many students who attended SETU Carlow.
- 888 route would be fantastic, to see accessibility to Lullymore Heritage Park for residents and tourists.
- The completion of the Blueway would see many tourists coming to the area, great to see better connectivity.
- The people of Kilgowan had been affected by the removal of their service, what could be done.
- Bus stops/shelters being installed for passengers using these services needed to be a priority of Kildare County Council. And also car parking for bus users.



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- Was recruiting drivers an issue?
- Could they connect with Department of Transport on recruitment of jobs.

Mr A Kerry advised that they had met with people of Kilgowan back in March, they were reasonably accepting of the decision to stop the service. He also mentioned that any decisions to alter/adjust routes were evidence based and there was not a high volume of people using that service. As an alternative there was an expression of interest to do a one day a week service for Kilgowan to Narraghmore. Based off the response to that further services could be added. There would be potential in the future for further options to increase connectivity.

Recruitment was an issue and due to services expanding they did need more drivers. It could take 8-10 drivers a week for one service alone. They liaised with KWETB regarding recruitment.

The report was noted.

AY07/0424

Update on NTA Active Travel Grants Allocations

The members received an update on NTA Active Travel Grants Allocations 2024.

The members agreed to take items 11 and 12 together.

The report was noted.

AY08/0424

Sustainable Transport Funding from the NTA

Item 11

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

That the council clarify why no projects were put forward from Athy Municipal District for sustainable transport funding from the NTA in their 2024 Active Travel Investment Grants Allocations.



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) Capital Grant Allocations are provided to Local Authorities based on an assessment by the NTA to distribute capital funding for active travel projects. The National Transport Authority seek to prioritise schemes that provide best value for investment based on expected modal shift and other high level strategic parameters. Each Local Authority is consulted on the process, however, the decision to allocate funding is made by the NTA.

Kildare County Council has over 40 Active Travel Capital projects in our portfolio and in 2024 there was sufficient funding (€10.385M) allocated for 20 schemes. Nevertheless, Kildare County Council works with the NTA over the calendar year to seek a reallocation of unspent funding for supplementary schemes that contribute towards the objectives of the current Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Transport Strategy and Climate Action Plan. The NTA also provides funding for bus stop enhancement programmes, and this is used to plan and install both bus shelters and bus hard standings for public service operator routes across County Kildare.

Suggestions for consideration as supplementary schemes are welcome and can be proposed to the Sustainable Transport Section.

Item 12

Safer Cycling and Pedestrian Routes in Athy

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Keatley. That the council outline progress on safer cycling and pedestrian routes in the Athy Municipal District particularly the projects already committed to in rural areas.

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Transportation Department has carried out some feasibility work on this scheme and due to Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) and the width of the existing road, any kind of delineation for a safe footpath, within the road corridor will be difficult. We are awaiting the implementation of the Old Kilcullen Walking Route / Shared Road scheme which we will use as a pilot to further inform the proposal, especially regarding implementation of any kind of a shared surface. If the scheme requires land take and a



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Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) is required, the scheme will not proceed as the resources and funds are not currently available for such a large-scale project. The outcome of the old Kilcullen project will further inform this project.

In relation to the National Cycle Network pilot proposal with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Department of Transport (DoT) and Kildare County Council (KCC) at Moone Timolin, the Section 38 is to be advertised in the coming weeks. TII have agreed to use their consultants, AECOM to proceed to tender stage. This process will occur over Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2024.

In relation to Coltstown - Castledermot. It has already been submitted that this scheme is not feasible at the current time. There is significant distance to cover, significant land to be acquired and the project is a very complex one due to those constraints in particular. The Roads Projects and Planning section does not have the resources to pursue this project and it has not been identified in the Capital programme.

The above motions were proposed by Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Keatley.

The members raised the following:

- Disappointed at the reports.
- Could not understand why Athy had been left out of funding.
- Needed answers so how to balance this oversight from happening in 2025.
- LPT money had been set aside for different projects. Was this money being utilised.
- Any update on a pedestrian bridge over the Barrow.
- Ballyshannon project was a simple ask, road was wide enough for a shared surface. There was a national school, public house and community hall that would be more accessible.
- €500,000 had been allocated in Kildare for bus stops, Athy Municipal District should be a priority due to no other funding being allocated from NTA.
- There had been €45,000 set aside in 2020 for bus stops in addition to the NTA funding, asked that Athy Municipal District be made a priority.
- Planning for pilot cycle project at Timolin, when would it be up and running.



