

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 17 November 2020
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

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

Officials Present: Ms M Hunt (A/Municipal District Manager), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Mr B O’Gorman (Administrative Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr P Makhuza (Executive Engineer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O’Malley (Meetings Secretary).

NS01/1120

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2020 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Sammon that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2020, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS02/1120

Matters Arising

NS06/1020 & NS11/1020 Reclassification of Roads

Councillor Moore queried the item in relation to the reclassification of roads and asked that it remain on the progress report.

NS08/1020 Strategic Parking Information Boards in Naas

Councillor Moore stated that this item had been raised previously and asked that the item remain on the progress report.

NS24/1219 & NS03/0220 Telephone Exchange in Abbey Street

Councillor Moore requested an update on this item.

Items on the Progress Report with no updates

In relation to items listed on the Progress Report that were to remain on it as requested by members, Councillor Moore asked that some form of update be given on these items, even if it was to state that there was no update.

NS13/1117 Lighting for mid section of Rathasker Road to Southern Inner Ring Road

Councillor Moore stated that he had requested lights on the Rathasker Road North and his request was unsuccessful however he was given a commitment that lights would be included as part of the condition on the planning applications for housing at this location, and sought an update on the matter.

NS12/1019 Bus Shelters at Naas Hospital and Roseville

Councillor Clear queried the response received on the progress report in relation to the bus shelter at Roseville Estate which stated that sufficient space was unavailable at present as it was his view there was sufficient space.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he had recently met with the Roads Projects Team regarding locations of a number of bus shelters for construction next year. He stated that this bus stop would be considered as part of the detailed design of the Dublin Road Cycle Scheme next year.

NS03/1120

Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that the Naas Municipal District Roadworks report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and made the following points in relation to the works:

- The Road Improvement Works Scheme was substantially complete with works recently completed on the L6032 – Hartwell, Kill, with road marking yet to be completed.
- The footpath improvement project at Castlefen, Sallins which was funded by the NTA as part of the July Stimulus Package Funding, was substantially complete.
- L29937 – Monread Avenue, Naas Road Improvement Project. When the design was examined with the NTA, due to limited road space available to deliver improved cycle facilities, it was agreed to consider a larger scheme for next year due to the significant design requirements associated with the proposed improvements and consultation required. The funding was put towards other footpath works in the municipal district.
- Three seats were installed at the Fairgreen, Naas with adequate wheelchair friendly/accessibility space available.

In response to a question from Councillor Kelly, the Municipal District Engineer stated that the funding from Monread Avenue would not go forward to 2021, as it had to be spent by the end of November. He stated that funding of €60,000 was received for the works at Castlefen, Sallins however in the region of €190,000 had been spent on works at Castlefen and Castlesize. For this reason, he confirmed that funding for the road improvement project on the L29937 – Monread Avenue, Naas would be reallocated to footpath improvement works including Castlefen, Sallins.

In response to a question from Councillor Clear, the Municipal District Engineer stated that €100,000 was received for the road improvements project at Monread Avenue, Naas for surfacing of the existing road and upgrading works.

Councillor Clear expressed his dissatisfaction that not one cycle scheme had been funded through the July Stimulus Package and enquired if the proposed improvements to cycle facilities on Monread Avenue would go through a Part 8 process.

The Municipal District Engineer confirmed that any such proposal would have to be brought before the members.

NS04/1120

Taking in Charge of Estates

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council confirm if members will get a list of estates in the Naas Municipal District for taking in charge before Christmas?

A list of estates in the Naas Municipal District which it is hoped to be taken in charge before Christmas from the Building and Development Control Department was circulated in advance of the meeting.

In response to a query in relation to the delay in the taking in charge of the Osberstown Estates in Sallins, Mr Makhuza made the following points:

- There is a pumping station in Osberstown Park which is a key link to the three estates and this pump station is not up to TIC (taking in charge) standard.
- The council would be seeking LPT funding next year to carry out the investigative works reports to determine remedial works required to bring the estate to a TIC Standard
- The council will prepare a Site Resolution Plan to be agreed with Irish Water as part of the TIC process. Irish Water would be expected to contribute to the Water Infrastructural Works including works required to upgrade the pump station to a TIC standard.

- The council would be commencing the snag list and confirmed that a bond of approximately €10,000 was available from which repairs and maintenance costs to the pump station have been paid from.
- A site resolution plan had to be completed and the council would have to work with Irish Water to establish how much the council and Irish Water would have to contribute and he confirmed that there were a lot of works to be completed before reaching that point.

