

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3:30 p.m. on
Tuesday, 17 September 2019
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

Members Present: Councillor C Kelly (Mayor), A Breen, F Brett, B Clear,
V P Martin, S Moore and E Sammon.

Officials Present: Mr M Kenny (A/Municipal District Manager), Mr K Kavanagh,
Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officers), Ms B O'Shea (Senior
Executive Planner) Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer),
Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) Ms AM
Burke (Executive Engineer), Ms P Pender, (Administrative
Officer), Ms C Lidiirth (Staff Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings
Administrator) and Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary).

NS01/0919

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on Tuesday, 16 July 2019 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Breen that the minutes of the annual meeting held on 17 June 2019, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS02/0919

Vote of Sympathy

The Mayor welcomed the members to the meeting and extended her sympathy to the family of the late Pat Minnock, brother of Mr P Minnock, former District Manager. It was agreed by the members that a card be sent to Mr Minnock conveying their condolences.

NS03/0919

Invite to Dillingen

The Mayor informed the members that she had been invited to attend the official celebration in Dillingen on Saturday 28 September to celebrate the friendship between Dillingen and their partner international Twinning towns, Bondeno and Naas.

Resolved with the member's agreement that the Mayor should attend the official event in Dillingen on Saturday 28 September.

NS04/0919

Rugby World Cup Japan

The Mayor conveyed best wishes on behalf of the members to Tadhg Beirne from Eadestown and Joey Carbury from Athy who would be playing for the Ireland Rugby team in Japan.

NS05/0919

Naas Tidy Towns

The Mayor conveyed congratulations on behalf of the members to the Naas Tidy Towns on their contribution and success with the recent Wild Food Festival held in Naas.

NS06/0919

Deputation from Naas CBS

The Mayor welcomed Mr Ben Travers, Principal, Naas CBS, Mr Kieran Sweeney, Chair of the fundraising committee for the allweather pitch Naas CBS and Mr Frank Murphy, Chair of the Parent's Council, Naas CBS to the meeting.

Mr Travers informed the members that their overall objectives were to:

- Develop modern flood-lit All-Weather pitch, hurling wall/warmup area, basketball courts and walking track
- Expand the schools existing strong links with wider community through the new facility

- School hours in school term – CBS students and some access for St. Corbans primary school
- Outside school hours (evenings and weekends) – Nass GAA, Naas Rugby, Special Olympics, Soccer and other community groups

He gave an outline of the detailed design and proposed cost for the proposal (Capital €1.2million, €10k p.a. ongoing excl. lights).

Mr Murphy informed the members that the project would be financed from three sources, Grants (Leader, Sports Capital, Leinster Branches, Local), the school, parents/past pupils, local business sponsorship, school funds and a partnership agreement with the local GAA club. He thanked the members for receiving the presentation and asked them for their support in terms of obtaining Kildare County Council grants and getting support from the local community for the proposed pitch.

The Mayor thanked Mr Travers, Mr Sweeney and Mr Murphy for their presentation and stated the proposal for the all weather pitch was much needed in Naas. She asked the members if they had any questions.

All members supported the proposal and the following questions were asked by them:

- Had the Department of Education been approached for funding resources?
- Had a Sports Capital Grant been applied for yet?
- Could anything be done to extend the size of the pitch to meet the full size of a Gaelic Football pitch?

Mr Sweeney stated that he did not think the Department of Education would be pursued for grants because there are numerous other projects which they felt would take priority over theirs. He stated that a Sports Capital Grant had not yet been applied for and stated the CBS was land locked therefore the only way to extend the pitch would be if St. Corbans demolished part of their hall building.

NS07/0919

Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer, Mr Reel informed the members that The Naas Municipal District had substantially completed the footpath improvement works and associated works at the following locations:

- The Gables, Kill (footpath improvements) – complete
- The Park, Naas (footpath improvements) – complete
- Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvement) – complete
- St. Brigid's Avenue, Kilcullen (road and footpath improvements) – complete
- Relocate Bus Stop, Sallins – complete
- Sallins Controlled Pedestrian Crossing improvements – complete
- Newbridge Road, Naas footpath works – complete
- Resurfacing of Abbey Street Car Park, Naas – complete
- Hazelmere road repairs – complete
- Main Street, Naas – Construction Stage
- Brannockstown Footpath – complete

He stated that the first package of works (Works Package 1) was now complete which included the following works locations:

