

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 15 January 2019
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

Members Present: Councillor B Hillis (Mayor), Councillors A Breen, F Brett, D Callaghan, C Kelly, S Moore, S O'Neill, R Power and D Scully.

Officials Present: Mr P Minnock (Municipal District Manager), Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Kenny (Assistant Municipal District Engineer), Mr B Martin, Mr M McLoughlin, Ms M McCarthy (Administrative Officers), Ms P Conlon (Senior Executive Planner), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

NS01/0119

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 18 December 2018 together with the progress report. The minutes were approved subject to amendments to item **NS06/1218** as follows:

The amount allocated by Councillor Scully to the Naas Orchestra on the LPT Schedule of Works for 2019 should be €6,000 and not €5,000 as circulated on the appendix with the December minutes, this figure has now been changed.

Councillor Kelly asked if €10,000 had been allocated from LPT funding for repairs to the footpaths at the Church on the Sallins Road. The District Manager stated that this funding allocation had not been agreed by the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Scully and seconded by Councillor Brett that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 18 December 2018, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed with the amendment and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS02/0119

Matters Arising

NS02/0119

The District Manager informed the members that the council were carrying out a people counter exercise in Naas to establish the number of pedestrians in the town at various times throughout the day. He stated that the judges of the Purple Flag award were very positive about the quality of information obtained from such exercises and they were recommending that the council carry out the survey. The Mayor congratulated Naas on the achievement of being awarded the Purple Flag status (the gold standard for night time destinations between 5.00pm and 5.00am). Councillor Kelly congratulated Naas, the Kildare Chamber of Commerce, Kildare County Council and all who contributed to Naas being awarded the Purple Flag status noting she had submitted a motion in July 2017 seeking the Purple Flag status for Naas.

NS03/0119

Municipal district road works

Mr Kenny informed the members that the Naas Municipal District road works programme for 2018 was now substantially complete. He stated that works to footpaths and associated works at The Gables, Kill were at construction stage, The Park, Naas, Sallins Road, Naas and St. Brigid's Avenue, Kilcullen were at the tender stage. Mr Kenny informed the members that the relocation of the bus stop in Sallins was at the design stage and stated the controlled pedestrian crossing improvements in Sallins were also at the design stage. He stated that the roads programme for the Naas Municipal District would be finalised following receipt of grant allocations for 2019 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS). Mr Kenny stated that the LPT/carpark funded works programme for 2019 had been agreed by the Naas Municipal District members and that the municipal district office was developing a works programme to deliver the projects in 2019.

Councillor Moore asked if the new bus stop on the Newbridge Road, Newhall opposite Sheehy Motors was on the list of scheduled works. He stated finance for this work was to be made available in 2019. Mr Kenny stated it was not on the list.

NS04/0119

Leisure cycling activities

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That Kildare County Council now consider that in promoting 'more leisure cycling activities' that pedestrians, particularly the frail, elderly, recuperating, children and those with hearing, walking and sight difficulties and who feel they are walking in a safe environment on footpaths at the areas of the Naas lakes, open parks, town centre or residential footpath areas, be more fully protected by 'No Cycling Allowed' public notices and by requesting the An Garda Síochána to be more vigilant to the abuse of 'footpath cycling' by cyclists of all ages and all times of the day.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Road Safety Officer was engaging with the Community Gardaí in raising awareness on road safety and cycling in County Kildare under a new programme for 2019 called '*Community Road Safety*', which would deal with and advise primarily on appropriate and safer road user behaviour. Safe cycling and sharing the road would also be part of this new initiative between the council and the Community Gardaí. Cyclists would be encouraged to respect other roads users, in particular vulnerable pedestrians. Cyclists would also be requested to 'Share the Road' on dual foot/cycle paths where provided. Pedestrians too, however vulnerable, should also be respectful to cyclists and other road users. These issues would form part of the Cycling and Safer Cycling Programme and would be proactively promoted and supported by the Kildare Cycle Forum.

