

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on  
Tuesday, 19 November 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 E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr J Boland (Director of Services), Mr J Mulligan (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr U Downes (Executive Scientist), Ms P Conlon (Senior Executive Planner), Ms P Pender, Mr M McLoughlin, Mr B O’Gorman (Administrative Officers), Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Mr P Makhuza (Executive Engineer), Mr J O’Hara (Assistant Planner), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O’Malley (Meetings Secretary).

**NS01/1119**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

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

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

**NS02/1119**

**Municipal District Road Works**

Mr Reel, Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works. He stated that footpath improvement works were complete at the following locations within the Naas Municipal District:

- The Gables, Kill (footpath improvements)
- The Park, Naas (footpath improvements)
- Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvement)

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

In relation to the third package of road improvement projects (Works Package 3), Mr Reel informed the members that the municipal district office was currently working on these at the following locations:

- Section A: Main Street, Ballymore Eustace
- Section B: Tipper Road, Naas
- Section C: Abbey Bridge, Naas

He stated that road improvement works in Sallins would be taking place at night time next week and would mainly include resurfacing works.

Mr Reel informed the members that the 2019 surface dressing works programme had recently been completed in the Naas Municipal District including:

- 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 stated that it was hoped that the Local Property Tax (LPT)/carpark funded works 2019 and the low cost safety improvement scheme for Corbally Crossroads would be completed by the end of the year depending on the weather.

**NS03/1119**

**Taking in Charge of estates in Sallins**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
Can this council receive a timeline for taking in charge of Osberstown Court/Park, Sallins Wharf, Sallins Pier, the Sidings?

Mr Makhuza stated that it was difficult to give a timeframe for the taking in charge of Osberstown Court/Park, Sallins Wharf, Sallins Pier, the Sidings as it was a protracted process. He informed the members that issues had to be resolved in Osberstown Court before the other estates could be taken in charge.

Mr Makhuza stated that the Development Control Section was initiating visual inspections.

Councillor Kelly stated that the members were issued a report in February that these estates would be done by December and asked Mr Makhuza if this was no longer the case. Mr Makhuza stated that this was not going to happen due to the lack of resources.

The report was noted.

**NS04/1119**

**Christmas Parking Arrangements 2019**

The members considered the Christmas Parking arrangements in the Naas Municipal District for 2019.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in 2018 members agreed there would be no suspension of Pay Parking with the exception of all Kildare County Council off street car parks (New Row, Fairgreen, Abbey Street, Boyles and Hedermans) where free parking

was available from 9.30 am on Monday 17 December 2018 to 9.30 am on Wednesday 02 January.

The Mayor stated that the members had discussed this matter before the meeting and agreed that there would be no suspension of Pay Parking with the exception of all Kildare County Council off street car parks (New Row, Fairgreen, Abbey Street, Boyles and Hedermans) where free parking would be available from 01 December 2019 to 29 December 2019 inclusive.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that pay parking be suspended in Hedermans, Boyle's, Abbey Street, New Row and the Fairgreen off street car parks only from 01 December 2019 to 29 December 2019 inclusive.

### **NS05/1119**

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

The committee agreed to consider items number 5 and 9 of the agenda together.

#### **Item number 5 – Motion Councillor Breen**

Given the preparedness of the National Transport Authority (NTA) to consider any proposal for the implementation of a pedestrian crossing at the Dew Drop Inn, Kill in advance of the implementation of the full Naas to Kill Cycle Scheme, that the council now formally seek funding approval from the NTA to proceed with the provision of the pedestrian controlled crossing; and in the interim reinstate the temporary crossing until the permanent crossing is constructed.

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

#### **Item number 9 – Motion Councillor Sammon**

That the council reinstall the temporary pedestrian crossing in Kill until such time as a permanent pedestrian crossing is installed.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a 5-year work programme had been proposed to the NTA with a designated team of 3 personnel assigned to ensure the delivery of this and other projects. The temporary pedestrian crossing provided at Kill was installed for the duration of the M7 works which were now complete with three lanes open, and vehicles no longer diverting off the M7 at Kill. Pending the provision of the permanent crossing in Kill funded by NTA, there was no proposal or funding to re-instate the temporary crossing.

Councillor Breen expressed her disappointment stating that residents in Kill had been requesting a pedestrian crossing since 2009. She also stated that the protests had highlighted that the people of Kill want the pedestrian crossing installed for the safety of the children.

Councillor Sammon requested that the temporary pedestrian crossing be re-instated until the permanent one was installed.