- Section A: L6039 Crab Road
- Section B: L20113 Bishopscourt, Kill
- Section C: L20102 Alasty
- Section D: L6012 Sherlockstown, Sallins
- Section E: L60601 McLoughlins Lane, Boleybeg
- Section F: L6035 Naas Rugby Club to the Red House
- Section G: L6043 Craddockstown
- Section H: L2004 Digby Bridge

Mr Reel stated that the second package of road improvement projects (Works Package 2) was substantially complete which included the following works locations:

- Section A: L6011 Turnings, Sherlockstown-Daars
- Section B: L20042 Blackhall, Clane
- Section C: R407 Bodenstown-Clane
- Section D: L6076 Castlefish (Nicholastown)
- Section E: Bishopshill, Ballymore Eustace
- Section F: Dunshane
- Section G: Walterstown, Sallins
- Section H: L2023 Punchestown, Naas
- Section I: L200610 Osberstown Cottages, Sallins

He stated that drainage works had been carried out at the following locations:

- Main Street, Sallins – Repairs to the drainage system at the shops/apartments on the R407 opposite Sallins Bridge. This work is now complete.
- Lakelands, Naas – Repairs to the collapsed pipe exiting the lakes and the removal of trees causing the problem (root ingress). This work is now complete.

Mr Reel stated that the surface dressing works programme for 2019 had recently been completed in the following areas:

- R412 – Dunlavin Road (south of Brannockstown)
- L2023 – Punchestown Road (Between Beggars end and Watchhouse Cross)
- L2009/L2018/L2019/L2021 – Boston Hill, Tuckmilltown, Oughterard
- L2020 – Military Road
- L2018 – Killeel
- L6038 – Rathmore to Redbog

He informed the members that the LPT/carpark funded works programme for 2019 had been agreed by the Naas Municipal District Committee and the Naas Municipal District Office was delivering the road and footpath improvement elements of this programme on an ongoing basis. Councillor Moore thanked Mr Reel and stated that any other similar works of this nature could be included in LPT allocation. Mr Reel stated that it was hoped some of the LPT/carpark funding would be allocated to road and footpath improvement works and stated it was important the list for works was prepared early.

Mr Reel stated that the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme for Corbally Crossroads was at Tender Stage and it had been proposed to commence construction in the coming weeks with works scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Councillor Martin commended the Municipal District Engineer on the work done at Corbally Cross and Councillor Clear asked if the section of footpath on Main Street Naas which had been dug up by the ESB would be repaired to the required standard. Mr Reel stated that his preference was that it would continue to serve as a footpath and he would be proposing work is carried out across the road from Dunnes Stores possibly using Hot Rolled Asphalt (HRA) a material which had been used previously across the road on Main Street, Naas.

NS08/0919

Local Property Tax

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that he had examined LPT projects going back to 2015 where money had not been drawn down. Councillor Moore stated that the Greenway allocation of €50,000 was one of his first LPT proposals and stated he now understood this project was self-funded. Councillor Kelly stated that the unspent LPT figures could be discussed further by the members after the meeting.

NS09/0919

Residents Association Grant from LPT funding 2019

The members considered the allocation of €3000 from LPT funding 2019 to be paid to Aylmer Residents Association, Naas.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all members present that the sum of €3000 from LPT funding 2019 be paid to Aylmer Residents Association, Naas.

NS10/0919

Section 38 Sunday's Well, Naas

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Single Lines/Parking Restrictions at Sunday's Well, Naas, County Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all members present that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed Single Lines/Parking Restrictions at Sunday's Well, Naas, County Kildare be approved.

Councillor Moore asked why the Section 38 proposal for Lakelands had not yet been put before the members for approval and Ms Pender stated she would investigate further with the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and revert to Councillor Moore.

NS11/0919

Footpath from Basin Street and Main Street

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council investigate the cost associated with an extension of the footpath from the south side of Basin Street and Main Street.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that due to limited road width available at this location, it was

not possible to provide a footpath without removing vehicles from this location. This issue should be considered as part of the Naas Transport Plan which was currently being developed.

Councillor Clear stated that he had measured the section in question and stated it would be great to meet on site to discuss extending the footpath on either side of the road and have costings for works required. Mr Reel stated that it was not a cost issue and stated realistically because of the lack of width options would be to pedestrianise or make it a one way street. He stated that the whole area would be looked at as part of the Naas Transport Plan. Councillor Kelly asked that the extension of the footpath from the Southside of Basin Street and Main Street be considered as part of the Naas Transport Plan.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted and that the extension of the footpath from the Southside of Basin Street and Main Street be considered as part of the Naas Transport Plan.