Councillor Moore stated that he was not happy with the report due to the fact it focused on cyclists and vehicle users as opposed to pedestrians which was the reason for his motion. He stated that there was no mention of signage and the report stated that pedestrians, however vulnerable, should also be respectful to cyclists and other road users and that these issues would form part of the Cycling and Safer Cycling Programme which would be proactively promoted and supported by the Kildare Cycle Forum. Councillor Moore stated that he had been inundated

with complaints from members of the public regarding the behaviour of cyclists in Naas town and the areas surrounding the lakes with cyclists using the footpaths at night time with no lights and cycling up behind pedestrians allowing little room for them to walk. He stated that he felt his motion had not been answered in context of the vulnerable pedestrians.

Councillor O'Neill supported the motion stating she knew of an elderly woman who had been badly injured by a cyclist and welcomed the idea of an awareness campaign on road safety and cycling in the county. She stated signage would be of little benefit as there would always be the individuals who disobeyed them and stated the introduction of cycle lanes in the future would help. Councillor Kelly stated that she sympathised with the pedestrians noting children cycled on the footpaths and it was irresponsible for people to cycle on the footpaths at night time. She stated that signage would not work as it was an enforcement issue. Councillor Breen supported the motion and stated she knew of four individuals who had been injured by cyclists but that legally, people were allowed to cycle on the footpaths. Councillor Brett stated that he understood Councillor Moore's point especially in relation to small footpaths where pedestrians and cyclists had limited space. He stated he had no objection to children using the footpaths and that there was a problem with people cycling on the footpaths at night time and stated pedestrian only signs might be helpful. Councillor Scully stated that it was a law enforcement issue which could be brought up at the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for initiation of a combined campaign with the community wardens and An Garda Síochána.

Mr Martin informed the members that it was an awareness campaign that was planned and An Garda Síochána would be involved and stated the council wanted to limit the number of signs displayed. He stated that the Cycle Forum would report to the JPC and it would be beneficial to list this matter as an item on the agenda for the JPC. Councillor Moore asked that a letter be issued to the Superintendent of Naas Garda Station and that the matter be raised at the next JPC meeting.

The District Manager stated that it was not just a matter for the JPC but also involved formal and informal policing and the council's view was that it was unacceptable to put others at risk.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted and that the council write to the Superintendent of Naas Garda Station informing him of the concerns of the members about cyclists using the footpaths and that the matter be raised at the next JPC meeting.

NS05/0119

Lighting of Naas Ball

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council begin the process of engagement with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to ensure the Naas Ball is turned green for Saint Patrick's Day.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Callaghan.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if they were in agreement, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and advise of the request from the members to light the Naas Ball green for St. Patrick's Day. The members should note that TII agreed to a trial 'greening' in 2018 and the cost was €700 which Kildare County Council's Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department was required to fund. If TII advised Kildare County Council that they were in agreement to light the Naas Ball green in 2019, a source of funding would need to be identified.

Councillor Kelly stated that lighting the Naas Ball green for St. Patrick's Day put Naas on the map and €700 would be well spent.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Callaghan and agreed by all members present that the report be noted and €700 be allocated from the LPT funding to accommodate the lighting of the ball for St. Patrick's Day.

NS06/0119

Pedestrian crossing at the Dew Drop Inn, Kill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the temporary pedestrian crossing installed at the Dew Drop Inn, Kill on Thursday 20 December, 2018, shall remain in place until a permanent pedestrian crossing is installed under the Naas to Kill Cycle Scheme.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that they were advised on 20 December 2018 that temporary pedestrian traffic lights were installed in Kill on 20 December 2018 at the Dew Drop Inn, where dropped kerbs were in place at the existing uncontrolled crossing point at this location. The temporary pedestrian lights were leased and would remain in place until the widening of the M7 road works were completed (anticipated end of April 2019). Traffic and pedestrian counts would be carried out after the completion of the M7 works.

