

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 20 October 2020
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

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

Apologies: Councillor A Breen.

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr L Dunne, Ms M Hunt, Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officers), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms F Millane (Financial/Management Accountant), Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary).

NS01/1020

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15 September 2020 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 September 2020, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS02/1020

Municipal District Road Works

Mr Reel, Municipal District Engineer informed the members that they had received the Naas Municipal District Roadworks Report circulated in advance of the meeting and made the following points in relation to the works:

- The Naas Municipal District Office had the final package of surfacing works to complete.
- Contractors were on site regarding footpath works at Castlefen, Sallins.
- One more package of footpath works was currently at tender stage. This would be the last of the LPT works on the list for 2020.

Councillor Kelly stated that as the green came so close to the entrance at Castlesize, Sallins the turn was really sharp making it difficult for road users. Mr Reel confirmed that he had examined the entrance and the turn had to be taken slowly which was exactly what was required at the location.

NS03/1020

Draft Budgetary Plan 2021

Ms Millane confirmed that the budget meeting would take place on 23 November 2020 with a budget briefing on 16 November 2020.

Ms Millane made the following points:

- LPT is now advised and as there has been no change to the legislation it is essentially the same as 2020.
- Payparking revenue had dropped substantially.
- Concerns still regarding rates as there have been almost no additional rates valuations sent down, however almost €1 million had been reduced from rates income through appeals to the Tribunal so far in 2020, so overall Rates will decrease in 2021.
- Overall income is down but salaries are increasing.
- Costs associated with Covid-19 and enabling remote working are increasing.

- Given the net reduction in income at present the reduction in variable expenditure would be required. A number of revenue to capital provisions have also been reduced (eg public lighting) which would delay the repayment period for these works noting that these reductions would affect line items such as housing maintenance, local roads maintenance, libraries and arts, parks and playgrounds, all community and other grants. These adjustments were necessary in order to bridge the gap facing the council in Budget 2021.
- In accordance with S.58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the draft General Municipal Allocation for Kildare County Council was €20,421,750, of which €3 million was for Naas. The total figure of €20,421,750 was divided across the five municipal districts.
- The draft General Municipal Allocation took account of the council's decision, taken at the council meeting on 21 September 2020, to vary the local property tax rate by +7.5%. The impact of that decision was to ring-fence €4,885,257 of discretionary funding to the municipal districts and this money was included in the general Municipal Allocation.
- There will be differences between the municipal districts for example playgrounds are funded based on the numbers of playgrounds/outdoor gyms/skate-parks within an area; parks and landscaping costs are a function of the size of the parks in a given area; twinning is a function of agreed twinning connections in place.
- Members may reallocate funding provided for their municipal district from the headings set out in the draft budgetary plan having due regard to the impact their decisions will make to those services.
- Variable expenditure was reducing by 13.5% with the exception of IT and Fire Services.

- Proposing that LPT be agreed at a municipal district meeting before the end of January so departments can include the expenditure in their work programme for 2021.
- Any pay parking surpluses are retained for that municipal district. Pay parking figures are a factor of what happened between April and September, if there is an increase it will be retained for use in the municipal district and the members will be advised.
- The legislative requirement is that following consideration of the draft budgetary plan, the municipal district members shall, by resolution, adopt the draft budgetary plan with or without amendment. The Chief Executive shall take account of any budgetary plan adopted, but if the members do not adopt a budgetary plan the Chief Executive may take account of the draft budgetary plan as presented. The purpose of the draft budgetary plan was to provide each municipal district with an opportunity to allocate its portion of the general municipal allocation according to its priorities.

Councillor Moore raised the following concerns:

- The sum of €20,421,750 was not divided equally among the five municipal districts with Naas Municipal District receiving less than the other municipal districts with the exception of the Athy Municipal District.
- Naas Municipal District were receiving the least amount of any municipal district in relation to the Transport element of the draft budgetary plan.
- Street cleaning costs in the Naas Municipal District were higher than the other municipal district however from what he has heard the benefits were not apparent.

- Street cleaning in the Naas Municipal District to be moved under the remit of the Municipal District Engineer.
- The LPT figure of €4,885,257 was not divided equally among the five municipal district.

