

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on  
Tuesday, 16 April 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 D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Ms M McCarthy (Administrative Officer), Mr M Dowling (Executive Planner), Ms B Rea (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms B Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Ms M Eastley (Staff Officer), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary).

**NS01/0419**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19 March 2019 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19 March 2019, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**NS02/0419**

**Matters Arising**

**LPT Schedule of Works 2019 (NS06/1218)**

Councillor Moore stated that the December 2018 minutes had an error in allocation of LPT funding. The Mayor and Councillor Moore agreed that the matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

**Naas Inner Relief Road (NS02/0419)**

Councillor Scully stated that he received an anonymous phone call on Friday informing him that if he did not vote in favour of the Naas Inner Relief Road there would be €10,000.00 put into a campaign against him for the local elections.

**Invitation to Naas CBS to attend a meeting of the Naas Municipal District (NS02/0419)**

Councillor Kelly requested the members agreement to invite Naas CBS to the May 2019 meeting to inform the members of their plans for a 4G pitch. Councillor Moore stated that there was no point in anyone presenting to the members this side of the elections. Councillor Kelly stated that they were not seeking funding and asked if they could make a presentation in June 2019 instead. The Meetings Administrator stated that the item could be listed for consideration of the new council. The members agreed.

**NS03/0419**

**Municipal District Road Works**

Mr Reel, Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works. He stated that the Naas Municipal District was at tender/construction stage for improvement works to footpath and associated works at the following location within the Naas Municipal District:

- The Gables, Kill (footpath improvements) – Complete
- The Park, Naas (footpath improvements) – Complete
- Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvement) – Complete
- Relocate Bus Stop, Sallins – Complete
- Sallins Controlled Pedestrian Crossing improvements – Complete
- Newbridge Road, Naas footpath works – Complete

In relation to St. Brigid's Avenue, Kilcullen (road and footpath improvements) and the resurfacing of Abbey Street Carpark, Naas, he stated that construction would commence after Easter. Mr Reel informed the members that the Hazelmere Road repairs were now complete. In relation to works on Main Street, Naas and

Brannockstown footpath works, he informed the members that it was hoped that the tender would be awarded soon after Easter.

Mr Reel informed the members that in relation to the Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2019, the Naas Municipal District Office were in the process of awarding the contract for the first package of works (Works Package 1). It included the following works locations:

SECTION A: L 6039 Crab Road

SECTION B: L 20113 Bishops court, Kill

SECTION C: L 20102 Alasty

SECTION D: L 6012 Sherlockstown, Sallins

SECTION E: L 60601 McLoughlins Lane, Boleybeg

SECTION F: L 6035 Naas Rugby Club to the Red House

SECTION G: L6043 Craddockstown

SECTION H: L2004 Digby Bridge

SECTION I: L200610 Osberstown Cottages, Sallins

He stated that the Naas Municipal District expected to be at tender stage in April 2019 for the second package of road improvement projects. Mr Reel informed the members that emergency drainage works had been carried out at Main Street, Sallins which included repairs to the drainage system at the shops/apartments on the R407 opposite Sallins Bridge. He stated that this work had been a larger problem than initially thought but was now complete. Emergency drainage works were also carried out at Lakelands, Naas which included repairs to the collapsed pipe exiting the lakes and the removal of trees causing the problem (root ingress). These works were also completed.

He informed the members that the LPT/Carpark funded works programme 2019 had been agreed by the Naas Municipal District Councillors and stated that the Naas Municipal District was developing a works programme to deliver the projects in 2019.

**NS04/0419**

**Election Posters**

The members considered the following item which had been referred to them by the Protocol Committee.

With regard to the upcoming local elections 2019, that this Municipal District confirm what has been agreed to in relation to areas to be kept 'poster free' so that all candidates running in the local elections can be advised accordingly.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that the Tidy Towns groups in the Naas Municipal District had been contacted requesting their views in relation to areas to be kept poster free and advised that the report circulated to the members prior to the meeting outlined the submissions received. She informed the members that a response from Sallins Tidy Town indicating that they wanted the main street in Sallins to remain poster free had been omitted from the report. The Meetings Administrator stated that this recommendation to keep areas poster free was a voluntary local arrangement and confirmed that the information would be made available on the website and to any new candidates running for election.