Councillor Breen stated that she was not happy with the report and stated the members had just agreed to €700 for the Naas Ball and asked if they could consider funding for a permanent pedestrian crossing. Councillor Brett stated that the temporary crossing was in place until the National Transport Authority (NTA) reported back to the council. He stated that the lights should be left in place until the school holidays and that signage should indicate that there were lights on the pedestrian crossing. Councillor Kelly agreed with Councillor Brett and asked that the crossing be kept in place until either the NTA reverted to the council or the Cycle Scheme from Kill to Naas had been completed.

Mr Martin stated that the council had met with the NTA and confirmed that he would forward the members comments to the Director of Roads, Transportation and Public Safety. He stated that the traffic lights were expensive and he would advise the members of any update received from the NTA.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the report be noted and that the member's comments be forwarded to the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety and the members to be advised of any update received from the NTA.

NS07/0119

Naas Inner Relief Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That a decision be made on the Naas Inner Relief Road in the life time of this council.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Scully.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that when the preferred route was identified, the statutory Part 8 process would commence in accordance with the procedure set out in Part 11, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. This procedure required that notice of the proposed development be given in an approved newspaper and that a site notice be erected on the land on which the proposed development would be situated. After the expiration of the period during which submissions or observations may be made, a report would be presented to the members of the council. This report contains, amongst other items, a list of the persons or bodies who have made submissions, along with a summary of the issues raised by them and the Chief Executive's response. The timeframe for the Part 8 process was 20 weeks, which includes advertisement in local newspapers, public display of documents/maps, a submissions period, assessment and the Chief Executive's Report, and the council's decision.

Councillor Breen stated that it had been a lengthy wait for a report and asked if a cost analysis had been carried out for the route. Councillor Scully stated that the time limits which had been provided indicated the route would be decided by the new council in May 2019. He stated that this would have a knock on effect with the finalisation of the Naas Local Area Plan (LAP) as no decision could be made on the

plan until the route for the Naas Inner Relief Road had been confirmed. He asked if the Naas LAP would be adopted by the new council. Councillor Moore asked if consultants had submitted an interim or a final report to the council.

Mr Martin stated that the consultants had not provided a report and in order to get costings a technical report on the traffic count was required noting a decision would be made by the Senior Engineer over the next couple of weeks.

Councillor Brett stated given the amount of money spent to date, a decision needed to be made sooner rather than later.

The District Manager informed the members that the technical assessment had been completed and the difficulty with the Naas LAP had been with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Plan (RSES) process. Mr Kavanagh stated that the Draft Naas LAP should be ready by the first week in February which will include route 1, 2 and 6 and stated if and when a preferred route is chosen, a timeline of 20 weeks will be drawn up and the members will be consulted.

Councillor Scully asked if it was likely to be the new council voting on the ring road and the Naas LAP and the District Manager stated that it was.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Scully that the report be noted.

NS08/0119

Right of way at New Row

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council regularise the situation surrounding the historical right of way linking the main public road at New Row, with the rear of the existing premises and the bin stores.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in *Walsh v. Sligo C.C.* [2013] 4 I.R, the Supreme Court drew a distinction between a “public road” and a “public right of way”. As the trial judge explained, a distinction must be made between a public road and a public right of way. The latter may exist over any particular route, but it was not a public road unless and until it was taken in charge by a local authority pursuant to statute. The right of way at New Row as referred to by the councillor was not in the ownership of Kildare County Council and had not been taken in charge in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

Councillor Kelly stated that there was an owner and asked that the council start the process as soon as possible. Councillor Moore stated that access was being sought in and out on a right of way and noted there was no traffic route facility there to accommodate traffic entering and exiting and that it was important that the car park was maintained. Councillor Kelly stated that it was not intended to interfere with the car park noting cars were parking lengthways which was unhelpful.

