

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on  
Tuesday, 19 February 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), Ms S Kavanagh (Director of Services), Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Kenny (Assistant Engineer), Mr B Martin (Administrative Officer), Ms M Higgins (County Librarian), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms P O'Rourke (Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms C O'Grady (Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms M Eastley (Staff Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary).

The Mayor welcomed the members to the meeting and requested a minute silence for the late Stephen Hughes, son of Graham Hughes, Environmental Services and the late Mr Liam Sherry, father of Annette Aspell Housing Department.

**NS01/0219**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15 January 2019 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Moore that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15 January 2019, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**NS02/0219**

**Matters Arising**

Councillor Moore stated that he had asked for a number of items to be added to the progress report that had been agreed with the members during this municipal district term and he did not see these on the progress report. He requested an update on these items as follows:

**Fitzgerald Banner in Naas Town Hall (NS15/1609)**

**Medallion to Recognise the Role of Mayor of Naas (NS15/0518)**

**Directional Signage(NS10/1117)**

**Town Dress Code to promote Naas (NS19/0917)**

The Meetings Administrator undertook to update Councillor Moore before the next meeting and confirmed that he had spoken to him previously regarding the items. Councillor Moore stated that he would wait until the March meeting for a full update on these items.

**Mid Summer Arts Festival (NS02/0219)**

Councillor O'Neill sought the members agreement to close Abbey Street Carpark, Abbey Street and Basin Street from 9.00am to 8.00pm on 22 June 2019 for the Mid Summer Arts Festival. She stated that An Garda Síochána and the Municipal District Engineer had been notified and were in agreement. The members agreed to the closure of Abbey Street Carpark, Abbey Street and Basin Street from 9.00am to 8.00pm on 22 June 2019 for the Mid Summer Arts Festival.

**St. David's Day (NS02/0219)**

The Mayor informed the members of his upcoming trip to the St. David's Day celebrations on Friday 01 March 2019 in Wales. Councillor Scully stated that the municipal district had provided funding to the under 13 Naas Rugby Team for their trip to St. David's and asked if the team could attend the Naas Municipal District meeting in March. The members agreed that an invitation would issue to the team inviting them to attend the Naas Municipal District meeting in March.

**Visit to Kerdiffstown (NS02/0219)**

The Municipal District Manager informed the members that he was trying to arrange a visit for them to Kerdiffstown and the Peter McVerry House before the March 2019 Naas Municipal District meeting.

**Erecting of the Welsh flag on Naas Town Hall (NS02/0219)**

Councillor Breen queried when the Welsh flag would be erected on Naas Town Hall. Councillor Moore stated that the flag was normally erected the weekend before St. David's Day.

**NS03/0219**

**Municipal District Road Works**

Mr Kenny, Assistant 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 as per 2018 works. Additional works planned in the Gables for 2019.
- The Park, Naas (footpath improvements) – Construction Stage
- Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvement) – Tender Stage
- St. Brigid's Avenue, Kilcullen (road and footpath improvements) – Construction Stage
- Relocate Bus Stop, Sallins – Tender Stage
- Controlled Pedestrian Crossing Improvements – Tender Stage

In relation to the Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2019, Mr Kenny stated that the the roads programme for the Naas Municipal District would be finalised following receipt of grant allocations for 2019 from DTTaS.

Mr Kenny 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.

**NS04/0219**

**Unallocated LPT Funding for 2019**

The members agreed to discuss the unallocated LPT funding for 2019 after the meeting.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he would like to complete a review of the Naas Municipal District meeting minutes for the past five years to identify what work had and had not been completed and to identify projects that funding had been allocated to, such as playgrounds, that were due to be completed over a number of years. He stated that he would aim to have this completed for the March meeting.

Councillor Moore welcomed the Municipal District Managers comments stating that the members required guidance in relation to this matter.

**NS05/0219**

**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 each Municipal District contact their own Tidy Towns groups or relevant community organisations asking them to identify areas they would like to keep 'poster free' and seek their views in relation to having a cap on the number of posters, per candidate, per Municipal District.