A discussion ensued amongst the members in relation to the item. It was agreed that the area from Swans Shop on the Kilcullen Road in Naas, all the way down the main street as far as the Hyundai garage beside Ashgrove Estate should be kept poster free. It was also agreed that from the Sallins/Dublin Road Junction on Naas Main Street as far as Wolfe Tone Street should be kept poster free.

The Meetings Administrator requested confirmation from the members that these were the only areas to be kept poster free. The members agreed.

**Resolved** on the agreement of the members that the area from Swans Shop on the Kilcullen Road in Naas, all the way down the main street as far as the Hyundai garage beside Ashgrove Estate should be kept poster free. It was also agreed that from the Sallins/Dublin Road Junction on Naas Main Street as far as Wolfe Tone Street should be kept poster free.

**NS05/0419**

**Taking in Charge of The Sidings, Osberstown**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
That the council take in charge The Sidings, Osberstown as part of the proposed taking in charge of estates in that area by the end of this year.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Callaghan.  
A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that it was Building and Development Control's intention to include this estate for taking in charge towards the end of this year.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Callaghan that the report be noted.

**NS06/0419**

**Part 8 Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace**

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 report for the proposed Slope Remediation Project at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace - Ref. P82019-06.

Ms Wright informed the members that the Coghlanstown Project Manager was in attendance at the meeting. Ms Rea informed the members that tenders were expected to go out in late April and, following the tender assessment, the tender would be awarded in June. The instream works on the Liffey would be carried out between July and September. The contract should be completed by the end of 2019.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that the Chief Executive's Part 8 report for the proposed Slope Remediation Project at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace be carried out as recommended.

**NS07/0419**

**Part 8 Naas Inner Relief Road**

The Mayor informed the members that the following item was being deferred to the May meeting of the Naas Municipal District Committee:

To consider the Chief Executive's Part 8 report for the proposed Naas Inner Relief

Road - Dublin Road to Blessington Road - Ref. P82019-07.

**NS08/0419**

**Part 8 Naas Inner Relief Road**

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

That Kildare County Councils Roads Section now eschew the finalisation of the Part 8 road proposal through Naas Racecourse and instead work with elected members in creating a new route proposal in the upcoming Naas Local Area Plan and follow with a traffic review of a much greater sized 35,000 populated Naas, culminating with the linkage of existing ring roads to an outer orbital route section that will exit to another interchange point of the M7 motorway.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in selecting the route for the proposed Naas Inner Relief Road, Kildare County Council followed the process as outlined in (1) Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (Department of Transport, Sport and Tourism), (2) Transport Infrastructure Ireland Standards and Guidance, and (3) Public Spending Code. The process was completed by road design consultants and environmental consultants to carry out an independent appraisal of potential impacts on the economy, safety, physical activity, accessibility and social inclusion, and integration. The outcome which emerges from the strict process was not influenced by political considerations. One of the objectives of the proposed Naas Local Area Plan was to 'Investigate the feasibility of providing an outer eastern relief road connecting Junction 8 (Johnstown Interchange) with Junction 10 (Newhall Interchange) with the aim of providing an alternative route to relieve pressure on the town centre and eastern area of the town.' The likely timeline of this objective was 15 years.

Councillor Moore stated that in submitting this motion he was attempting to be helpful at a time when the Director of Services in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and the Chief Executive were going through a difficult time getting support for the Naas Inner Relief Road. He stated that the proposal would

bring difficulties and that he believed the Director of Services in the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and the Chief Executive were caught in a bind as the road was included in the Naas Local Area Plan (LAP) and they cannot find another route when this route was in the LAP. He informed the members that now a new LAP was being considered, there were a number of options such as a leg of an outer ring road connecting to the N7.