The members expressed their dissatisfaction with LPT funding being used and stated their understanding was that LPT funding would be used for CCTV survey and minor works and asked how much LPT funding was being sought.

Mr Makhuza stated that in the region of €200,000 to €300,000 was required to examine a number of estates for taking in charge however it would not all be sought in one year and confirmed that building a new pumping station would cost in the region of €60,000 to €80,000 and remedial works in the housing estates would also be required.

Councillor Moore asked what were the issues regarding Monread Crescent and asked Mr Makhuza to revert to him in relation to this.

The report was noted.

NS05/1120

Christmas Parking Arrangements 2020

The members considered the Christmas Parking arrangements in the Naas Municipal District for 2020.

Councillor Moore asked if Boyle's carpark could be excluded from the suspension of pay parking as this would mean the loss of €12,000 for the four-week period. He also stated that due to the half an hour grace period, he has not had to pay for parking in Naas for weeks.

A discussion ensued amongst the members and it was agreed that pay parking would be suspended in Hedermans, Boyle's, Abbey Street, New Row and the Fairgreen off street car parks only from 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m on 01 December 2020 to 29 December 2020. On street parking to operate as normal.

Councillor Moore expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision made.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Breen with six members in favour and one member against, that pay parking be suspended in Hedermans, Boyle's, Abbey Street, New Row and the Fairgreen off street car parks only from 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m on 01 December 2020 to 29 December 2020 inclusive. On street parking to operate as normal.

NS06/1120

Planting of Evergreen Trees in Johnstown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. That the council plant evergreen trees as a visual barrier between the N7 and dwellings in Johnstown Village.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the location would have to be reviewed to ascertain the ownership of it and to assess its suitability for planting. If the planting was feasible, a budget would have to be identified to fund any planting or site preparation that may be needed.

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

NS07/1120

Naas to Sallins Train Station Greenway

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

That the members are provided with a report on the delay in bringing proposals for the greenway from Naas to Sallins Train Station, to Part 8 public consultation.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sallins to Naas Greenway had not been progressed in 2020 due to staff resource shortages in Kildare County Council. However, the scheme had now been assigned to the Roads Project Delivery Team in Kildare County Council and a point of contact in the NTA had been established. Funding had been secured for 2021 to finalise the scheme design, which was already well progressed pre 2020, and to bring the scheme through the Part 8 planning process in 2021.

Councillor Clear stated that this matter should be dealt with by the Public Realm Team and not the Transport Team and requested that it be returned to the Public Realm Team noting that no cycle schemes had been progressed to date.

The A/Municipal District Manager stated that the Public Realm Team was linking in with the Traffic Management Team and confirmed that 100% funding had been received for the Aylmer Bridge to Sallins Project. She noted that the progression of the Greenway by the Transportation Team from Naas to Sallins Train Station was part of the consideration to award 100% funding of the Greenway from Aylmer Bridge to Sallins.

The Mayor stated that the A/Director of Services, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety would be attending the December Naas Municipal District meeting to report on all Part 8 projects in the municipal district.

Councillor Moore stated that he did not see any mention in the agenda report of project management funding for 2021 for the Greenway only funding to finalise the scheme design and Ms Pender confirmed that funding would be available as the NTA were happy to bring this project forward.

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

NS08/1120

Presentation from the Principal of Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the members agree to receive a presentation via Microsoft Teams from the Principal of Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh, (details provided), with regard to the serious issues of traffic problems and pedestrian safety at Piper's Hill campus.

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

Councillor Breen stated that the safety of the children attending schools in Piper's Hill was a serious issue and asked for the support of her fellow members for her motion.

Following discussion, the members decided against issuing an invitation as requested.

Councillor Breen expressed her disappointment that the members did not support her motion.

Resolved with the majority of members voting against the motion, the motion was defeated.

NS09/1120

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 Thursday 03 December 2020.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the art feature Perpetual Motion commonly known as the Naas Ball was the responsibility of TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) and any proposals must be approved through TII and their maintenance contractors. Kildare County Council's Health & Safety Section and Kildare NRO were liaising with TII with regard to the request to turn the ball purple in support of National Disability Day.

Councillor Kelly stated that LPT funding had been set aside for this matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore that the report be noted, and the Naas Ball turned purple in support of National Disability Day on 03 December 2020 and that this would be funded from LPT.