Councillor Brett clarified that as the Naas Municipal District had reduced in size it now received less LPT allocation than some of the other municipal districts.

In response to concerns raised, Ms Millane made the following points:

- LPT was a matter for the members to agree, if any changes were to be made it would have to come from the members at full council and at this stage it would not have an impact on the 2021 budget.
- In relation to Libraries there was only one in Naas, other municipal districts have more than one.
- A certain amount of flexing can take place with the Roads budget as it is revisited at grant stage, if one municipal district receives more grant funding than another, money is flexed to another municipal district.
- A full street cleaning review is being undertaken throughout the county.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all the members that the draft budgetary Plan for 2021 be adopted.

NS04/1020

Section 38 St Corban's Place, Naas

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed double yellow lines at St Corban's Place, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed double yellow lines at St Corban's Place, Naas, Co. Kildare be approved.

NS05/1020

LPT 2020

Naas Christmas Lights

The Meetings Administrator stated that he had received an LPT application form requesting the allocation €37,000 for Christmas lights in Naas from 2020 LPT funding.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that €37,000 be allocated for Christmas lights in Naas from 2020 LPT funding.

Father Flanagan's Boxing Club, Ballymore Eustace

Councillor Sammon confirmed that last month it was agreed to allocate €5000 from LPT funding to Ballymore Drama Society however this was no longer required as no plays would be taking place and she therefore wished for €3000 of the €5000 to be allocated to Father Flanagan's Boxing Club in Ballymore Eustace instead. The remaining €2000 to return unallocated to the LPT budget. She confirmed that an LPT application form was submitted.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that €3000 be allocated to Father Flanagan's Boxing Club, Ballymore Eustace in place of the €5000 previously allocated to Ballymore Eustace Drama Society. The remaining €2000 to be returned unallocated to the LPT budget.

NS06/1020

Ban on HGV's

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council introduce a ban on HGV's driving through the centre of Naas.

The Mayor confirmed that Councillor Breen had given consent to Councillor Sammon to move her motions.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District in conjunction with the DTTAS Support Office were currently reviewing the signage scheme associated with the reclassification of roads in Naas. This included for the reclassification of the relief roads around Naas to regional road status and the main street roads to local road status. Following this, consideration could be given to the statutory requirements associated with the introduction of an HCV ban. Please note that even with a ban in place, HCVs requiring access to the town centre would not be subject to the ban.

Councillor Clear stated that the removal of trucks from Naas Main Street was required particularly at school time.

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

NS07/1020

Entrance/Exit at Pipers Hill Education Campus

The committee agreed to consider items number 6 and 9 of the agenda together.

Item number 6 – Motion Councillor Breen

That the council provides a second entrance/exit at Piper's Hill school complex in the interests of people's safety and to improve the traffic flow in the area.

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

Item number 9 – Motion Councillor Sammon

That the council re-engage with stakeholders at the Pipers Hill Education Campus in an effort to resolve ongoing traffic issues.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had no plans to provide a second entrance/exit at the Piper's Hill school complex as from our analysis the main signalised access point to the school complex provides a safe access for all road users where parents could drop off and collect their children in a safe manner within the school complex. Kildare County Council does accept that there is queuing of traffic at peak times in the morning and afternoon but outside of this the main signalised access point works well within capacity. The Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section is examining the Traffic Study and Analysis of the School Complex that was carried out by Aecom Consulting Engineers on behalf of the KWETB where the existing traffic movements and flows and safety issues were examined and proposals to improve the traffic movements and flows and safety for all road users were submitted. Kildare County Council is proposing to discuss this matter further in the near future with the KWETB.

Councillor Sammon expressed her dissatisfaction with the report stating that she was regularly receiving messages from the public regarding near misses and traffic issues in the area. She noted that the council had approved planning permission for the houses and the school in that area however it was not safe. She stated that more houses were going to be built in the area which would cause more traffic problems and confirmed that a solution was required.

Councillor Kelly referred to the last sentence of the report that stated “Kildare County Council is proposing to discuss this matter further in the near future with the KWETB” and asked when this would happen as the issue had been going on for too long.