The Mayor welcomed Ms Pat Clear former Councillor to the meeting.

NS12/0919

The Mayor requested that items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 on the agenda be taken together. All the members agreed.

Item 8

Traffic Issues at Piper's Hill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council devises a plan for a solution to the current serious traffic issues at Piper's Hill which has occurred due to the closure of the KWETB car park, for parents bringing children to and from school.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen seconded by Councillor Brett.

Item 9

Traffic Management Plan/Study Piper's Hill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear.
That the council write to the KWETB requesting a Traffic Management Plan or study in light of recent traffic issues relevant to the Piper's Hill Campus.

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

Item 10

Traffic Congestion Piper's Hill Complex

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

That the council engage with all the relevant stakeholders at the Piper's Hill complex regarding the alleviation of traffic congestion on site especially in the morning time.

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

Item 11

Traffic Management Piper's Hill Campus

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council review the traffic management at the Piper's Hill education campus.

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

Item 14

Entry/Exit to the Piper's Hill Campus

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon.
That the council secure a second exit or entry to the Piper's Hill campus taking into consideration the ongoing traffic issues at this location.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Brett. A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that on Monday 09 September 2019, the Director of Service for Roads, Transport and Public Safety and Senior Roads Team visited the area. While there was queuing of traffic inside the campus, it was noted that in general cars were moving at a slow rate and the children were being dropped off in a safe and controlled manner. It was considered that the existing arrangement appeared to be working adequately where parents accessed the Campus by the signalised junction and dropped their children off in a safe and controlled manner within the campus.

The traffic management plan within the school campus was the responsibility of the Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board (KWETB). The Roads Planning Section was willing to examine and work with the KWETB on any proposals which were brought forward. With reference to the placement of a barrier to the existing car park, this was a matter for the KWETB – the council's understanding was that safety issues may have arisen with regard to conflict between parking by KWETB staff and parents dropping off children.

The use of the layby opposite the campus was currently being examined by Kildare County Council Roads Administration/ Naas Municipal District. The council had concerns about this layby being used by parents to drop their children off, as this would result in additional crossing movements by vulnerable road users at the signalised junction, would affect the capacity of the signalised junction and would likely result in more queuing of traffic at peak times.

With regard to future development, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department agreed that an additional access would have to be considered and examined as part of any future development at this site.

It was noted during the site visit that some parents were dropping their children off at the edge of the public road near the Killashee Hotel entrance, which Kildare County Council would not recommend or approve as it was a traffic hazard for road users

and in particular the school children. Kildare County Council would request that the KWETB and the School Board of Management examined this and bring it to the attention of parents.

Councillor Breen circulated photos to the members which she had taken at the site from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. demonstrating the traffic congestion in the area.

Councillor Moore stated that the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety had sent a reply to the public informing them a planning application from the school board was required and stated he supported his view that a second entrance was needed and it was a matter for KWETB.

Councillor Clear stated that a second entrance was required and asked for clarification on the following points;

- Who did the road belong to
- The planning file for KWETB did not show any planning application for the erection of barriers on the site
- Discussions had taken place with Ballymore Homes and they were open to having a second entrance.
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He asked that the Planning and Strategic Development Department to confirm that there were five schools to facilitate 350 houses and asked that no planning permission for further houses was approved until this issued had been resolved.

Mr Kenny informed the members that the land had been zoned as part of an overall scheme for the Killashee area by the Naas Town Council and stated there were guidelines to zoning the land. He stated that there was to be a second entrance on the Kilcullen side of Killashee but in the downturn the plan did not go ahead. Mr Kenny stated that for the foreseeable future there would only be one entrance. He stated that he took all the member's points on board and that he would discuss the matter with the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section to see what could be done and revert to the members when preparing the Local Area Plan (LAP).

Councillor Moore stated that KWETB needed to make a planning application and work with other stakeholders when doing so. Councillor Sammon stated she had spoken with KWETB the previous day and a meeting was scheduled with KWETB and Kildare County Council.

Councillor Brett stated that he agreed with the view of the Director of Service for Roads, Transportation and Public Safety that a planning application from KWETB was required. Councillor Sammon stated she had raised the matter with KWETB car park with regard to their indemnity insurance.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted and on request from the members Councillor Sammon who was a member of the KWETB Committee is to convey their concerns to and to ask the KWETB to consider appropriate action to alleviate the traffic congestion/issues at the Pipers Hill Campus.