Councillor Scully stated that several motions regarding election posters had been put before full council and confirmed that a ban on election posters could not be introduced as it was allowed for under national legislation. He informed the members that the Protocol Committee felt the best way to address this matter was to seek the opinion of the Tidy Towns groups.

Councillor Kelly thanked Councillor Scully and the Protocol Committee stating she had a call from Sallins Tidy Towns requesting that the Sallins canal area and Main Street be kept poster free.

Councillor Moore stated that the poster free zones would vary per municipal district and that Naas Tidy Towns would probably like to keep the Main Street poster free. He also stated that using a number of Billboards in recommended areas of the towns or villages, giving anyone running for election an opportunity to display their poster in these areas had previously been discussed.

Councillor Power stated that most members would welcome a reduction in election posters noting the environmental benefits of reducing the number of posters.

The Meetings Administrator requested the members to provide a list of names and contact details of the Tidy Towns groups or relevant community organisations stating a letter would issue to them seeking their views on the matter.

Councillor Brett stated that the Community Department would have the names of all Tidy Towns groups in the municipal district. The Meetings Administrator agreed to contact the Community Department to seek the contact details of the Tidy Towns groups or relevant community organisations.

### **NS06/0219**

#### **Taking in Charge of Estates**

The members noted a report from the Building and Development Control Department detailing a list of the estates proposed to be taken in charge in the coming six months in the Naas Municipal District:

- Saddlers Hall, Kill
- Straffan Way, Sallins
- Landen Park, Naas
- Glendara, Kill
- Rochford Abbey, Kill

- Racecourse Gate, Naas
- The Maudlings, Naas

The following estates were proposed to be taken in charge by the end of the year:

- Cnoc na Greine, Kilcullen
- Cnoc na Greine Woods, Kilcullen
- Carrickhill Lower, Calverstown
- Osberstown Court, Park, Drive, Sallins
- Sallins Wharf & Pier
- Aldergrove, Naas
- Whitethorn Grove - The Mews
- Killashee View, Naas

### **NS07/0219**

#### **Double Yellow Lines on Chapel Lane Sallins**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council begin a Section 38 to remove the double yellow lines recently painted in front of artisan cottages on Chapel Lane Sallins.

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 they had raised various issues regarding parking in the Naas Municipal District. The Transport Department had scheduled a special meeting with the members on 20 February 2019 to review parking issues raised and agree the best course of action. Following this meeting, a course of action could be agreed with the members in respect to the request to remove the double yellow lines at this location.

Councillor Kelly stated she had received written requests to remove the double yellow lines from two families living on Chapel Lane and gave the requests to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department.

Mr Martin stated that the meeting scheduled for 20 February 2019 to review parking issues raised and agree the best course of action did not suit all the members and suggested changing the meeting to Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 5.00pm instead. The members agreed to the revised meeting date.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the report be noted and the meeting to review parking issues raised and agree the best course of action to be rescheduled until Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 5.00pm.

### **NS08/0219**

#### **Safety Bollards in Sallins**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council erect flexible plastic safety bollards in the middle of the road at selected locations in Sallins.

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 the provision of such items should be part of a larger traffic management design for the village. There can be issues with visibility and cyclists that would need to be assessed as part of an overall plan.

Councillor Kelly expressed her disappointment with the report querying when the overall plan would be made.

Mr Martin stated that the overall plan was dependent on technical resources and funding and confirmed that he would speak to the Municipal District Engineer noting that they would need to discuss the matter further with the Roads Planning Section.

Councillor Kelly confirmed that it was a short term measure that she was looking. She stated that at an event in the town recently, four bollards were used which resulted in slowing traffic down and suggested the bollards be placed at the widest parts of the Main Street.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the report be noted and the Municipal District Engineer to speak to the Roads Planning Section in relation to erecting plastic safety bollards in the middle of the road in selected locations in Sallins.

### **NS09/0219**

#### **N7 Adjacent to Kill Village**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. Based on an EU Directive that road noise be reduced wherever possible on health grounds, that the Roads Authority be requested to:

- (1) Resurface a 1 kilometre stretch of road on the N7 adjacent to Kill Village with noise reducing material.
- (2) Reduce the speed limit on the same stretch from 100 km/hr to 80 km/hr.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, 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, Transport Infrastructure Ireland could be contacted in respect to the matters raised.