Councillor Brett stated that he did not agree with Councillor Moore regarding the Naas Inner Relied Road noting that it was vital for the progress of Naas with a number of benefits. He asked if he could submit a counter motion. The Meetings Administrator enquired if he was referring to an amendment of the motion. Councillor Brett confirmed that he was requesting an amendment to the motion and the Meetings Administrator referred to Standing order number 18 confirming that an amendment to the motion had to be made in writing to the Chair and outlined the requirements as set down in standing orders. Councillor Brett stated that he would submit the amended motion in writing to the Chair.

Councillor Brett submitted the amended motion in writing to the Chair. The Meetings Administrator stated that an amendment to item number seven, motion in the name of Councillor Moore had been received and read it into the record as follows:

That the Naas Municipal District Committee resolves to refer the consideration of the Chief Executive report on the Naas Inner Relief Road Part 8 to the Corporate Policy Group to determine as to whether the function should be exercised and performed by the elected council of the local authority or by the municipal district members.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor R Power.

Councillor Scully asked the Municipal District Manager to clarify that if hypothetically the Part 8 was defeated, did the Chief Executive have the power to refer the motion to full council. The Municipal District Manager clarified that he did not.

Councillor Power stated that it was right that the motion be sent to the Corporate Policy Group to decide if it came back to the Naas Municipal District meeting for decision in May or went to the Full Council meeting.

Councillor Scully stated that the Naas Inner Relief Road was for Naas and very important to Naas and he did not want people from outside the municipal district making the decision on it. Councillor Moore agreed with Councillor Scully stating that he did not think this was decision for anyone outside the municipal district to make. Councillor Breen agreed with Councillor Moore stating that this was a matter for Naas and requesting the matter to be voted on. Councillor Brett stated that he stood by his motion.

The Municipal District Manager stated that the Naas Inner Relief Road had implications for the county. Councillor Moore stated that it was not the first road that had been in the development plan that did not go through. Councillor Scully requested a roll call vote. The Meetings Administrator confirmed Standing Order No 22 required 2 members to request a roll call vote. Councillor Moore supported Councillor Scullys request for a roll call vote.

The Meetings Administrator reread the amended motion out to the members again for clarity and asked the members to vote on the amended motion as follows: That the Naas Municipal District Committee resolves to refer the consideration of the Chief Executive report on the Naas Inner Relief Road Part 8 to the Corporate Policy Group to determine as to whether the function should be exercised and performed by the elected council of the local authority or by the municipal district members.

The following members voted in favour of the amended motion;  
Councillors Brett, Callaghan, Hillis and Power.

The following members voted against the amended motion;  
Councillor Breen, Kelly, Moore and Scully.  
Councillor O'Neill abstained from the vote.



With four members voting in favour of the amended motion, four members voting against the amended motion and one abstention, the roll call vote was a tie therefore the Mayor had the casting vote. The Mayor voted in favour of the amended motion.

Councillor Moore stated that the matter deserved a judicial review and noted that in his opinion, the procedure that occurred was illegal.

The Meetings Administrator stated that the result of the vote was four members against, four members in favour and one abstention with the Mayor having the casting vote, therefore the amended motion carried.

Councillor Moore stated that he wanted the Municipal District Manager to arrange for a legal opinion that what happened today in relation to this motion was correct.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Power, with four members voting in favour of the amended motion, four members voting against the amended motion and one abstention, the roll call vote was a tie therefore the Mayor had the casting vote. The Mayor voted in favour of the amended motion. The amended motion carried.