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- Cycle to schools programme was very successful, but when put into action the roads needed to be made safer for children to cycle on.

Mr. D Hodgins informed the members of the following:

- Drawdown in 2023 was approximately €10.5 million and the Council had received a similar amount in 2024. Other local authorities received a reduced allocation. Last year, there were 36 projects in the county and this had been streamlined to 20 projects in 2024.
- In the context of active travel funding, Local Link was also funded through that and so was the Athy Distributor Road.
- NTA applications were oversubscribed and it would take 20 years to get funding for every project completed that they had applied for. The funding was spent on projects where they could see the greatest benefits. That meant that it was usually concentrated on urban areas for modal shift and climate to be prioritised. Projects that feed into Dublin would show more benefit than a rural area in Athy. They would continue to ask for a more equitable distribution in Kildare.
- Funding had been set aside in Kildare County Council Capital Programme of 1.5 million for non NTA Active Travel Schemes, so where there had been no allocation for funding, Kildare County Council would then try to self-fund a project. Also if there was an underspend on a project, there may be a reallocation of supplementary funding.
- The bridge over the Barrow had not been forgotten.
- There was a number of locations in Athy Municipal District where bus stops/shelters would be installed.
- He would speak to Mr S Deegan regarding the pilot cycle project.

Councillor Leigh took the points on board and noted that he hoped to see funding from NTA in 2025 and the footbridge over the Barrow.

Mr M McLoughlin advised the members that the Section 38 for Moone would be advertised in the next fortnight.



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Councillor Keatley asked that a copy of the Section 38 be circulated to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Leigh and seconded by Councillor Keatley that the reports be noted.

AY09/0424

Upgrade Works to the Crookstown Road Junction

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

That the council carry out upgrade works to the Crookstown Road Junction to include the addition of street lights and road markings, particularly on the way from Kilcullen.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a road safety audit of the R448 and R747 junction is required to ascertain what works are needed. On completion of the road safety audit, Kildare County Council, Transport Department can then progress to the design stage, which will then lead to identifying a funding source.

The members raised the following:

- This junction shouldn't have been allowed without adequate lighting.
- There had been accidents at that junction and asked that the Council request the data from An Garda Síochána or the Department of Transport.

Mr M Kavanagh advised that the audit was going out to tender, once this was completed works would be looked at.

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



AY10/0424

Road Maintenance between the Playground and St John's Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Leigh.
That the council carry out full road maintenance between the Playground and St John's Estate in Castledermot.

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 this will need to be looked at in conjunction with the overall master plan for Castledermot.

Councillor Leigh stated that this road was in bad repair and needed road maintenance. It had potholes and the road was falling off to the side. The residents had asked Councillor Leigh that the road be repaired as soon as possible.

Mr M Kavanagh advised that road maintenance would be carried out.

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

AY11/0424

Speed Ramps in Moatview Estate, Kilmead

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breslin.
That the council carry out upgrade works to the speed ramps in Moatview Estate, Kilmead, which due to their condition, are damaging vehicles.

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



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that these can be examined, and the Municipal District office will revert back with a report.

The members raised the following:

- There had been a lot of issues in Kilmead in the last 6-8 weeks, all members had been contacted on the issue.
- Ramps had damaged cars.
- A body of work needed to be looked at.
- Could speed ramps be looked at.
- The people of Kilmead needed to be supported.
- Had previously been told that the illegal encampments would be sorted in Q1 of this year, could this please be addressed.

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

AY12/0424

Footpath between the Showgrounds Entrance and Primary Care Health Centre

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to widen the footpath between the Showgrounds Entrance and Primary Care Health Centre in Athy?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that there currently are no plans to widen the footpath at this location.

Councillor Leigh advised that areas of footpath were causing issues where briars had grown out from a private dwelling. This was causing people to step out onto the road which had become a lot busier now due to the Athy Distributor Road opening. Could the developer be approached to see if they could give some small piece of land to widen this footpath.



The report was noted.

AY13/0424

Remedial Works in William Pearse Tce

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breslin.
Can the council confirm when resurfacing and remedial works will be carried out to the roads at the rear of the houses in William Pearse Tce, Castledermot?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this work is planned for Quarter 3 of 2024.