Councillor Breen stated that she had received this request from the residents of the Whitethorn Grove and the Mews area of Kill who felt their health would be affected by the noise from the N7.

Councillor Brett clarified that the material used on this part of road all the way to exit 11 was noise reducing material and noted there was a concern that if the speed limit was reduced to 80km/hr the traffic would divert into Kill village.



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted and Transport Infrastructure Ireland be contacted in respect to the matters raised.

**NS10/0219**

**Age Friendly Parking Spaces**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen.  
That the Age Friendly parking spaces in South Main Street be more clearly identified with a bigger sign and road surface marking identification added.

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 road markings were to be put in place in the coming days. The Naas Municipal District Office would replace the signs when they receive them.

A report was also received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineer was arranging to replace the sign and carry out the necessary road markings.

Councillor Breen stated that she had been asked where the age friendly sign was and noted the sign on the road would be erected this week. She asked when the bigger sign would be erected.

Mr Kenny stated that the sign was in place.

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

**NS11/0219**

**Caragh to the Millennium Business Park**

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

That the council identify the provision of a cycleway and pedestrian footpath from Caragh to the Millennium Business Park as a priority for a funding application to the National Transport Authority and that a draft design be completed for same.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was no funding or technical resources currently available for a project of this size which would involve land acquisition by CPO that was both costly and takes time to complete. Current funding and resources were already committed to a number of existing cycleway/footpath projects in the municipal district. The proposed route was not identified in the Kildare County Development Plan or in the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, this would negatively effect any future funding application to the NTA. It was advised by the council at a site meeting with local representatives that they should put together a submission to the draft Naas Local Area Plan when it was placed on public display that would seek to identify the route for pedestrian and cyclist improvements within the municipal district area. A similar action would be required for the portion of the route in Caragh under the County Development Plan review process.

Councillor Brett stated that he was disappointed with the report informing the members that in the last census Caragh was noted for being one of the most densely populated villages with children. He confirmed that he had spoken to land owners in the area who were willing to make their land available for this project. He also stated that the R409 was an extremely busy road and noted the main cost would be at the Halverstown Cross and the Liffey and Railway Bridges. Councillor Brett further stated that there was no safe way for anyone to cycle from Caragh to Millennium Park.

Councillor Power supported the motion noting the future opening of the new secondary school at Millennium Park had also to be considered in this regard. He informed the members that he would be making a submission to the draft Local Area Plan.

The Municipal District Manager stated the fact that Councillor Brett had spoken to landowners who were willing to make their land available would be an advantage as if an agreement was reached that the land be dedicated for public use this could accelerate the project and make the project more deliverable.

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

**NS12/0219**

**Slip Road at Canal View, Sallins**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
Can the council begin the process to close off the slip road onto Main Street at Canal View, Sallins?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office would assess the possibility of this proposal. Please note that there may be statutory procedures to be completed associated with this proposal and resources would be required to facilitate same.

The report was noted.

**NS13/0219**

**Barriers on the Junction 7 Exit Ramp**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.  
Can the council request Transport Infrastructure Ireland to complete the erection of barriers on the Junction 7 exit ramp to prevent the continuing illegal and dangerous parking of HGV's on the ramp?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if they were in agreement, contact could be made with Transport Infrastructure Ireland in respect to the matters raised.

The report was noted.

**NS14/0219**

**Mile Mill Junction near Ballymore Eustace**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Neill. Given the recent accidents at the Mile Mill junction, are there any further safety measures that can be implemented at this junction near Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office was not aware of any recent accident at the Mile Mill junction. The Mile Mill junction is located between Kilcullen and Brannockstown. Perrystreet crossroads, south of Ballymore Eustace had been improved with new signage and road markings in 2018. It was proposed to provide new "SLOW" road markings on the approach to this junction.

The report was noted.