Mr Martin stated that the council would carry out a further investigation of the area and revert to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O’Neill that the report be noted and the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department carry out a further investigation of the area and revert to the members.

NS09/0119

Lights at Caragh Bridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the timers controlling the lights at Caragh Bridge be altered to balance the reverse of traffic volumes flows a) in the morning and b) in the evenings?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section had examined this issue recently and was monitoring traffic volumes and signal timings.

Councillor Moore asked when the report would be available and Mr Martin stated that he would request an update on the findings of the recent examination. The report was noted.

NS10/0119

Gully cleaning in Kill Village

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council carry out gully cleaning in Kill Village?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office cleaned gullies throughout the district on an ongoing basis due to litter, dirt and debris including leaves. Gully cleaning was an ongoing process and any local issues could be reported to the Municipal District Office.

The report was noted.

NS11/0119

Social Housing

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. Since no building progress on either affordable or social housing has been evidenced by 'actual sod-turning' at the many optional sites in Naas, since the demise of Naas Town Council in 2014, that an explanation be given by the Director of Housing, as to why each of almost 45 acres of lands suitably zoned for in excess of 700 houses, continue to lie idle at Craddockstown Road, Rathasker Road, Devoy Park, Caragh Road and at the old sewerage plant site, with government financial support available and almost 700 people seeking local authority housing in the town.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brettl.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the council's construction programme was one facet of the council's Housing Strategy. The council were also providing accommodation through the Acquisition Programme, Part V and through the HAP programme. To date 92 units had been acquired

through the Acquisition programme and 21 Part V units had been completed in the Naas Municipal District. There were currently an additional 119 Part V units proposed for the Naas Municipal District (these do not include the proposed Strategic Housing Developments applications which could potentially deliver a further 38 units in the Naas Municipal District). A further 412 HAP applicants had been accommodated since the scheme commenced in the Naas Municipal District. The members were provided with a monthly update on the council's considerable construction programme for the entire county and the following table provided a further update on the above sites mentioned in the motion:

Location	Anticipated Units	Update
Craddockstown	74	The development of 74 units approved under the Part 8 site will commence on site in March 2019. The balance of the site is the ownership of the Housing Agency who is considering options for the remainder of the site.
Craddockstown	3	KARE - currently at pre -Part 8 and KCC will launch Part 8 in Q1 2019
Location	Anticipated Units	Update
Rathasker Road	48	Owing to difficult site conditions, further design work was required for this site; we expect to launch the Part 8 in Q1 2019.
Devoy Park	TBC	This site is in the ownership of the Housing Agency who is considering options for the site.
Carragh Road	50 est	The council have made a submission to the Department for affordable housing at this location. We expect a response shortly.
Old Sewerage Farm	TBC	This site is located within the North West Quadrant Masterplan. Further consideration to the utilisation of this site for housing is required owing to its strategic location within the North West Quadrant Masterplan.

Councillor Moore stated that it was good to hear there were five sites in Naas town but was disappointed works had not commenced in 2018 noting works on one site would commence in early 2019. He asked if a projection of where the council would be in terms of progress towards the end of the year was known and if any tenders had been looked at. Ms McCarthy stated that no tenders had been looked at. Councillor Moore asked what the council were expecting from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) in terms of advancing the availability of social and affordable housing and Ms McCarthy stated that the DHPLG had sought submissions for affordable housing and had identified an appropriate site and it was expected that they would revert to the council in relation to same over the following weeks. She stated the council would contact the DHPLG for an update.

Councillor Moore asked if Devoy Park was zoned for housing and the District Manager stated that the MERITS building was under construction and other buildings were being considered. He stated the site consisted of 14 acres with a 3 acre belt at the front. Ms McCarthy stated that the site at Devoy Park was not owned by the council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted and that the Housing Department contact the DHPLG for an update in relation to the identified site.