Councillor Brett disagreed with the temporary pedestrian crossing being re-instated suggesting that a zebra crossing was needed instead. He stated that there was a very high volume of traffic in Kill and Johnstown particularly on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and evening and confirmed that the need for a crossing was there. He also stated that a local contractor had offered to do the work free of charge.

Councillor Moore disagreed with the report that stated vehicles were no longer diverting through Kill, he stated that a pedestrian crossing should be installed for the purpose of people crossing the road safely noting that this was a very built up area and the temporary crossing should not have been removed without statistical evidence. Councillor Moore also stated that the pedestrian crossing would still be required even when the cycle lane was installed.

Councillor Clear outlined the constant problem in getting other work done in an area when Part 8 approval has been given for a project in that area. He asked what was

happening with the Kill/Johnstown Part 8 stating that if a preliminary design was completed which included a crossing, the crossing could be installed now.

Councillor Martin stated that this was a safety issue noting that parents felt they had to take to the streets in protest to protect their children.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he had not been aware of the Part 8 and he understood there was a resource issue. He informed the members that he would speak to the Director of Services in the Roads Department and revert to the members in the coming weeks.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breen and Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Brett and Councillor Moore that the report be noted and the Municipal District Manager to speak to the Director of Services in the Roads Department and revert to the members in the coming weeks.

### **NS06/1119**

#### **St Corban's Primary School, Corban's Lane**

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

That the council carry out a review of the road traffic situation at the entrance/exit to St Corban's Primary School, Corban's Lane, in the interests of road safety.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a school warden was in place at St Corban's Primary School to ensure the safety of children during school opening/closing times. Future projects in this area would include the development of the Marshalsea Shopping Centre (the property is currently on the market) and the Kilcullen Road Cycle Scheme which would have an impact on local road traffic in the vicinity of St. Corban's Primary School. Traffic management would be monitored during the construction phases of these projects.

Councillor Breen stated that there was an issue in the area coming from main street and St Corban's Lane and asked that the Health and Safety Officer meet her on site to discuss the matter and to see what was happening in the early morning and afternoon.

Councillor Clear stated that this was a tight area that needed to be examined noting the number of near misses that had occurred at the location stating he had he had video footage of one such incident.

The Municipal District Manager asked Councillor Clear to send him the video and stated that he would request that the location to be examined.

Councillor Moore stated that there were an array of roads issues including approved Part 8 projects to be progressed and requested that a meeting be arranged between the Naas Municipal District Members and the Director of Services for the Roads Department. The Municipal District Manager confirmed that he would liaise with the Director of Services in Roads Department regarding Councillor Moore's request. The members requested that this item remain on the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Clear that the report be noted and the Municipal District Manager to request that the location be examined. The Municipal District Manager to liaise with the Director of Services in Roads Department regarding Councillor Moore's request to arrange a meeting between the Naas Municipal District Members and the Director of Services for the Roads Department. This item to remain on the progress report.

### **NS07/1119**

#### **National Disability Day**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That this council asks Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the Naas Ball be turned purple in support of National Disability Day on 03 December 2019.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that if they were agreeable, a letter would issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland requesting that the Naas Ball be turned purple in support of National Disability Day on 03 December 2019.

Councillor Kelly stated that there would be a cost involved and the members agreed to incur the cost.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and a letter would issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland requesting that the Naas Ball be turned purple in support of National Disability Day on 03 December 2019 and any costs would be incurred by the members.

### **NS08/1119**

#### **Traffic Management Plan for Sallins**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That this council request funding from the National Transport Authority to prepare a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan for Sallins.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a 5-year work programme had been proposed to the NTA with a designated team of 3 personnel assigned to identify projects, secure funding and ensure delivery. A number of Traffic Management Plans would be prioritised for commencement once resources were assigned.

Councillor Kelly read out the last line of the report that stated a number of Traffic Management Plans would be prioritised for commencement once resources were assigned. She stated that she was not happy with the report and requested a commitment on when resources would be assigned, she also queried who made the decision on what projects would be prioritised noting that she would like Sallins to be prioritised.



Ms Pender stated that at the budget meeting the Director of Services for the Roads Department made the members aware that a plan had been submitted to the NTA.

Councillor Clear expressed his concerns in relation to the road markings in Sallins and stated that the three metre buffer in the centre of the road was of no use and could be removed together with the right hand turns that no longer existed, to accommodate a cycle lane instead from the bridge over the motorway to the canal bridge.

Councillor Martin stated that Traffic Management Plans were very important noting that there would be a decrease in cars travelling to Sallins if alternative modes of transport were available.