**NS15/0219**

**Abbey Street Car Park, Naas**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor O'Neill. Can the council confirm when we can expect the Abbey Street car park in Naas to be upgraded?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that it was proposed to resurface the carpark in the coming months following the completion of civil works associated with the provision of facilities including bicycle parking at this location.

Councillor O'Neill informed the members it was hoped that the Abbey Street carpark could be used as a dance floor on 22 June 2019 for the Mid Summer Arts Festival

and queried if the carpark would be upgraded before this date. Mr Martin stated that he would pass the request to the Municipal District Engineer.

The report was noted.

**NS16/0219**

**North Main Street Pedestrian Crossing, Naas**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the council review the timing arrangements allowed to pedestrians whilst crossing the North Main Street pedestrian crossing, as elderly people are identifying that whilst crossing from east to west side, traffic is already moving on a given green light in the slip lane to the Sallins Road, thus putting those still crossing, in extreme danger?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section would monitor and assess traffic volumes and signal timings at the pedestrian crossing at this location. The report was noted.

**NS17/0219**

**Lands for Park and Ride Facilities**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the Roads Section confirm if it has made any written proposals or intends to make any contact, with the National Roads Authority, Central Government or any other body to seek approval/support funding to lease/purchase and develop lands for Park & Ride Facilities at a) for Naas Town Centre Relief b) Sallins Rail Station Parking or c) M7 Commuter Traffic reduction?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council already provided parking facilities for commuters at Hedermans Car Park with an all day parking rate of €3 and a monthly permit available for €50. Commuters can walk down to the town in a few minutes and get a bus to the train station. Irish Rail were also in discussions with the council

in respect to planning in relation to providing additional car parking facilities for the Sallins train station.

Councillor Moore stated that he was enquiring about park and ride facilities to encourage commuters to use public transport.

The report was noted.

**NS18/0219**

**Naas Municipal Football Stadium**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. Since the Housing Section has indicated that it has no immediate plans for the use of lands for housing development in the North West Quadrant, known as the old Waste Water Treatment Plant, as further consideration to the utilisation of this site for housing is required owing to its strategic location within the North West Quadrant Masterplan, that the council now make this site available for a new Naas Municipal Football Stadium and seek Urban Regeneration Funds to develop it to a modern County Town Park.

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 while it was acknowledged that there was a need for additional sport and recreation facilities in Naas, the nature of the future use of the lands in the North West Quadrant had not been fully considered or decided upon. Accordingly an application to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) would be premature at this time.

The Housing Department were also in contact with the members regarding this motion.

Councillor Moore stated that he was aware that the Municipal District Manager and the council were under pressure to provide facilities for sporting groups in the town within the Local Area Plan process. He also stated that taking the size of Naas

Town into consideration, there should be a municipal sports ground and requested that the matter be reconsidered and an application to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund be submitted in this regard.

The Municipal District Manager informed the members that he would speak to them to consider possibilities in relation to this matter and also to update them before the launch of the Local Area Plan.

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

### **NS19/0219**

#### **Waste Ground at the back of Mill Lane Nursing Home**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.  
Can the council identify the owner of the waste ground at the back of Mill Lane Nursing Home as it is being used for unauthorised dumping?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the location had been examined and would be checked to determine ownership.

The report was noted.

### **NS20/0219**

#### **Part 8 Report for Naas Library and Cultural Centre**

The members considered the Part 8 report for Naas Library and Cultural Centre. Ms Higgins briefed the members on the Part 8 proposal stating that the development was for a library and cultural centre. She informed the members that 11 submissions had been received mostly from internal departments with four 3<sup>rd</sup> party submissions received and a number of amendments and modifications had been incorporated into the Part 8 report. Ms Higgins stated that the alterations were in relation to ramp access, first floor lobby, main stairs location, lantern roof light, Moat Lane glazed section, covered area in the courtyard, bin store and cycle parking, rear gate access, sensory garden landscaping and several minor dimensional changes.

Councillor Moore thanked Ms Higgins and noted the importance of the Town Hall building in Naas. He expressed his concerns in relation to matters such as the courtyard area that the country market will use, burials in the yard, the clock tower, the raising of the flag pole, the preservation of the time capsule, the plaque at the front marking the Town Hall's existence and the stain glass window.