NS12/0119

Strategic Housing Development at Kill Hill, Kill

Ms Conlon, Senior Executive Planner informed the members that the application for the proposed development of 136 housing units at Kill Hill, Kill, Co. Kildare (ABP reference: 18-303298) had been submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) by McCourt Investments Limited. She stated that it was a repeat application as McCourt Investments had been refused planning permission previously for a proposed development of 130 houses. It was deemed premature due to the pending completion of Contract 2B of the Upper Liffey Valley Sewage Scheme, (ULVSS). She stated the new application was very similar in visual appearance to the previous one and it was proposing the development of 136 housing units, one vehicular connection and upgrade works to Kill Hill Lane, two vehicular connections to The

Avenue, Earl's Court, a pedestrian link adjacent to Earl's Court, provision for a heritage trail and all associated works. Ms Conlon stated that the proposed development would be on net site area of 4.2 hectares and included provision for 136 residential units comprising of between 18-64 four bed room units and between 39-85 three bedroom units (adaptable design using attic accommodation), 25 two bedroom units, 8 one bedroom units and a Part V application comprising 14 units which would be a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. She stated that the proposal included 260 car parking spaces and 29 visitor car parking spaces. She added that the amount of detached houses had been reduced on this application and the houses had been moved back. She confirmed that a pre planning meeting had been held with the applicant and Kildare County Council on 17 May 2018, a tripartite preplanning meeting had been held on 25 September with Kildare County Council, the applicant and ABP. Ms Conlon stated an opinion had been issued by ABP on 15 October 2018 requesting that clarification regarding waste water infrastructural constrains via Contract 2B ULVSS, requesting that residential density needed to be in accordance with Section 28 of the SRDUA guidelines and that there be a greater unit mix of instead of the prevalence of three bedroom units. She stated that the application had been submitted to ABP on 21 December 2018 and the closing date for submissions to ABP was 04 February 2019, the Chief Executive's response was due to ABP by 25 February 2019 and the decision on the application would be due by 19 April 2019. She stated that in accordance with planning legalisation the purpose of the presentation was to gather views from the elected members for inclusion in the Chief Executive's Report to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála. Ms Conlon informed the members that the applicant, Mc Court Investments Limited had created a dedicated website for the application at www.killhill2.ie

The Mayor thanked Ms Conlon for her presentation.

Councillor Moore stated that the application was very similar to the previous one and Ms Conlon stated there was no crèche proposed and that the developer had stated that there was a crèche in Newtown and Hartwell. Councillor Moore asked if there were proposals for a crèche in phase 1 or 2 and that the requirements for crèches in developments should be adhered to. Councillor Brett stated that he had raised the

issue regarding a crèche with the developer previously and the developer had stated that a crèche was not required as the one in Newtown could be used and there were others in the area which were not being used. He stated there had been access issues which had been sorted and expressed the concerns of local residents regarding aspects of the proposed heritage trail. Councillor Kelly noted that there were 136 units proposed with 260 car parking spaces noting this was provision for less than two spaces per unit which was not sufficient per household.

Councillor Scully stated that local authorities and the elected members should make the decisions on the Strategic Housing Development applications. He added he had concerns that infrastructure was not being updated to accommodate the additional developments in a number of areas and that Schools were not being provided to accommodate the additional children in the development areas.

Ms Conlon stated that the concerns raised by Councillor Brett regarding the heritage trail would be included in the Chief Executive's Report and added that the shortage of car parking spaces would be looked into. She stated that infrastructure was a concern and that a Social Infrastructure Audit was normally requested by the council for significant housing applications and confirmed she would take this on board in relation to the application. Councillor Moore asked if parking facilities in new housing developments were normally inside or outside the boundary of the house front. Ms Conlon stated that it was preferred that parking spaces were within the house curtilage, but there were cases when this was not possible and they were within the shared spaces outside the curtilage.

NS13/0119

Name for Naas

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor Moore.