NS10/1120

Art Pieces for the M7 and R407

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That this council be consulted on what public art pieces are being considered for the M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade/M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that it was envisaged that the proposed artwork for the M7 Naas Newbridge Bypass -M7 Osberstown Interchange Sallins Bypass Scheme,

would be iconic and act as a significant landmark, in line with other public art in the area on the M7 Motorway. This includes 'Perpetual Motion' by Remco De Fouw and Rachel Joynt and 'Ghost Horses from the Bog' by Lynn Kirkham. The Scheme itself was located in the central plains area of County Kildare near to the River Liffey and the Grand Canal and the proposed art feature for the Scheme was anticipated to link with the history and geography of the area, as a starting point the River Liffey in the central plain of County Kildare and the ancient folklore surrounding the naming of the River Liffey. The grant allocation for the art feature was €64,000.00 and the procurement process for the art feature was being managed by the Kildare County Council's Arts Office, with input as and where required from Kildare NRO. The original target for commissioning of the art feature was March 2021, however this may need to be revised due to the recent restrictions on the availability of all those involved and final confirmation of the theme, location and scope of the commission of the art feature.

Councillor Kelly stated that she submitted this motion on foot of a previous motion from Councillor Moore as she wanted to ensure Kildare County Council had some say in the art pieces being considered for the M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade/M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass. She asked if the Heritage Officer could also be consulted on this matter and included in any further consultation.

Councillor Moore supported the motion and suggested that the Kildare County Council's Arts Officer consider the historical significance of Slí Dála which ran from Dublin through Caragh, Kildare and other counties all the way to Kerry.

He also stated that the M7 Naas by-pass which opened in 1983 was the first motorway in Ireland and highlighted that there was no sign/stone at the Big Ball to indicate this and asked that a foundation stone be placed there recognising this.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore that the report be noted and the Heritage Officer included in any further consultation. The Arts Office to consider the historical significance of Slí Dála.

NS11/1120

Cycling Lanes and Infrastructure

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council carry out an assessment of providing cycle lanes and cycling infrastructure i.e. bike racks, which allow children and parents to cycle safely to playgrounds in the municipal district.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Brett. A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had engaged with the NTA and expressed interest in delivering more cycle infrastructure (cycle lanes and cycle parking) in the county for 2021 and onwards. The Directorate would provide an update should the NTA provide funding for cycle infrastructure projects in the county.

A further report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the existing playgrounds in the municipal district would be assessed for the provision of bike racks. However, some of the playground locations may not have the capacity within the playground site to provide racks and therefore there may be a need to locate bike racks on the surrounding roads or streets which would be a matter for the Transportation Department.

Councillor Kenny stated that last year there was only one kilometre of cycle lane built in the district and asked if there would be further progress in this area.

Ms Pender stated that the Traffic Management Team had only recently been put together and would take time to gain momentum. She confirmed that they were examining Part 8 projects at the moment and asked the members to bear with them as they were being established to deliver these projects.

Councillor Kelly confirmed that cycle racks were part of the funding that the Public Realm Team applied for.

Councillor Clear asked if the cycle team would be providing a briefing.

Ms Pender stated that Mr Cummins was heading up the team and would be meeting all municipal districts in the coming months.

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

NS12/1120

Safety of Off Street Parking in Naas

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

That the council provide more lighting and cameras to make off street parking safer for users in Naas, as on-street parking is reduced.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that upgrade works to include CCTV provision, public lighting, resurfacing, relining, had been carried out in Abbey Street, Hedermans, Fairgreen (CCTV awaiting ESB connection) and Boyles (Friary Road). Public lighting within Kildare County Council operated car parks had been upgraded over the past number of years in compliance with current standards. There was no requirement for any additional lighting in Kildare County Council operated car parks located in Naas.

Councillor Kenny stated that he was happy with the report.

The Mayor informed the members that there had been great efforts over the past few years to get a proper CCTV scheme in operation and that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District had put together a tender document to apply for CCTV in that area and if it progressed, then other municipal districts would use it as a template. He stated that under GDPR regulations a data controller was required and informed the members that an online meeting was taking place shortly and there may then be an update from that.

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

NS13/1120

Damaged Footpath in Elmwood Estate

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the Transportation section confirm when damaged footpaths in the Elmwood Estate, Naas will be replaced?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office had currently allocated all 2020 footpath funding available to current footpath improvement works ongoing within the municipal district. The Naas Municipal District Office would consider this request as part of the Naas Municipal District footpath works for 2021.

The report was noted.

NS14/1120

Dublin Road Cycle Scheme

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council provide the members with a copy of the tender documents for the Dublin Road Cycle Scheme?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Tender Schedule was attached for the Dublin Road Cycle Scheme. The competition held was not a national competition where documents would be publicly available but was run through an NTA framework.