The report was noted.

AY14/0424

Upgrade Works to Roads in the Ballyroe/Grangenolvin

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Behan.
Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out upgrade works to roads in the Ballyroe/Grangenolvin area?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the local road (L8076) at Rosetown is to be surfaced this year with the remaining roads through Ballyroe to be surfaced in 2025.

Councillor Behan thanked the District Engineer for the report and noted that the R418 was also in need of attention.

The report was noted.

AY15/0424

Works for Leinster Street and Duke Street

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



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That the council ask TII to provide an update on footpath replacement and road resurfacing works for Leinster Street and Duke Street, Athy, now that it is no longer the designated national road.

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 Kildare County Council are in talks with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Department of Transport regarding the works that will be required for Leinster Street and Duke Street in Athy as a result of the proposed national road redesignation. The works that are being discussed are junction safety improvements including modifications to current traffic movements, active travel provision, road surfacing and improved street scape.

When negotiations are complete, the works and timescale can be presented to the members of the Athy Municipal District.

The members raised the following:

- Redevelopment of this area needed to be carried out soon.
- The Blueway opening would attract more visitors, more development was needed to make it an attractive place to visit.
- Heavy good vehicles were still using the route through the town and did not seem to be using the new road.

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

AY16/0424

Pedestrian/Cycling Accessibility Pilot Project between Calverstown and Ballyshannon

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dooley. That the council give an update on the pedestrian/cycling accessibility pilot project between Calverstown and Ballyshannon.



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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Transportation Department has carried out some feasibility work on this scheme and due to Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) and the width of the existing road, any kind of delineation for a safe footpath, within the road corridor will be difficult. We are awaiting the implementation of the Old Kilcullen Walking Route / Shared Road scheme which we will use as a pilot to further inform the proposal, especially regarding implementation of any kind of a shared surface. If the scheme requires land take and a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) is required, the scheme will not proceed as the resources and funds are not currently available for such a large-scale project. The outcome of the old Kilcullen project will further inform this project. to current traffic movements, active travel provision, road surfacing and improved street scape.

When negotiations are complete, the works and timescale can be presented to the members of the Athy Municipal District.

The members raised the following:

- All councillors had put aside money for this project.
- This would be a shared surface and would create better connectivity for families moving back and forth.
- Other counties had delineated road surfaces.
- This should be a priority for the next elected council.
- Was there any other way to speed the Old Kilcullen project up.

Mr S Wallace advised that he had received final drawings on the Old Kilcullen project that morning. The Part 8 would be advertised in June.

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



AY17/0424

Parking Review in Castledermot

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Keatley.
Can the council give a timeline for the completion of the parking review in Castledermot?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that it was agreed before Christmas by the members of the Athy Municipal District that the review will not commence until at least Quarter 3 2024. At this time, we cannot give a time frame for the completion.

Councillor Keatley advised that the parking review was needed as the parking was affecting ambulances, people attending sports clubs, medical centre parking. He asked could it be moved along quicker.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that it would be a priority but would not be moved.

Councillor Keatley suggested a vote be taken but was advised by Mr M McLoughlin that a vote would not change its scheduling amongst other urban areas in the county.

The Meetings Administrator also advised that a vote could not be taken on a question.

The report was noted.

AY18/0424

CIS and LIS Projects for Athy

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Keatley.
Can the council provide a list of CIS (Community Involvement Scheme) and LIS (Local Improvement Scheme) projects for the Athy Municipal District in 2024.

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are currently accepting applications for both schemes for 2024. Applications received to date are currently being assessed to determine



whether they meet the required criteria. Departmental funding for the overall program has yet to be confirmed.

The report was noted.

AY19/0424

Pedestrian Crossing from the Peoples Park Athy to the Train Station

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

Can the council give a timeline for a safe pedestrian crossing from the Peoples Park Athy to the train station, previously having been told that a design would be imminent and form part of new road infrastructure?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a new footpath has been installed on the eastern side of Church Road as part of the Athy Distributor Road. Drop kerbing and tactile paving have also been installed at the northern end of this footpath and it is proposed to add road markings and signage as per the new guidance from the Department of Transport to this uncontrolled pedestrian crossing. This will be delivered over the next couple of months in conjunction with the Municipal District office.

The report was noted.