Councillor Sammon asked that the matter remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report and the item to remain on the progress report.

NS08/1020

Strategic Parking Information Boards in Naas

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

That the council install strategic parking information boards in Naas.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section were considering the installation of strategic parking information boards/signs as part of the Transport Strategy for Naas and Sallins.

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

NS09/1020

Provision of Bus Shelters at Locations in Naas and Sallins

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

That the council secure funding from the National Transport Authority to provide bus shelters at Roseville on the Dublin Road, the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road and at Chapel Lane and opposite Chapel Lane in Sallins as identified in the Bus Shelter Locations Report of November 2018.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council would communicate with the National Transport Authority regarding the potential installation of bus shelters at the identified locations. Assessment of the locations would be carried out by Kildare

County Council, including third parties, and the bus shelter installation contractor. Upon agreement of the suitability of locations and agreement of enabling works and cost of enabling works, Kildare County Council would apply for a grant application for potential funding.

Councillor Kelly stated that the locations she outlined, apart from the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, had already been identified in the bus shelter locations report of November 2018 and funding was all that was required.

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

NS10/1020

Footpath Leading to the Bandhall/St John's Church Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the council install a footpath leading to the Bandhall/St John's Church in Ballymore Eustace.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office had assessed this proposal but due to insufficient public space currently available were not positioned to facilitate this request. If lands were to become available, the Naas Municipal District Office would be happy to facilitate the development of this project, subject to resources.

Councillor Sammon stated her understanding was that when these properties received planning permission that a condition of the permission was for a set back for a footpath to be provided. The Municipal District Manager suggested that Councillor Sammon email him the details of the planning permission received and he would examine it to see if a set back for a footpath was a condition of the planning permission granted.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Councillor Sammon to email details of the planning permission to the Municipal District Manager so he can examine it to see if a set back for a footpath was a condition of the planning permission granted.

NS11/1020

Reduction in Speed Limits on Main Streets Naas and Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council commence the process to have the speed limit on main streets in Naas and Sallins reduced to 30km/h.

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 currently, Kildare County Council were carrying out a County Speed Limit Review which was the legal process for the adopting speed limits. The speed limit review would be carried out in accordance Road Traffic Act 2004 and Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland. As part of this process Kildare County Council was reviewing all the speed limits which included the main streets in Sallins and Naas. In accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2004 and Guidelines for Setting Speed Limits in Ireland, the main street Sallins (R407-22/24) and main street Naas (R407) was required to remain a 50km/h speed limit zone. In Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland section “7.3.2 Special Speed Limit of 30km/h” references for a road to be considered a 30km/h zone, the road should be considered an urban road/street where the needs of the vulnerable road user (i.e. pedestrians) takes precedence over the motorist. In the case of the main streets in Naas and Sallins the motorist takes precedence on the public road area and footpaths are provided for pedestrians. Secondly a requirement under the guidelines for road to be deemed 30km/h, the road shall not have a strategic or distribution function, as both mention roads are classified as regional routes, they have a strategic and distribution function.

Councillor Clear referred to the previous motion in relation to reclassification of the main street roads to local road status and stated that this opened the door for a 30km/h zone in the medium term. He also stated that the speed limit reduction in the short term could be done under Covid-19 if there was a will.

Councillor Moore stated that some towns in the country, Dungarvan as far as he was aware, had adopted a lower speed limit in shared spaces and asked if Ms Pender could research this type of approach.

Councillor Kelly stated that the situation was the opposite in Sallins as they had a very wide road and asked for a timeline on the speed limit review.

Ms Pender stated that the speed limit review team were planning to circulate an email to the members in relation to creating a workshop in the Chamber and planned to circulate a draft speed limit review in advance of the workshop. This was scheduled for the end of November/start of December but due to Covid-19 restriction and the need to adhere to guidelines these plans had yet to be finalised.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Pender to research towns in which a lower speed limit was in place in shared spaces.

NS12/1020

Walkability and Cyclability Audit at the two schools at St Corbans Lane, Naas

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

That the council carry out a walkability and cyclability audit at the two schools at St Corbans Lane, Naas.