The report was noted.

NS15/1120

Wooden Hoarding in the Fair Green

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

Can the members be given a progress report on the discussion with the developer on the condition of the wooden hoarding in the Fair Green surrounding (Sarah Floods old building)?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office was in discussion with the developer and had been advised that when the purchase was finalised, they would meet with Kildare County Council to agree remedial works to the hoarding.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that he met the owners the previous day and outlined the problem areas to them. He stated that the new owners had just received the keys but would address the issues.

The report was noted.

NS16/1120

KLIPS Ranking List

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can this council be given an updated KLIPS ranking list for the municipal district?

A KLIPS report from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Kelly referred to the item on the report from 2017 that stated surveying and assessment was required and asked how long it took to be carried out.

Ms Pender informed the members that KLIPS was county wide and not specifically by municipal district and confirmed that the 2017 item referred to, would be dealt with as part of the upcoming LED lighting project.

She stated that if other priorities were identified by the Public Lighting Section they may be dealt with in advance and also explained that projects funded through LPT funding did not go through the KLIPS assessment and could be completed in

advance of projects listed on KLIPS. Municipal Districts had allocated LPT funding to fix a number of street lights.

Ms Pender stated that approximately two additional lights were required on Morrell Road but that this would need to be confirmed.

The report was noted.

NS17/1120

Segregated Contra Flow Cycle Lane on St Michaels Terrace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.

Can the council confirm if it has plans to examine the feasibility of putting a segregated contra flow cycle lane on St Michaels terrace?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council would assess St Michaels Terrace and see if a segregated contra flow cycle lane was feasible to construct which aligns with current standards.

The report was noted.

NS18/1120

Finger Post Signs

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

Can the council confirm what has happened to a successful motion and Naas municipal members agreement that about ten new finger post signs be positioned at every road junction and proposed community link, from the Sallins Roundabout, through Main Street Naas to Jigginstown Castle on Newbridge Road, identifying the nearby existence of Naas Grand Canal and Naas Grand Canal Harbour?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office were happy to meet with Councillor Moore to agree locations for the signage in question.

The report was noted.

NS19/1120

Handover Plan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That the Chief Executive and Management of Kildare County Council give assurances to the members of the Naas Municipal District that the methods and measures that exist within the administrative structures of Kildare County Council that form the business relationship between Councillors/Communities and existing Directors of Services, remain intact and will continue to form a sequential continuation of 'Actions Required' when changes take place at Director of Service level.

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

A report was received from the Municipal District Manager informing the members that he understood that the Councillor was concerned that issues that he would have raised with the recently retired Director of Services for Roads and Transport would be carried forward as actions to be followed up by the Acting Director or any new Director of Services in the future. He was aware that a handover plan was prepared in relation to that Directorate and that this would be standard/best practice.

Councillor Moore stated that there did not seem to be a system whereby when a Director of Services retired or left the council, matters pertaining to them carried forward to their replacement and he asked for a system to be put in place whereby some form of contact is arranged with councillors in each municipal district in advance and a handover arranged.

The A/Municipal District Manager stated that she would bring Councillor Moore's comments to the attention of the Management Team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Clear that the report be noted and the A/Municipal District Manager to bring Councillor Moore's comments to the attention of the Management Team.

NS20/1120

Former Naas Sewerage Works

The member considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.

Can the council confirm how many acres of land it owns at the former Naas Sewerage Works at Naas West?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the council own 4 hectares at the Old Sewerage Farm.

The report was noted.

NS21/1120

Purchasing of St David's Castle

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

That the council consider purchasing St David's Castle for the people of Naas as it is coming on the market for sale.

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

A report was received from the Municipal District Manager informing the members that he understood that a potential purchaser had made an offer on St David's Castle.

Councillor Clear stated that St David's Castle was in a very bad state of repair and expressed his interest in the area at the front of the castle being used as a public realm area and noting that a project similar to McAuley Place would be beneficial.

Councillor Brett informed the members that the sale of the castle had progressed to sale agreed.

The A/Municipal District Manager stated that the Director of Planning was going to meet the new owners and she believed the property was going to be restored and

used as a private dwelling. She confirmed that the council had sought funding to develop a cultural quarter in that area.