NS13/0919

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Mayor proposed to suspend standing orders at 4:45 p.m. for fifteen minutes to facilitate an in committee meeting to discuss the Capital Budget for 2020.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for fifteen minutes until 5:00 p.m.

NS14/0919

The Mayor requested that item 26 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed.

Item 26

Strategic Projects and Public Realm

Ms Hunt introduced herself and the Strategic Project and Public Realm Team to the members. She stated that each member of the team took the lead on a project with input from the rest of the team as required. Ms Hunt outlined the funding streams available and current projects for the Naas Municipal District. She informed the members that projects had to be evidence based, through analysis of data such as land use, vacancy rates, movement, and permeability. Ms Hunt stated that the total value of projects in the Naas Municipal District was €6.4 million. She stated that the current projects for the Naas Municipal District included:

- Naas – Canal Quarter
- Sallins – Health Check/Urban Design and Town Renewal Plan
- Ballymore Eustace – Looped Walk
- Naas – Town Hall Library

Ms Hunt stated that the preparation of a Health Check/Urban Design Analysis and a Town Renewal Plan for Sallins was scheduled as part of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019. She informed the members that quarterly updates would be provided to the Naas Municipal District Committee and the next update would be given at the December meeting.

NS15/0919

Maintenance of Bus Stop Signage

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council contact the National Transport Authority/Bus Éireann and establish what their plans are to maintain their bus stop signage etc in the Naas Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members were in agreement, a letter would issue to the National Transport Authority/Bus Éireann requesting that bus stop areas etc. were maintained regularly with redundant poles/signage removed.

Councillor Kelly stated that there were single poles in various locations with no bus stop sign in place around the Naas Municipal District and she thanked the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department for the report.

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

NS16/0919

Filter Light at Ballycane Road/Craddockstown Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon.
That the council install a right turn filter light at the Ballycane Road/Craddockstown Road traffic lights considering the extra facilities at Naas Community College, and, to allow for the large current number and growing numbers of pupils attending Naas Community College.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request would be considered as part of the current assessment of this junction and future upgrade.

Councillor Sammon stated she was happy with the report. Councillor Moore supported the motion and asked for an update on the upgrade of the Craddockstown Road Junction. Mr Reel stated it was with the Roads Design Section and stated he would request an update on it.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Breen that the report be noted and an update on the upgrade for Craddockstown Road Junction be provided to Councillor Moore.

NS17/0919

Public Toilets Naas Town Centre

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Martin. That the council set about providing public toilets in Naas Town Centre and if the proposal is supported, apprise members of the safest and most appropriate proposed location(s), the cost and the proposed form and period of consultation with the local community in advance of making a decision.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Sammon.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in December 2018, Kildare County Council terminated a 20 year lease contract for the provision and maintenance of four public conveniences located in County Kildare. The decision was based on cost considerations and minimal usage of the units. The removal of the public convenience located at Abbey Street, Car Park, Naas, facilitated the installation of CCTV and secure bicycle lockers.

Following a discussion by the members Councillor Martin stated that the new town library would be an option where public toilets could be made available.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted.

NS18/0919

Bus Shelters

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly. Can the council be advised when the bus shelters will be installed (as previously agreed), within the Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that due to limited resources and the significant workload associated with delivering the roadworks programme within the Naas Municipal District, it had not been possible to deliver on this project. It was proposed that when the roadworks programme was complete and resources become available, that this item would be progressed.

The report was noted.

NS19/0919

Parking Fines

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear. Can the council provide details of how many parking fines were issued and how many unpaid parking fines were brought to court for non-payment over the last 24 months for the Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that 14,319 fixed charge notices had been issued in the Naas Municipal District from 01 August 2018 until 30 August 2019 inclusive.

607 prosecutions had been brought before the courts for the Naas Municipal District during the same period. It should be noted that prosecutions during that period may not necessarily be in relation to fixed charge notices issued during the same period.

The report was noted.

NS20/0919

Traffic Congestion in Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council confirm if there are proposals to deal with the traffic congestion in Naas as a result of the opening of the Dunne's Stores complex?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a traffic analysis may be considered as part of the Naas Transport Plan which was currently being developed.

The report was noted.