Councillor Scully welcomed the proposal noting that it would preserve the building and increase footfall in the town whilst providing a focal point for the town. He also expressed his concerns in relation to the Naas Country Market, the plan for the old library, the time capsule, the old jail and the preservation of the chamber. Councillor Scully expressed his surprise that the ramp access to the front of the Town Hall did not comply with current building standards as a lot of money was spent on this. He stated that overall he supported the proposal.

Councillor O'Neill stated that the proposal addressed a lot of previous motions in relation to increasing footfall and vibrancy in the town. She stated that the detail in the plan was excellent and noted that the plan was very inclusive giving the example of the inclusion of the art gallery space. Councillor O'Neill stated that she had visited the county market in their new location and noted that it was tight on space suggesting the possibility of them moving to the old library when the new library was completed.

Councillor Kelly welcomed the proposal and the turning of this area of Naas into a cultural centre. She stated that there had been negativity surrounding the proposal initially due to the reports on pricing of the proposal but when the facilities that would be provided in the new library were explained, the public were supportive of it. Councillor Kelly expressed her concern over the area in the proposed development for the country market and asked if a perspex wall could work. She also suggested that the old library be used as a Museum as Kildare did not currently have one.

Councillor Power stated that he strongly welcomed the proposal noting that from the outset in 2014 it was acknowledged that an expansion or relocation of the library was needed as the current service was not fit for purpose. He also stated that focus



groups had been set up in relation to a new library and a lot of public consultation had taken place. Councillor Power further stated that it was fantastic that the proposal would be one of the most accessible spaces in the country and commended everyone involved. He expressed his delight that the proposal would now give Naas a proper centre to the town.

Ms Kavanagh informed the members that there would be no disruption to the library service when work was being completed on the new library and that there had been a number of expressions of interest for use of the old library but that no decision had been made yet and the members would be consulted closer to the time noting that it was another great opportunity in a great area of the town that the council would like to see revitalised. She further stated that all the members concerns would be dealt with and informed them that herself and Ms Higgins had been in touch with the country market from the outset to ensure they would have space in the new library. She noted that it must be ensured that the courtyard area was multipurpose. Ms Higgins stated that a number of comments had been made by the members in relation to the history of the building and informed them that the aim was to enhance the original features of the building. She also stated that she would be working with local historians and that a conservation architect would also be working on the job. She confirmed that the ramp at the front of building did not meet the required standard therefore work would have to be completed on that and in relation to the chamber she stated that the intention was to maintain it and noted it would be an excellent facility for workshops. With regards to the country market, Ms Higgins informed the members that it was proposed that a roofed and glazed screen be inserted to make it a contained space that the country market could use. She stated that the outdoor space would be just as important as the indoor space and would be equipped with heating, lighting and electricity. Ms Higgins stated that she thought the country market and library would work very well together and complement each other.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor O'Neill and agreed by all the members that the Part 8 report for Naas Library and Cultural Centre as presented, be approved.

**NS21/0219**

**Parks Section Works Programme 2019**

The members considered the Parks Works Programme 2019.

Mr Wallace introduced Ms C O'Grady to the members stating that she was a welcomed addition to the Parks team. He informed the members that any works not completed in 2018 would be carried over to 2019.

Councillor Kelly queried the timeline for the Sallins Amenity Lands or when the tender would be going out to consultants. She also queried if landscaping of the roundabout across from KLeisure at Caragh Court was included in the programme.

Mr Wallace stated that the tender for the Sallins Amenity Lands would be out by mid March 2019. In relation to the roundabout at Caragh Court, Mr Wallace confirmed that the redesign of this roundabout was included in the work programme.