Mr Reel stated that a full detailed design would be required for a job like this and noted that currently this design did not exist. He informed the members that resurfacing works on a section of that road were being examined at present stating that the main complaints received for Sallins were relating to potholes and confirming that funding was available for these resurfacing works.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he was considering the possibility of scheduling a transport study as part of the works programme of one of the engineers in the Planning Department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear that the report be noted and the Municipal District Manager to consider the possibility of scheduling a transport study as part of the works programme of one of the engineers in the Planning Department.

#### **NS09/1119**

#### **Lights at the Lakes in Naas**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the Naas Municipal District write to the ESB and ask them to expedite the repairs and re-supplies service to the lights at the lakes in Naas.

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 the ESB had resolved the matter at this location by transferring the supply to an access point across the road. The Public Lighting Section were currently assessing options that should this issue occur again, the Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor may be in a position to resolve the matter.

Councillor Sammon stated that the lights had been turned back on and requested that a report be given to the members when the assessment was completed.

The members raised their concerns in relation to the service the ESB were providing and the length of time it took for them to repair street lights. They also queried whether an agreement was in place with ESB similar to the agreement that was in place with Airtricity noting that a service was required that did not involve waiting months for street lights to be repaired.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he would examine this matter and find out how the mechanism works with Airtricity.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Breen that the report be noted a report be given to the members when the assessment is completed. The Municipal District Manager to examine this matter and clarify how Airtricity's system works.

### **NS10/1119**

#### **Public Lighting in Monread Park and at the Lakes**

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

That the council replaces the public lighting in Monread Park and at the lakes with new LED type lights for the safety of people using the parks at night and reduce anti-social activity.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the locations identified by Councillor Clear were included in the National Public Lighting Upgrade Project which Kildare County Council had committed to. It was anticipated that Region 2, of which Kildare was a member, would be tendered in Quarter 2, 2020. The members may wish to proceed with this project in advance of the National Upgrade Project by allocating LPT funding to cover the upgrade costs. On examination, there were a total of 34 lights at the Lakes and 59 lights in Monread Park. An estimated cost of the upgrade at both locations would be in the region of €30,000 to €35,000 approximately.

Councillor Clear requested that the public lighting in Monread Park and at the lakes be changed to LED lighting noting that €30,000 had been quoted to make the change. He stated that parks were used a lot at night time and therefore good quality lighting was required to ensure safety. Councillor Clear informed the members that the cost of running LED lights was 50% less and that 50% more light was generated.

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

### **NS11/1119**

#### **Marshalsea Shopping Centre**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.  
Can the council provide an update with regard to the Marshalsea Shopping Centre in Naas being purchased for development?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Receiver has placed the property on the market with a 'bids' deadline of 20 November.

The report was noted.

**NS12/1119**

**Cycle Scheme on the Craddockstown Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.  
Can the council confirm the up to date position regarding the €300,000 assigned to the Naas Community College and the Community National School for cycle scheme on Craddockstown Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that consultants had been engaged and the project had commenced detail design stage. It was hoped to have contract documents in Quarter 2 2020 and a further update would issue at that stage.

The report was noted.

**NS13/1119**

**Dublin Road Cycle Scheme**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.  
Can the council confirm that the Dublin Road cycle scheme in Naas will be prioritised as a greater Dublin smarter travel scheme project?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a 5-year work programme had been proposed to the NTA with a designated team of 3 personnel assigned to identify and prioritise projects, secure funding and ensure delivery. A number of Traffic Management Plans and Cycle Schemes would be prioritised for commencement once resources were assigned.

The report was noted.

**NS14/1119**

**Traffic issues at Pipers Hill Campus**

The committee agreed to consider items number 15 and 16 of the agenda together.

**Item number 15 – Question Councillor Sammon**

Can the council provide the members with an update on their discussions with KWETB and stakeholders on traffic issues regarding Pipers Hill Campus?

**Item number 16 – Question Councillor Martin**

Can the council confirm details of its constructive input to date in playing a meaningful, effective and active role in resolving the traffic problems and the current inadequate set down only parking areas on Pipers Hill campus especially in the context that it was the council which initially zoned the lands in question and subsequently granted planning permissions for the developments thereon (in Pipers Hill)?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a Consultant Engineer had been appointed by KWETB to carry out a traffic survey and engage with Kildare County Council to discuss and progress their findings. It was envisaged that a meeting would be scheduled before Christmas.

Councillor Martin stated that the response did not answer his question.

The report was noted.