NS21/0919

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Martin.
Can the council confirm when will the electric vehicle (EV) charging points be installed in the car park of Áras Chill Dara, how many charging points will be installed and are there plans to install others EV charging points in the Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the new scheme launched by Minister Bruton for On-Street Charge Points for Electrical Vehicles aimed to provide capital support for the development of up to 200 on street charge points nationally per annum, over a 5 year period. The terms and conditions of the scheme were under development and it was envisaged the scheme would be open for applications by the end of September. The Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) policy provided for designated charging points to be available in off-street car parks only. The Bye Laws for Naas adopted in 2017 identified designated charging points for the town with 2 EV points installed in both the Fairgreen and Hedermans car park.

A report was also received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that regarding the EV charging point in Áras Chill Dara the infrastructure

had now been fully installed and the council was waiting for their contractor to come back with a final installation date for the unit. The Facilities Section intended to install one unit (capable of charging two cars) to begin with. However, it should be noted that the electrical infrastructure was in place to add up to a further nine units in the coming years.

The reports were noted.

NS22/0919

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Mayor proposed to suspend standing orders at 5:30 p.m. for twenty minutes to continue the meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for twenty minutes until 5:50 p.m.

NS23/0919

Subcommittees

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That this municipal district agrees to set up subcommittees consisting of members and officials to assist in delivering agreed projects for the Naas Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the request to set up subcommittees of members was a matter for the members to agree. However, in advance of any such agreement, further detail would be needed in relation to the number of projects referred to, the details of the project and the history which impacted on their delivery. It would also be necessary to consider the membership of the subcommittee(s), what their remit would be, and what resourcing would be required in establishing and operating same.

Councillor Moore stated that he had a list of various outstanding items which had not yet been progressed by the council. He stated that he was disappointed with the lack of progress on these matters. He proposed that an action committee was formed to work with council officials.

Mr Kenny stated that the Corporate Services Department had issued a response requesting further detail in relation to the number of projects referred to, the details of the project and the history which impacted on their delivery. He stated it would also be necessary to consider the membership of the subcommittee(s), what their remit would be, and what resourcing would be required in establishing and operating same. Mr Kenny stated that officials were accountable for items on the action plans and progress reports for the Naas Municipal District. He stated municipal district meetings were the forum to deal with such issues and if the members wanted a sub-committee that was their decision.

The Meetings Administrator asked Councillor Moore if he could investigate the projects mentioned and provide updates to him. Mr Kenny suggested Councillor Moore submitted his list of items to the Corporate Services Department. Councillor Kelly stated that in relation to the sub-committees the members could discuss the matter further after the meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Breen that the report be noted and that Councillor Moore submit his list of outstanding items to the Corporate Services Department and the matter in relation to sub-committees be discussed further by the members.

NS24/0919

Naas Town Team

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm how it selected the members of the new Naas Town Team as a pseudo Community Council, across several activity headings including a budget allocation for a pre-selected Town Manager?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that as allowed for under Standing Order 13, the reply would be conveyed in writing to the members as quickly as possible after the meeting.

The report was noted.

NS25/0919

Annual Budget Allocations

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That the Naas Municipal District members agree to seek an extra €250,000 for capital and current spending above the existing council annual budget allocations, to improve local services and necessary conditions in order to give credible county town status to Naas.

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

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that Budget 2020 would be presented to council in November 2019 (date to be agreed). As advised to council at the July meeting, following a number of appeals by rate payers to the Rates Valuation Tribunal, the revaluation process had effectively led to a reduction in the overall rates income for Kildare. In addition, the Valuation Office had not attended to any of the new valuation requests which had been submitted. The LPT allocation for Kildare had been advised and there was no material increase to this. As such, unless there was an increase in rates or LPT (both of which were a matter for the members), there was no additional funding available for 2020. Every 1% increase in LPT would generate €217,301. Every 1% increase in rates would

generate just over €500,000. Capital expenditure was funded through grants, development contributions and revenue transfers. Development contributions were assigned in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme that was adopted by the members. Community and Recreation Levies were ring-fenced to the specific municipal district, whilst other levies were assigned to county wide priority projects, in accordance with the three year Capital Programme. Grants were assigned to specific projects and these projects usually required matched funding, either by way of levies or through revenue provisions.

Councillor Moore stated that as a capital town for the county the Naas Municipal District Committee needed to be in a position to look after the town. He stated this was not possible if members had to join a queue for services to be availed of. Councillor Moore stated that if Kildare County Council could assist, the members would have to find a way of securing an additional €250,000.