AY20/0424

Repair Works at Castledermot Park

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

Can the council provide an update on the repair works to be carried out to Castledermot Park?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that David Walsh Civil Engineering have undertaken to carry out the repair of the tunnel. The labour is being provided free of charge by the company and the materials are being provided by Kildare County Council. The work should be complete by the end of April.



The report was noted.

AY21/0424

Issue with Motorised Vehicles and Sulkies Accessing the Blueway

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

That the council request Waterways Ireland put measures in place to stop motorised vehicles and sulkies from accessing the Blueway in the municipal district area.

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

A report was received informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team informing the members that Waterways Ireland are aware of an issue on one particular stretch of the Blueway around Athy in recent weeks. At the time of writing, this section of the Blueway does not have its permanent access control gates installed at both ends. The contractor has informed Waterways Ireland that the gates have been fabricated and will be installed in the coming weeks. Waterways Ireland will continue to monitor the situation following the installation of the access control and take further measures if required.

The members raised the following:

- Sulkies were being physically lifted over gates
- An Garda Síochána would have to get involved.
- It had become a major problem, especially at the weekends.
- There were a couple of entrances along the canal where the offenders could gain access.
- There was also an issue on the other side of the road with cars speeding following the races.
- There had been a significant amount of money spent on the Blueway, not for it to be used as a racing track.
- This should be raised at the next JPC meeting.
- Was there a timeline for the completion of the works.



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- Could extra gates be installed to discourage this.

Ms P Pender advised that the Blueway was expected to open in the coming months. The gates that would be installed were NTA approved and accessible.

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

AY22/0424

Resurface Roads in Flinters Place

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Keatley.
That the council complete works previously committed to on Sweep Lane, Nurney.

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

A report was received from the Transportation Department informing the members that this road is going out to tender this month with completion by the Summer.

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

The members took item 24 and 25 together.

AY23/0424

CPO Scheme Athy

Item 24

No of vacant or derelict buildings under Compulsory Purchase Scheme

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Leigh.
Can the council inform members of how many vacant or derelict buildings it has secured under the Compulsory Purchase Scheme in this municipal district?



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A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Compulsory Acquisition commenced for eight properties in the Athy Municipal District.

Five properties have been acquired Compulsorily,

One Compulsory Acquisition is currently in process, an intention notice under the Derelict Sites Act has issued.

One property was acquired by agreement and one Compulsory Purchase Order was withdrawn after the owner engaged with the Local Authority and took action to address the vacancy.

The Regeneration and Vacant Homes Team continue to regularly monitor the Municipal District and have erected a number of pre CPO and Derelict sites Notices.

Item 25

CPO Process

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Dooley
Can the council outline if the CPO process directed at owners of derelict and vacant properties on the main street of Athy and Castledermot has had the desired effect?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Subsequent to the erection of Pre CPO and Derelict Sites notices in Athy and Castledermot the Regeneration and Vacant Homes team have made contact with a number of the property owners, discussions are ongoing around plans to address vacancy, support and information is being provided on the various schemes available to address vacancy and dereliction. The team will continue to engage with property owners and monitor progress on vacancy and dereliction in Athy and Castledermot and will proceed to entry on the Derelict Sites register and/or Compulsory Acquisition where deemed necessary.

Councillor Leigh and Council Dooley were both happy with the reports and understood the difficulties in identifying owners of these properties not only in Athy Municipal District but across the county.

The reports were noted.



AY24/0424

Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2024

The members considered the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2024 for the Athy Municipal District.