**NS15/1119**

**M7/Osberstown (Sallins Bypass)**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Martin. What has been the overall cost of the M7/Osberstown (Sallins Bypass) contract to date to include what proportion of monies have been paid to the joint venture minus any land acquisition costs and other ancillary costs associated with construction but including any additional claims the joint venture has submitted and of these claims which have been agreed and which are outstanding/going to conciliation?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this information was deemed commercially sensitive. The report was noted.

**NS16/1119**

**Fitzgerald Banner**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the council confirm when and where will the Fitzgerald Banner be accommodated in a public space in Áras Chill Dara in its protective glass exhibition frame?

A report was received from the Facilities Section informing the members that the Facilities Section recommend that the Fitzgerald Banner would be placed in suitable storage until the work to convert Naas Town Hall to Naas Library had been completed and on completion the banner would be hung in the new Naas Library.

Councillor Moore expressed his disappointment with the report stating that the Fitzgerald Banner had been restored at a great cost to Naas Town Council and should be displayed in Áras Chill Dara

The Municipal District Manager stated that he would examine this matter. The report was noted.

**NS17/1119**

**Strategic Housing Development at Naas West and Jigginstown**

Ms Conlon gave an overview of the planning application for 314 residential units (208 houses and 106 apartments) and a creche and retail unit at Naas West and Jigginstown (East and West of Devoy Link Road). She stated that the purpose of the presentation was to seek the views of the elected members and confirmed that they would be included in the Chief Executives Report.

She stated that pre-planning meetings were held between the applicant and Kildare County Council on 12 March 2019 and a tri-partite pre-planning meeting was held with An Bord Pleanála on 11 July 2019.

The members raised their concerns in relation to the following matters:

- Creche size proportionate to the development
- The upgrade of Rathasker Road
- The need for infrastructure to accommodate residents of new estates
- The provision of a bridge, speed ramps, cycle facilities, allotments, electric car charging points, solar panels and a Community Hall
- Suitable trees
- Parks, open spaces and play areas
- The retention of the old stone walls, gates and pillars

She informed the members that the Chief Executives Report to An Bord Pleanála was due by 10 December 2019 and a decision due by 13 February 2020 noting that this could be extended due to Christmas closure.

### **NS18/1119**

#### **Housing Developments in Naas**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That the Director of Planning present the Naas Municipal District members with a detailed report of a) built and b) approved but not yet built, housing developments (KCC and ABP Approved) in Naas Town, in excess of 75 units, for 2017, 2018 and 2019 that have fulfilled or not fulfilled the planning requirement for proportionate provision of creche/childcare facilities in those developments.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that planning applications recorded on the planning register granted for residential developments include grants of permissions, modifications to existing developments and extensions of duration, in addition to developments granted by An Bord Pleanála including those through the Strategic Housing Development process. Accordingly, a full report would take some time to accurately compile and verify. The following list

outlines a preliminary assessment of developments with 75 units or more with permission for a creche/childcare facility:

16/635: Ballymore Homes, granted 21/12/16 at Pipers Hill, Killashee for 243 units and a creche.

15/995: Garland Homes, extension of duration granted 18/2/16 for 86 units and a creche.

15/510: Randalswood Construction, extension of duration of 09/500072 granted 11/8/15 for 84 units.

15/1060: PTG, granted permission on 15/2/17 for 356 units at Tipper West, Naas including creche.

16/1117: Cairn Homes, granted permission on 14/11/17 for 258 dwellings and 2 storey creche at Craddockstown, Naas.

Councillor Moore stated that Naas was suffering because of a shortage of creches noting that parents had to travel miles to get to a creche.

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

### **NS19/1119**

#### **Kerdiffstown Landfill Remediation Project**

Mr Downes gave a brief background on what happened the Kerdiffstown site in the past and outlined the progress to date stating that Kildare County Council took on the project in 2015. He played drone footage of the park in its current state and a further video of what it would look like when completed. Mr Downes informed the members that there were two main concerns, the landfill gas and leachate plume. Mr Mulligan stated that there was a 54 month programme for the works and a further two years of maintenance and snagging required after that. He informed the members that the pitches and playground would be available from October 2024 and the park itself would be open for use a year later.



**NS20/1119**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

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

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

**NS21/1119**

**Adjourned motion on the Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

Councillor Moore asked that his motion item number 25 on the agenda be deferred to the December 2019 meeting.

**NS22/1119**

**Mobile Footpath Sweeper**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council agree to provide footpath cleaning in Naas by a mobile footpath sweeper as is carried out in Newbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this proposal could be considered in the context of the operation of the street sweeping service in the Naas Municipal District. This type of machine would have to be examined to see if it was suitable for the type of footpaths in Naas, some of which can be quite narrow and have cobblelocking. It should also be noted that such a machine would require a staff member to operate. Provision for the purchase of this machine had not been included in the street sweeping budget for 2020.