### **NS09/0419**

#### **Disabled Parking Bays in Naas Municipal District**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Scully. That the council erect text alert signs on all disabled parking bays in the Naas Municipal District to report misuse.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Disabled Parking Permit or Card (also known as European Parking Card or Disabled Parking Badge) was available to people living in Europe with a disability, medical condition, severe mobility difficulties and to people who were registered visually impaired, whether they were drivers or passengers. The parking permit enabled the driver or passenger to avail of an accessible parking

bay on public streets and public car parks. Designated accessible parking bays were also identified in many private car parks and supermarkets. In all circumstances the Disabled Parking Permit must be displayed so the permit's expiry date, serial number and wheelchair symbol are clearly visible. It was an offence to park a vehicle in an accessible parking bay without clearly displaying a valid Disabled Parking Permit. In County Kildare, all street parking spaces or local authority car parks provide parking at no cost to the Permit holder. The terms of the scheme do not cover private car parks, however, in practice the majority of private car parks recognise the Disabled Parking Permit as the basis for eligibility to park in the accessible spaces. Kildare County Council does not at present have a text alert system to report any illegal parking. Any member of the public has the option to telephone the Roads Department on 045/980422 to alert the council to illegal parking and this information would be communicated to the pay parking enforcement service provider/community wardens. Illegal parking can also be reported to An Garda Síochána. Alleged abuse or misuse of a Disabled Parking Permit can be reported to the Irish Wheelchair Association who issue the Permits.

Councillor Scully stated that the motion requested that text alert signs be erected on all disabled parking bays in the Naas Municipal District to report misuse noting that other jurisdictions use this system currently and noted that the report did not address the motion. He informed the members that the council had a parking contractor employed and stated that he was sure the wardens were contactable and a text could be sent to the warden if someone saw an individual misusing disabled parking bays. The warden would then be able to examine the situation if they were in the area.

Ms Wright stated that there were two wardens in Naas Town and under the current agreement that arrangement was not in place. She informed the members that there was a certain amount of self policing and noted that there were public and private car parks in Naas stating that the council had no control over the private car parks. Ms Wright further stated that the parking contract was currently being examined and that the option of a text alert system could be considered. Councillor Scully asked Ms Wright to confirm that the parking contract would be going to tender later in 2019 and

a text alert system would be added as part of the terms and conditions of the contract. Ms Wright stated that the provision of a text alert system could be considered as part of the new contract and the cost examined.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the report be noted and the provision of a text alert system be considered as part of the new contract and the cost examined.

#### **NS10/0419**

##### **Yellow Box on the Sallins Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council provide a yellow box on the Sallins Road at the junction with Mill Lane.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request would be forwarded to the Technical Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG) for examination. Additional technical resources would shortly be assigned to work on TAAG.

Councillor Breen stated that this was a very dangerous junction and that she accepted the report.

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

#### **NS11/0419**

##### **Controlled Pedestrian Crossing at the Dew Drop, Kill**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. Given that funding has now been approved for the detailed design of the Naas to Kill Cycle Scheme, that the council now seek approval from the National Transport Authority to provide the signal controlled pedestrian crossing at the Dew Drop Inn Kill, in advance of the main works on 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 the Roads Section has had preliminary discussions with the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding funding for the full design of the Naas to Kill Cycle Scheme, including the option to provide the signal controlled pedestrian crossing at the Dew Drop Inn, Kill, in advance of completion of the full cycle scheme.

Councillor Breen stated that her understanding was that funding had been approved for the Naas to Kill Cycle Scheme and requested that the council investigate extra funding for the pedestrian crossing in Kill.

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

### **NS12/0419**

#### **Warning Signs on the Newtown Crab Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. That the council review and renew where necessary warning signs on the Newtown Crab Road prior to commencement of renovation works especially in relation to "Children at Play" signs.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was no 'Children at Play' signage on the Crab Road (L6039) as this was a rural location and the speed limit was 80Kph.

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

### **NS13/0419**

#### **Inspection of Drainage Pipes in Kill Village**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. That the council carry out an inspection of drainage pipes in Kill Village to ascertain the scale of blockages in the system.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office was currently investigating blockages on the surface water drainage system and would facilitate improvement measures, subject to resources.