That the Director of Services present the legislative, regulatory, administrative and name for Naas during and in conjunction with the local and European elections in May 2019, to the members at the January Municipal District Meeting.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett.

The District Manager informed the members that a legal opinion had been circulated to the members on 24 April 2018 and a note in relation to research carried out by the Minister's Office for Housing, Planning and Local Government relating to the validity of the Irish translation of the name for Naas and a memo had also been issued by the Director of Service for Economic, Community and Cultural Development on 13 October 2018. He stated there were two options available, option 1- that a request be made to the Minister to amend the Irish name for Naas which had previously been adjudicated on by the Placenames Commission based on public consultation and research. The District Manager stated that this option did not require a plebiscite and its' purpose would only be to show public support and would have no legal effect.

The District Manager informed the members that option 2 would be to make an application to the Government as new legislation was pending but that currently the process would have to rely on older legislation where the procedure was difficult to implement with many aspects of the legislation unclear. He stated that legal advice received was that there were practical difficulties identifying the correct procedure and questions of how it would be implemented and stated that there was potential for judicial review by those who could either challenge and/or oppose the procedure. He stated the following issues in relation to a plebiscite:

- Who was eligible to vote and the vote must be witnessed and not anonymous
- The absent of a secret ballot was of concern
- Procedures were impractical and considered unworkable
- It was unclear if the 1946 Act could apply to the Irish version of a name
- It was unclear what geographic area should be used in the plebiscite and this would leave the process open to challenge

- The results of a plebiscite would not guarantee a change

The District Manager stated that option 1 was the preferred option but that given the Minister, through the advice of the Placenames Commission had already determined the question, there was likely to be no change. He stated a request could be submitted to the Minister with or without the results of a plebiscite as it would have no legal effect. He stated that option 2 was currently unworkable and it was extremely difficult to apply the procedure. The District Manager stated that any request for a plebiscite was likely to illicit a response of either (a) no change based on the previous decision made and (b) that the council should await the new legislation.

Councillor Moore thanked the District Manager for his report stating it was informative progress from the previous report received. He stated that he could not imagine there would any change now before the next election and stated he did not see the geographical area used for a plebiscite as being a problem and that he would persevere with the request. The District Manager stated that the former Naas Town Council boundary was part of the issue and that it was a reserved function of the council. Councillor Moore stated that he would like to progress further with the matter in two months time.

Councillor R Power stated that it was important to separate the debate on whether it would be a Nás Na Ríogh plebiscite or not and added if there was to be a plebiscite it would not be private therefore there could be General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) issues.

The District Manager confirmed that given the lack of clarity around legislation and the fact that new legislation was pending it would be beneficial to wait for the legislation to be updated as a plebiscite was more likely to be successful under new legislation. Councillor Moore stated he would await the new legislation.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted.

NS14/0119

Marshalsea Development

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the members be informed of progress in the discussions taking place between the council and the receiver for the Marshalsea Development?

The District Manager stated that he was conscious that there was a non disclosure agreement in place and noted that the final stages of an agreement were now being reached.

The report was noted.

NS15/0119

Kilcullen Twinning Committee

The members considered the nomination of two elected representatives to the Kilcullen Twinning Committee.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all members present that Councillor R Power be appointed as a Naas Municipal District representative to the Kilcullen Twinning Committee. On the proposal of Councillor R Power seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members present that Councillor Hillis also be appointed as a Naas Municipal District representative to the Kilcullen Twinning Committee.

NS16/0119

Grants for community groups

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council provide the members with the details of the various grants available for community groups to apply for during 2019 and the closing dates for same.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that community, festival, heritage and residents' association grants schemes would operate in 2019 as usual. The closing date for applications

would be Tuesday 12 March 2019. Advertisements would be placed in local press in the next two weeks and all relevant information would be available on the council's website and social media also. Groups registered with the Public Participation Network would be notified directly.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the report be noted.

The meeting concluded.