Arts Act Grant 2024				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project	Award €
Angelina	Foster	Athy	Support the creation of new work, plan & prepare for MalmÅr Artista€™s Book Biennial 2024 from May 26-29th & BABE 2024. Blueway Art Studio is invited to MABB, a Swedish & International exhibition and selling platform for artworks that are inspired by the structural and conceptual properties of the book form.	1800
Arts in Education				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project	Award €
Lorraine	McGovern	Athy	The overall aim is to facilitate a project which engages the children in outdoor and class-based art activities where they can experience creativity and connectivity to their natural environment and be given the opportunity to work together, experiment, play and learn through a range of art mediums and natural materials.	2500
Culture Night Commission Award 2024				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project	Award €
David	Aalsh	Athy	Let The World Sing is an exciting musical event involving people from up to 40 different countries singing in their native language while accompanied by a choir of backing singers from all nations. This will follow on successful productions by this group for Culture Night over the past 5 years	2600
John	MacKenna	Athy	At War With Mercy is a world premiere, based on the writings of Leonard Cohen and dealing with themes of war and mercy. Cohen and John MacKenna discussed the idea shortly before Cohen's death. Cohen urged MacKenna to use whatever you need of my work to create the production.	4000
Dennis O'Driscoll Bursary Awards				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of the proposed project, including title.	Award €
John	MacKenna	Athy	Midwinter I am working on a novel, Midwinter, set in Castledermot and Athy in the winters of 1963 and 2010. The novel links those two periods through an encounter between a number of characters whose lives collide temporarily, revealing events surrounding an horrific event that happened in the Summer of 1963.	2000
Youth Arts Award				
First Name	Last Name	2. Confirm your Municipality	3. Provide a brief summary of your proposed project	Award €
Dave	Ryan	Athy	A weekly 2HR workshop for young people aged 14-19. They will be introduced to the techniques of collaborative theatre making and filmmaking. Workshops will explore age appropriate topics relating to wellbeing and mental health. This process affords young people non-intrusive ways of reflecting on ideas, feelings and themes of their lived experiences.	2500

Ms. E Donnelly informed the members of the embargo in relation to the details of the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2024 for the Athy Municipal District. The details of these awards should not be publicised until the end of the month. This was to allow time to present at each Municipal District meeting and also to allow time for the applicants to receive their individual responses.



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley seconded by Councillor Breslin and agreed by the members that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2024 for the Athy Municipal District be approved.

AY25/0424

Dispose of Unused Medicines Properly Campaign in Athy

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

That this council writes to the HSE requesting they extend their 'Dispose of Unused Medicines Properly' campaign to the Athy Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree on.

Councillor Behan advised that the Disposal of Unused Medicines Properly service had been promoted in the south east of the country. She wanted the HSE to promote the service in the Athy Municipal District as the public were not aware of the service. It was agreed by the members that a letter should issue to the HSE.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Behan and seconded by Councillor Dooley that a letter issue to the HSE and the report be noted.

AY26/0424

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme for 2024.

	MD	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	Athy	Athy West Urban Residents Committee	Produce a publication that expands and explores on the heritage of the area around Woodstock Castle	€1,300.00



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley and seconded by Councillor Dooley and agreed by all members that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme for 2024 be approved.

AY27/0424

Taking in Charge of the Friary Estate

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

Can the council provide the up-to-date position in relation to the completing and taking in charge of the Friary Estate, Castledermot?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that the Development Control Team have agreed a Site Resolution Plan (SRP) with the current Developer of the Friary Estate, Castledermot. The Development Control Team have also agreed the SRP with Uisce Éireann. The SRP includes completion of the roads and footpaths. It will also include repairs to the below ground infrastructure and boundary fence. The Development Control Team anticipate the works will be tendered in Q2 of 2024 and the works will commence in Q3 of 2024, dependant on the availability of funding.

Councillor Breslin thanked Mr G Hooban for all his work and noted that the members had allocated money to this section over the last number of years and were now seeing the benefits. The residents in the estate welcomed the news.

Councillor Keatley requested that Building Control would advise indicative costs. This would help the next elected council in determining any LPT allocations.

Mr G Hooban said LPT funding would be appreciated.

Councillor Keatley mentioned previous LPT funding could be looked at and said it would be an idea for a report to issue to the next committee in the new term in advance of the budget.

The report was noted.



AY28/0424

Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards 2024

The members considered the community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2024.