Councillor Moore also expressed his disappointment with responses from departments to requests made by him. The Meetings Administrator stated that the Members Services Section logged Councillor's representations on the Customer Relations Management (CRM) System on a daily basis. Councillor Moore stated that he accepted Members Services were referring cases daily to the various departments but stated no replies were being received.

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

NS26/0919

Naas Town Development Plan 2011-2017

The members considered the Material Contravention of the Naas Town Development Plan 2011-2017, Planning Register Reference 18/1536.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all members present that the Material Contravention of the Naas Town Development Plan 2011-2017, Planning Register Reference 18/1536 be approved.

NS27/0919

Turnstile at the Old Kilteel Graveyard

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council examine the feasibility of installing a turnstile at the old Kilteel graveyard to facilitate access of families to family plots.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that this location would be examined.

The report was noted.

NS28/0919

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Mayor proposed to suspend standing orders at 5:45 p.m. for ten minutes to enable the meeting to conclude.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for ten minutes until 5:55 p.m.

NS29/0919

Litter Fines

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council provide the details of how many litter fines were issued and how many unpaid litter fines were brought to court for non-payment over the last 24 months for the Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that 265 litter fines had been issued from 01 September 2017 to 01 September 2019 of which 135 had been paid to date. All fines which were unpaid had been examined to establish if they were suitable to go to court.

In many cases the fines could not proceed to court and were deemed uncollectable for the following reasons:

1. The offender may be a minor
2. The offender no longer resides at the address on the fine
3. Incomplete name
4. Third party witness may not be prepared to go to court.
5. Incorrect registration number of vehicle etc.

In the period in question, 1 case had been heard in court (adjourned).

Councillor Clear asked what had happened to the 134 cases where fines had not been paid and asked that the Environment Section take all cases for litter offending seriously.

The report was noted.

NS30/0919

Children's Playground in Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council considers the provision of a children's playground in Ballymore Eustace.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council were committed to providing a playground in Ballymore Eustace subject to identifying a suitable site. Kildare County Council did not currently own a suitable site and therefore were dependent on a third party providing this.

Councillors Kelly and Brett stated a suitable site was needed for the playground.

Councillor Sammon stated the Ballymore Community Development Association were in discussions with a developer in relation to acquiring a site.

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

NS31/0919

Bandstand in Naas Town Centre

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

That the council carry out a feasibility study in respect of the erection of a bandstand in the town centre (a circular or semi-circular structure) designed to accommodate and showcase local musical talent and festival performances.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this matter would be examined as part of any future plans developed for Naas town centre by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team.

Councillor Martin stated the report was a positive step forward. Councillor Moore supported the motion and stated there was a feature in the lakes area with an island which had been designated as a bandstand in original plans for Naas.

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

NS32/0919

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Mayor proposed to suspend standing orders at 5:55 p.m. for five minutes to enable the meeting to conclude.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for five minutes until 6:00 p.m.

NS33/0919

Naas Working Together Group

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the members confirm that the Naas Working Together Group can make a presentation to the October meeting of the municipal district?

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that a report had been given at the Naas Municipal District meeting in July. He stated that item 21 of Standing Orders stated that the members may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Councillor Moore expressed his disapproval of item 21 of Standing Orders and stated he felt it was unfair to have to submit his request in the form of a motion. Councillor Kelly stated that Standing Orders were currently under review by the protocol committee but stated currently the members must agree by resolution. She asked Councillor Moore if he would like her to bring the matter before the protocol committee.

The report was noted.

NS34/0919

De Burgh Lands/Estate

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Martin.
Can the council confirm if the Naas Municipal District elected members can be given sight of and/or access to all documents (in the council's possession and/or power of procurement) including the legal file in respect of the long running saga of what is known locally as the De Burgh lands/estate, Oldtown Demesne, Sallins Road, Naas giving the reasons, grounds and advice for the given response?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that an offer to give the members a full briefing (in- committee) on this matter had been made. There were many aspects to this matter and the preferred option would be to explain the complexities to the members in the first instance. In relation to the legal opinion; this opinion and indeed a lot of the legal file related to documentation which had been prepared in contemplation of

potential litigation in respect of these lands and as such amounts to privileged documentation (legal professional privilege) and same would not be in the public's interest to be disclosed at this time. It should also be noted that the members of the previous council were given a copy of the land transfer document and this document would be circulated (under separate cover) for the information and attention of the new Naas Municipal District Committee.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that an in-committee meeting had yet to be arranged.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.