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

NS22/1120

Current State of Repair of St David's Castle

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

That given St David's Castle is a preserved building and very much part of the historical fabric of Naas, that the council investigate and report on its current state of repair.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that a visual condition inspection of the exterior of St David's Castle was undertaken on 10 November 2020. The purpose of the inspection was to report on the current condition of the building. Access to the interior was not possible. The building had been unoccupied in recent years and had suffered deterioration in its condition. The slate roof finish was now missing from large sections of the roofs on the annexes and outbuildings to the south of the castle. It was not possible to confirm if the roof of the main (three-storey) house survives intact. There was extensive vegetation growth at high level which appeared to be rooted in and growing from the stone rubble walls. The extent and quantum of this vegetation growth suggests that there was considerable water ingress on the upper part of the three-storey house – either through the roof, parapets, or both. The rainwater gutters and downpipes were in poor repair. The window openings were generally boarded up. The lime render finish was delaminating from the external walls. The attractive grounds around the house were now overgrown and untended. The early-eighteenth century stone cobbles were not visible and may be concealed under vegetation and grass growth. Urgent work was required to secure the building

from water ingress and the risk of vandalism and as St David's Castle was in private ownership, such work was the responsibility of the owner.

Councillor Breen stated that St David's Castle was a preserved building and part of our heritage and expressed her disappointment that it had fallen into disrepair. She also stated that the onus had been on the previous owner to prevent it going into dereliction noting that it was habitable twelve years ago.

The A/Municipal District Manager noted Councillor Breen's comments and stated that she was not sure why an endangerment notice had not been served but would find out and revert to Councillor Breen with the information. She confirmed that the onus was on the owner to keep it safe and secure and that responsibility would now transfer to the new owner who was fully aware of that.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Moore that the report be noted and the A/Municipal District Manager to find out why an endangerment notice had not been served and revert to Councillor Breen with the information.

NS23/1120

Adjourned motion on Naas Town Survey

Councillor Moore asked that his motion item number 22 on the agenda be deferred to the December 2020 meeting as the three points he outlined in his motion were not answered and requested a comprehensive response to his motion at the next meeting.

NS24/1120

Marshalsea Shopping Centre

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm if there will be an official (or likely) benefit in kind or compensation payment to Naas Municipal District/Kildare County Council from official NAMA agreements on the liquidation of assets of the Marshalsea Shopping Centre in Town Centre Naas?

The members were informed that ten houses had been handed over to the council. The report was noted.

NS25/1120

Morell Flood Alleviation Scheme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. That the council provide an update to the members on the progress of the Morell flood alleviation scheme.

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

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the Morell Flood Management Scheme consisted of the construction of approximately 7,400 metres of new embankments, restoration works, where required, to approximately 1850 metres of existing embankments and construction of approximately 470 metres of new concrete flood walls. Construction of the Morell Flood Management Scheme started in August 2020, with the setting up of the site compound by the Office of Public Works. The works have begun in Turnings and Tuckmilltown. These consist of embankment construction, while suitable weather conditions remain, with construction of walls continuing over the winter months.

Construction of the scheme was being carried out directly by the OPW and would be phased to minimise impact on residents and flood risk during construction. All landowners affected by Phase 1 works had been contacted and the council was in the process of agreeing accommodation works as suitable. All remaining landowners will be contacted before the end of 2020 advising them of the proposed timing of works on their lands. It is estimated that the scheme will be completed by 2024.

Councillor Brett expressed his satisfaction with the report and stated that residents in the Killeenmore area had been seeking flood alleviate works since 1934.

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

NS26/1120

Derelict Sites in the Municipal District

The committee agreed to consider items number 25 and 26 of the agenda together.

Item number 25 – Question Councillor Clear

Can the council confirm that Market House at the harbour, Naas is on the derelict site list and if not, why not?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that the Market House in Naas was on the derelict sites register.

Item number 25 – Question Councillor Kelly

Can the council update members on what progress has been made with derelict sites within the municipal district?

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment Department informing the members that there were twenty-three properties in the Naas Municipal District currently under investigation with the majority of these in and around Naas itself.

Councillor Kelly stated that she was not happy with the report received and asked for a briefing in advance of the December 2020 meeting.

Mr O’Gorman confirmed that the Environment Department would be happy to facilitate a briefing to go through the twenty-three properties in the Naas Municipal District currently under investigation. A briefing was arranged for 3 p.m on 15 December 2020 in advance of the next Naas Municipal District meeting.

The reports were noted.

NS27/1120

Removal of Trees at Monread Heights

The Meetings Administrator stated that a request for €2,500 LPT 2020 funding had been received from Councillor Sammon to pay the Parks Department for the removal of trees at Monread Heights.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that €2,500 LPT 2020 funding be paid to the Parks Department for the removal of trees at Monread Heights.

The meeting concluded.