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

### **NS14/0419**

#### **Bus Stop Poles/Signs at the entrance to Esmondale**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill.

That the council updates the National Transport Authority with regard to a requirement to install bus stop poles/signs at the entrance to Esmondale on both sides of the Kilcullen Road in Naas.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the NTA was currently engaging with the Roads Department with regard to upgrading bus stop poles at a number of locations throughout the county. The upgrade relates to standardising bus stop infrastructure in tandem with the new bus contracts being awarded by NTA. The Roads Department would bring the issue raised regarding bus stops in the vicinity of Esmondale to the attention of NTA.

Councillor O'Neill stated that there were already road markings and buses had been stopping at this location informally for years and asked if this could be relayed to the National Transport Authority.

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

**NS15/0419**

**Suspension of Road Works for Punchestown Festival**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill. That the council suspends all road or footpath works and road closures that will affect the Main Street in Naas or traffic going to or from Punchestown during the festival week period from Tuesday 30 April to Saturday 04 May 2019.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District had advised Utilities of this requirement and would monitor the situation during Punchestown week.

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

**NS16/0419**

**Dublin Road and Poplar Square Works**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Scully. Can the council confirm when will the planned works for the Dublin Road and Poplar Square commence?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had secured funding in 2019 from NTA for planned works on the Dublin Road/Poplar Square project. Project progression and phasing remain under discussion with the NTA. It was anticipated that the procurement of a contractor would be in Quarter 3 of 2019.

Councillor Scully sought clarification on the response asking that if hypothetically, the Naas Inner Relief Road was going to be completed, how it tied in with the Dublin Road and Poplar Square works.

Ms Wright informed the members that the M7 contractors advised that additional lane works would be completed by July and confirmed that the project team would

ensure that any works on the Dublin Road would cause minimal disruption and that construction management plans would be in place. Councillor Scully asked if no works would be commenced until 2020 and Ms Wright stated that it was anticipated that some works would be commenced in 2019.

The report was noted.

**NS17/0419**

**Improved Traffic Management Plan for the duration of the M7 Roadworks**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen  
Can the council look at what might be done to improve the current traffic problems associated with the M7 roadworks by considering an improved traffic management plan for the duration of this project?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as this project was nearing completion there were no plans to provide any additional Traffic Management Plans.

The report was noted.

**NS18/0419**

**Undertaking Road Works at Night Time**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
Can the council examine the possibility of undertaking road works at night time?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office does consider this as part of its roadworks programme, especially in urban areas, and factors in noise issues, materials/contractor availability and cost into the analysis.

The report was noted.

**NS19/0419**

**Avondale B&B Dublin Road, Naas**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.  
Can the council provide a yellow or white box at Avondale B&B on the Dublin Road to facilitate access and egress?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section examined this request and determined that it was not policy (nor is it feasible at this location) to provide yellow boxes for individual properties to access junctions.

The report was noted.

**NS20/0419**

**Council Owned Houses in Naas**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Scully.  
That the council outline how many houses it owns in (details provided) and how many houses in total it owns in Naas.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the council own 4 houses in the estate in question. The council's current stock in Naas is 394 units.

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

**NS21/0419**

**Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
That the council apply for funding through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAS) to support a 2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) in the Naas Municipal District.



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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department was currently considering projects to make a submission for funding under the Department's Grant Scheme (ADI).

Councillor Kelly stated that she welcomed the good news that the Environment Department were accepting projects noting that there was a number of groups taking their lives into their hands cleaning up on dangerous roads, particularly a group in Bodenstown. She suggested the council look at a pilot project when the funding is granted.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Callaghan that the report be noted.

### **NS22/0419**

#### **Waste Disposal Services in the Naas Municipal District**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the council confirm when it proposes to advance text and methodology to bring new regulations, allowing this local authority to demand proof from household residents in this municipal district that they are using authorised waste disposal services to dispose of household waste?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department was liaising with the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA) Office to prepare a local plan to implement the recently adopted byelaws.