**NS22/0219**

**Sallins Health Check**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. With the completion of the Sallins bypass now less than nine months away, that the council carry out a "Health Check" study on the village to enable its residents contribute to a viable development plan for its future.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that once the Sallins bypass had been completed, the priorities of the community of Sallins in terms of public realm infrastructure may be very different to those needs and priorities which exist currently. Therefore for the Health Check assessment to be of most value, it should be carried out after the Sallins bypass had been completed and was operational. In the interim, a funding application for the provision of a Health Check assessment on Sallins would be submitted under the next round of the Town and Village Renewal

Scheme, so that the Health Check process can commence once the bypass is operational.

Councillor Brett stated that he was happy with the report.

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

### **NS23/0219**

#### **Home Energy Saving Kits**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill. That this Municipal District Committee writes to Codema requesting that the home energy saving kits are made available to borrow from Naas library.

<http://www.codema.ie/think-energy-home-hub/where-to-get-a-home-energy-saving-kit/>

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

A report was received from the Senior Executive Librarian informing the members that Kildare Library Service was in touch with CODEMA in 2018 regarding the purchase of seven energy saving kits for our seven full-time libraries throughout the county. Kildare was in an order queue with CODEMA and was expecting an update on our order in February 2019. A budget had been set aside for this initiative in 2019 and Kildare Library Service would progress purchasing and cataloguing as soon as possible.

Councillor O'Neill informed the members that the energy saving kits were free to rent from libraries for use in homes to find out where heat was being lost.

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

**NS24/0219**

**Oldtown Woodland Gardens**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That the council now seeks Urban Regeneration Funds a) to purchase 35 Hectares of Green Area lands for development and dissemination to the multiple football/sports clubs in Naas that are currently dependent on short term arrangements with multiple landowners and b) to revitalise and make Oldtown Woodland Gardens available for use as a Centre Town Amenity for the people of Naas.

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 while it was acknowledged that there was a need for additional sport and recreation facilities in Naas, an application to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) in respect of the purchase of lands for the dissemination to sports clubs in Naas would be premature at this time, given that any application submitted required demonstrable matching private sector investment in regeneration and development within the town.

Councillor Moore stated that he was happy with the answer he had received from the Municipal District Manager earlier in the meeting and queried what was meant in the report by any application submitted required demonstrable matching private sector investment in regeneration and development within the town.

The Municipal District Manager asked Councillor Moore to clarify if he was referring to 35 hectares or acres. Councillor Moore confirmed that it was 35 hectares. The Municipal District Manger stated that he would revert to Councillor Moore in the context of the Local Area Plan. The Municipal District Manager stated that 19 applications for funding had been submitted to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), seven of which were for urban regeneration, four of these were successful and two of these were in the Naas area. 12 applications were for rural regeneration. In relation to Oldtown Woodland Gardens, the Municipal

District Manager stated that he would discuss this matter with the members separately. He clarified that any of these projects needed matching funding and that generally comes in at a 25% rate depending on what applications get sanctioned. He also confirmed that it must be ensured that match funding was available through the council. The Municipal District Manager stated that the most successful proposals were collaborative proposals involving the community, voluntary, commercial and the council as these applications had a better chance when being assessed. He informed the members that when further information was received they would be notified. He confirmed that he would go through the Local Area Plan in detail with the members to ensure the securing of amenity lands.

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

### **NS25/0219**

#### **Grounds in Oldtown**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen. Can the council update the members on the status of the proposed development of the grounds available in Oldtown for the provision of a People's Park & Garden?

A report was received from the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent informing the members that work on a tender to procure consultants to develop a conservation plan was nearing completion. It was hoped the successful consultant would have the report completed by the end of the summer. This would inform the development of the grounds.

The report was noted.

### **NS26/0219**

#### **LPT Funding 2018**

Mr Wallace sought the members agreement that the €130,000 allocated in 2018 for the Sallins Playground be transferred to the Eadestown Playground. He stated that €180,000 was allocated for playground development in 2016 and a further €180,000 in 2017 and sought the members agreement to allocate both these sums to the Sallins Playground and the Caragh Playground respectively.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the €130,000 allocated in 2018 for Sallins Playground be transferred to the Eadestown Playground and €180,000 allocated in both 2016 and 2017 be allocated to the Sallins Playground and the Caragh Playground respectively.

The meeting concluded.