Community Grants 2024 for approval Athy M.D.				
No.	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Athy Community Council	Equipment for use in the community.	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
2	Athy Community Family Resource C	Inclusion of the neurodiverse community within Athy	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,875.00
3	Athy Christmas Lights	Athy Christmas Lights and Tree (Part Funding)	€ 10,000.00	€ 10,000.00
4	Athy Mens Shed.	Signage and Branding for Athy Mens' Shed.	€ 630.00	€ 375.00
5	Athy Sing and Sign	8th edition of an illustrated Irish Sign Language Booklet	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
6	Athy Town Promoters	Athy Darkness into Light event	€ 880.00	€ 380.00
7	Athy West Urban Community Group	Safe space for members to meet	€ 2,922.98	€ 1,500.00
8	Athy Women's Shed	A day's outing to Bloom in Phoenix Park	€ 1,750.00	€ 660.00
9	Athy Young At Heart	Events and bus trips	€ 1,855.50	€ 650.00
10	Athy Youth Project- In Sync	Address challenges of adolescent well-being	€ 3,000.00	€ 880.00
11	Ballitore Community First Responde	Defibrillator	€ 1,800.00	€ 600.00
12	Breakout Art Group	Creating ceramic pieces and exhibition	€ 2,911.01	€ 1,000.00
13	Castledermot First Responders Group	Defibrillators, additional PPE and equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,350.00
14	Castledermot Vintage Club	Castledermot Vintage Day	€ 3,000.00	€ 880.00
15	Castledermot Youth Club	Purchase equipment	€ 2,993.35	€ 1,000.00
16	Griese Youth Theatre & Children's Drama	Clothing rails for costumes and painting of walls	€ 1,660.00	€ 900.00
17	Abbeylands William Pearse Tce Community Group	Equipment Purchase	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,800.00
18	Irish Wheelchair Association Athy.	Social and Therapeutic horticulture course	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
19	Kilmead Community Development CLG	New equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,600.00
20	Kingdom Life House LG	Upgrading musical equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00
21	La Leche League Athy	Educational materials	€ 2,902.00	€ 700.00
22	Maganey Community Group	Community development and enhancement and events to bring the community together	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,000.00
23	Moone Ladies	Barbeque and music event	€ 2,500.00	€ 800.00
24	Narraghmore Development Compan	Plaster wall in preparation for mural	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,800.00
25	Narraghmore Foroige Club	Outdoor seating	€ 2,900.00	€ 1,000.00
26	Radio Castledermot	Purchase a new desktop computer.	€ 2,823.76	€ 500.00



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27	Teach Dhiarmada Ltd	Small stage / platform, projector and PA system	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,950.00
28	Willow Community Counselling Services	Furniture to update the second counselling room.	€ 2,984.00	€ 1,800.00
29	Women's Integrated Network (WIN), Athy	Bus hire, tablet and speaker for microphone	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 42,000.00
			Budget	€ 42,000.00
			Balance	€0

Festival Grants 2024 for approval Athy M.D.

No.	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Athy Community Family Resource Centre	Event to celebrate the diversity of families	€2,000	€1,000
2	Athy Dragon Boat Club	The Big Barrow Splash	€2,000	€1,200
3	Athy Sing and Sign	Exhibition Title called "A Lost in Translation'Concept:	€2,000	€1,520
4	Athy Town Promoters	Athy Patrick's Day Parade	€2,000	€600
5	Athy West Urban Community Group	Nature walks and educational talks on flora and fauna	€1,998	€780
6	Calverstown Action Network	Christmas celebration	€1,770	€600
7	Castledermot Vintage Club	Annual St Patrick's Day Parade	€2,000	€1,500
8	Made of Athy Home Coming Festival	Programme of events to celebrate Athy at home and abroad.	€2,000	€600
9	Narraghmore Development Company Limited by Guarantee	Summer lighting for shared community spaces	€1,000	€600
10	Older Voices Kildare	3 summer parties for older people	€2,000	€450
11	Teach Dhiarmada Ltd	Equipment for Santa Drive Thru Experience and Christmas Fair.	€2,000	€1,000
12	Willow Community Counselling Services	Open day for European Mental Health Awareness Week	€1,998	€550
13	Women's Integrated Network (WIN), Athy	Celebrating diversity in Athy	€2,000	€600
14	YouthINK	Design and build of large street puppets	€2,000	€1,500
			Total for Approval	€12,500
			Budget	€12,500
			Balance	€0

Councillor Keatley thanked Mr C O'Toole and the community department and noted that it was vital to estates/Residents Associations and asked that monies issue to awarded groups as soon as possible.



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Councillor Dooley reiterated Councillor Keatleys words and stated it was important to note that the Residents Associations had received a top up.

Mr C O'Toole said that funding would issue to the approved applicants in the coming weeks.

The District Manager mentioned that LPT allocations in excess of 1 million had been allocated to the Athy Municipal District in the last number of months which would benefit over 89 projects and commended the members on the amount of money going back to the community groups within the Municipal District.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Keatley, that the community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2024 for the Athy area were agreed and accepted by the members.

The meeting concluded.