Councillor Clear stated that there was a footpath sweeper in Newbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge managed by the Municipal District Engineer and requested that a footpath sweeper be provided in Naas. He confirmed that the road sweeper cleans the roads for a few hours in the morning and stated that there were two volunteers who clean also. He suggested that the road sweeper could sweep the

footpath after he had swept the roads in the morning. Councillor Clear stated that the members could provide the funding to purchase a footpath cleaner.

Councillor Moore supported Councillor Clear stating that this matter had been raised on numerous occasions and also requested that the sweeper service the housing estates. He stated that Naas was badly deprived of a good cleaning service seven days a week.

Mr O’Gorman stated that he would revert to the Environment Department with the members comments and confirmed that they were looking at the services and would provide a report for the next meeting. Councillor Clear asked if the item could remain on the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and the Environment Department to provide a report to the members for the next meeting. The item to remain on the progress report.

### **NS23/1119**

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Mayor proposed to suspend standing orders at 5:50 p.m. for ten minutes.

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

### **NS24/1119**

#### **Cultural Centre**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Martin. That the council carry out a financial feasibility study in respect of establishing a cultural centre and/or interpretative centre and/or modern museum showcasing and celebrating the rich bank of local history and heritage, serving both the local population and international visitors/tourists to Naas but that if this proposal is not deemed financially viable in the short to medium term, that this council then recommends that items and artefacts of significant local importance to Naas should be on display in the new Naas Library and/or Áras Chill Dara.

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

A report was received from the Library Services Department informing the members that the new library in Naas would house a local studies and research element, furthermore the service continually purchases items which were of archival and historic interest to this county, these can be periodically displayed. In 2018 Kildare Library Service purchased an original map of Naas dating from 1660 and uniforms, photographs and other materials from the Morrinstown Lattin Estate, these will be available for exhibition in the new library. The new library would continue to include a strong free cultural programme with an emphasis on lectures, workshops, events, commemorative programs and outreach to schools. County Kildare tourism information can also be made available at the library. The significant County Collection of Archives, Local Studies and Genealogy will be housed in the proposed County Library in Newbridge. This facility would provide permanent environmental conditions to protect and preserve the collection and artefacts. Furthermore the library service has plans to digitise material held in the collection which would make the collection accessible to researchers, tourists and the general public.

Councillor Martin stated that if there were tourists in Naas seeking to find out about the culture of Naas there was nowhere for them to get this information.

Councillor Moore supported the motion stating that it was important for Naas to have a cultural centre where people can look at what Naas had to offer.

The Municipal District Manager stated that a masterplan for a cultural quarter for Naas in 2020 would be prepared and the possibility of providing some additional museum/cultural space for that purpose would be considered.

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

**NS25/1119**

**De Burgh Lands**

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

That the members of the Naas Municipal District recommends that the council adopts a very pro-active approach in asserting and establishing the local people's rights and/or entitlements in respect of the said local community realising its goal (as soon as is feasibly possible) of accessing, using and utilising the De Burgh Lands/Estate (Sallins Road, Naas) as a premier recreational amenity for use by and for the benefit of the people.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this was a matter for the members.

Councillor Martin stated that he wanted the executive to know that they had the members support on this matter noting that a proactive approach was required and confirming that he hoped to formalise this approach.

Councillor Moore stated that a proactive approach was required and suggested that the item be removed from the progress report. He also stated that given the sensitivity of the issue, an in-committee meeting should be held each month in relation to the matter.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he would pass the members comments to the Director of Services for the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department, noting that she would be very happy that she had the members support.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Breen that the report be noted and an in-committee meeting to be held each month in relation to the matter. The Municipal District Manager to pass the members comments to the Director of Services for the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department.

**NS26/1119**

**Health Check for Sallins**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
Can this council be advised on what grounds the application for a Health Check for Sallins was unsuccessful following the recent allocations from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that as stated above, an application for funding was submitted to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019 to carry out a Healthcheck/Urban Design Analysis of Sallins and develop an associated Town Renewal Plan. Unfortunately, this funding application was unsuccessful. A meeting has been arranged with the Department of Rural and Community Development on 19 November to discuss this and other similar applications for funding which were unsuccessful in this round of funding. The members will be advised on the feedback received. In the meantime, the proposed Healthcheck/Urban Design Analysis of Sallins and development of an associated Town Renewal Plan is on hold until an alternative source of funding can be identified.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.