Councillor Moore sought clarification on who the lead authorities were. Councillor Power confirmed that the lead authorities were Dublin, Donegal/Leitrim and Cork. The report was noted.

**NS23/0419**

**Number of Derelict/Vacant Houses in Naas**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.  
Can this Municipal District Committee be supplied with details from the Housing and Environment Sections of the accumulated number of houses in Naas that have been reported as derelict/vacant and the numbers that had CPO Orders served on them in the 12 months to the end of March 2019?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Vacant Homes Officer was carrying out inspections on properties in Naas, these inspections were not yet complete. No CPO orders had issued for properties in Naas from the Housing Department. Pre-CPO notices were erected outside a number of vacant properties in Kildare recently, including two in Naas, which did result in contact from individuals with an interest in these properties and it was hoped these properties would be brought back into use for private or social housing purposes.

A report was also received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department liaise with the Housing Department on an ongoing basis regarding houses within the municipal district area that had been reported under the Derelict Sites Act.

Councillor Moore queried how long was given after a person had made contact with the council.

Ms McCarthy stated that it depended on the condition of the property noting that if a property was in poor condition a longer time would be given. She further stated that each property was judged separately and confirmed that it was an ongoing process.

Councillor Moore queried how long it had been since pre-CPO notices had been displayed at two properties in Naas.

Ms McCarthy stated that in relation to one of the cases, the owner was willing to sell the property.

The report was noted.

**NS24/0419**

**Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2019**

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2019 for the Naas Municipal District.

The Municipal District Manager informed the members that when considering the grants they must declare if they had any conflicting interests. Councillor Moore queried if this was pertaining to all grants. The Municipal District Manager stated that it was.

Councillor Kelly declared that she had a conflicting interest stating that she was a member of the Heritage Committee.

Ms Loughlin informed the members that in relation to item number 8, the application for funding for the Captain Tickle Monument, which is in the name of an individual. Normally grants were not awarded to individuals, however in this instance the monument was accessible from the public thoroughfare and therefore the Heritage Officer recommended allocation of the grant. The members agreed.

Ms Loughlin informed the members that the total value of applications seeking funding under the 2019 grant scheme was €143,273.00.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by all the members, that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2019 for the Naas Municipal District be approved.

Ms Loughlin sought agreement to take item 29 of the agenda next. The Mayor agreed that item number 29 on the agenda would be taken next.

**NS25/0419**

**Jigginstown Castle**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Neill.  
Can the council explore potential uses for Jigginstown Castle for a similar historical visitor centre like EPIC the Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin?

Ms Loughlin informed the members that Jigginstown Castle was in the care of the OPW and the council met with them last year in relation to their proposal for the site. She stated that the OPW were using the site for training, this has ceased a number of years ago but the OPW were hoping to get back to Jigginstown Castle this year subject to budget allocations.

She further stated that the OPW were hoping to prepare a conservation plan and it was hoped that the public would be able to access this site in due course.

Ms Loughlin advised the members that the OPW had been talking to the council about moving their works from the front of the building but there was a laneway at the side of the site between it and the land owned by Kildare County Council that they did not know who the owner was and asked that if the members knew who owned the land that they let her know.

Councillor O'Neill stated that it would be great to have a visitor centre there and noted that it was an eyesore in its current state. Ms Loughlin confirmed that the OPW were keen to get back to the site but that they could not until the access issue was resolved. She further confirmed that the OPW hoped to make the site more visibly appropriate, have it tidied up and looking better.

The report was noted.

**NS26/0419**

**Vacant Sites Process**

Mr Dowling updated the members on the Vacant Sites process. He outlined the intention of the legislation which was the delivery of housing. He also outlined the process involved and the situation for the towns of Naas, Sallins and Kilcullen.

The Mayor excused himself from the meeting and Councillor Kelly took the Chair in his absence.

Mr Dowling stated that work on the Naas Vacant Sites Register was due to commence shortly with the new LAP due to go on public display.

The Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed his position as Chair.

Mr Dowling stated that nine sites had been identified in Sallins with several owners involved and confirmed that the sites were at an advanced stage of assessment.

In relation to Kilcullen, Mr Dowling informed the members that work was due to commence shortly on the Vacant Sites Register.

During the discussion that followed, the members raised questions in relation to the number of vacant sites in Naas, if there were any other things people could appeal on apart from appealing on the basis of the market value, what would happen with Kilcullen moving out of the Naas Municipal District, the process involved in the Vacant Sites Register and the provision of a map outlining vacant sites that had been identified to date if this could be circulated to the members.

Mr Dowling stated that the number of sites in Naas had yet to be finalised. In relation to the appeals, Mr Dowling stating that there were a number of appeal options. He outlined the vacant sites process involved and in relation to Kilcullen he stated that it would still be included in the vacant sites process regardless of which municipal district it fell under. Mr Dowling informed the members that a map would be circulated to them outlining the vacant sites identified to date.

A query was raised in relation to the relationship between the vacant sites register and the LAP.

The Municipal District Manager stated that vacant sites were identified as part of the LAP process and therefore when the vacant sites process was commencing, the Planning Department commenced with towns that already had a LAP.

**NS27/0419**

**Naas Shopping Centre**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Neill. Can the council confirm if the Naas Shopping Centre building site has not gone up for sale as promised for the second time, does the site qualify for either the derelict or vacant site registration, if so, when can those penalties apply?

A report was received from Mr Morrissey, Director of Services, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety informing the members that Kildare County Council had been working very closely with the Receivers for the site in question and were confident that the site would be on the market quite soon.

A report was also received from the Municipal District Manager informing the members that the issue of imposing a levy on this site depends on the adoption of the Naas Local Area Plan.

A further report was received from Mr J Boland, Director of Services, Environment and Water Services informing the members that the council had received general advice on such matters in the past, wherein it was suggested that, in such instances, the primary driver should be the first line of attention. In this case, it being an unfinished shopping development. In any event, it was likely that the structure may not currently fall within the strict legislative definition of a 'derelict site' although, of course, such could change as time progresses in the absence of any other intervention.

The report was noted.

**NS28/0419**

**Part 8 Caragh Playground**

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 report for the proposed Caragh Playground - P82019-03.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the Chief Executive's Part 8 report for the proposed Caragh Playground be carried out as recommended.

**NS29/0419**

**Grant Awards Under Various Grant Scheme 2019**

The members considered the grant awards under various grant schemes report.

Councillor Callaghan declared that she had a conflicting interest in relation to number seven on the Festival Grants list – Naas Easter Parade.

Councillor Kelly declared that she had a conflicting interest in relation to number six on the Festival Grants list – Midsummer Arts Festival.

Councillor O'Neill declared that she had a conflicting interest in relation to number six on the Festival Grants list - Midsummer Arts Festival. Councillor O'Neill declared that she had a conflicting interest in relation to number 17 on the Community Grants – Naas Access Group.

Councillor Moore declared that he had a conflicting interest in relation to Naas Mens Shed as he was President of the group and would therefore abstain.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by all the members that the grant awards under various grant schemes 2019 be approved.

**NS30/0419**

**Old Potato Market**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That the possibility of securing the old potato market from the present owners be considered a priority in any Urban Renewal Application for the area around St David's Castle, enabling the Local Authority to develop the site, adjoining the Market Square, from whence the area derived its name, into a modern Town Centre Market, inclusive of groups like the Naas Country Market group, recently discommoded from the Town Hall.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this possibility would be examined during the compilation of applications to the next round of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Councillor Moore stated that this was very much a part of the heritage of Naas and it would be a good opportunity to look at it.

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

**NS31/0419**

**LPT Schedule of Works 2019**

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that the incorrect reference had been used on the schedule attached to the December 2018 minutes and confirmed that instead of Naas Retail Group it should read Naas Working Together. She confirmed that the schedule attached to the minutes would be amended to reflect this change.

The meeting concluded.