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 council would undertake to carry out a walkability and cyclability study for both schools as requested. The Road Safety, Cycling and

Sustainable Transport Officer would liaise with the local District Engineers team and An Taisce's Green School coordinator in facilitating this study and a report would be issued when its complete.

Councillor Clear stated that there were two schools on the road and it was particularly busy and asked the Roads Department to consider the schools for the Safe School Street Project as they would be ideal for it.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and the Roads Department to consider the two schools for the Safe School Street Project.

NS13/1020

Naas Carparking Income and Expenditure Details

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That the income and expenditure details for the car parking/payment system for all pay parking areas in the town of Naas for the year ending 31 December 2019 be presented to members at the October meeting.

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

The following report providing income and expenditure details was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department

NAAS 2019	
Expenditure	
On street	257,708.00
Off street	35,622.00
Car park lease	150,000.00
Total	443,330.00
Income	
<i>Pay and Display</i>	
On street	608,414.00
Off street	229,705.00
<i>Permits/Suspension of bays</i>	
On street	3,720.00
Off street	7,597.00
<i>Parking fines</i>	320,485.00
Total	1,169,921.00

Councillor Moore asked what on street permits and off street parking fines were and Ms Pender stated she would check this out and revert to Councillor Moore directly.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Pender to revert to Councillor Moore directly in relation to on street permits and off street parking fines.

NS14/1020

Extra Walking Routes in Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council examine the possibility of making a section of the Tipper Road L6037 to Forenaughts along the southern perimeter of Naas Racecourse or the Tipper South Road a pedestrian only route on Sundays, similar to that at the Grand Canal, to provide members of the public with a safe area to walk during the current pandemic.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office were happy to consider proposals for extra walking routes in Naas and had received a query regarding the Craddockstown Road (towards Punchestown) as a walking route also. The Naas Municipal District Office must take account of the displacement of vehicular traffic on alternative roads as well as statutory requirements (Road Closure), resources and cost as part of its considerations.

Councillor Kenny asked that in light of the success of the pedestrian only route on Sundays on the canal road, that the Tipper Road or Craddockstown Road be reviewed for closure.

The Municipal District Engineer confirmed that this was a matter for the members to agree and highlighted to the members that in order for the pedestrian only route on the canal on Sunday to take place, there was a cost involved as someone had to be

sent down on a Sunday morning to set up. He stated that heretofore the municipal district office had paid the cost but would not be able to next year and suggested that the members consider ringfencing some funding for this.

Councillor Moore suggested that these roads be closed on a permanent basis, confirming that it was an objective of the Local Area Plan in Naas for a number of years.

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

NS15/1020

Improving the Safety for Vehicles entering and exiting Arconagh Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council carry out an assessment of the junction at the entrance to Arconagh estate with a view to improving safety for vehicles entering and leaving the estate as traffic turning right into the estate from the Newbridge direction has to cross two lanes of traffic, as does traffic turning right out of the estate.

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 the Caragh Road junction was recently upgraded which included the provision of an addition pedestrian crossing point, extension of filter lane on the Caragh Road, extension of filter lane on Newbridge Road and the provision of MOVA (Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation) – an advanced form of traffic control. As a result of the works, queuing on all approaches to the junction in the am/pm peaks greatly reduced and safety for pedestrians and vulnerable road users improved. A yellow box had been provided at the junction of the Arconagh Estate and the Newbridge Road – to assist residents to access/egress from the estate. This essentially means the Arconagh junction acts a priority junction where road users have to proceed with due care and caution. In many urban areas road users have to cross two lanes of traffic to access businesses/residential

estates. With the opening of the Devoy Link Road and the Caragh Road junction upgrade incidents where residents must cross queuing traffic has been greatly reduced.

Councillor Kenny asked when the changes were made. Ms Pender stated that she would find out the information and circulate to the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Pender to find out the information and circulate it to the members.

NS16/1020

Kill Village Traffic Count

The committee agreed to consider items number 17 and 18 of the agenda together.

Item number 17 – Question Councillor Brett

Can the council update members on the recent traffic count conducted in Kill Village?

Item number 18 – Question Councillor Kelly

Can this council be provided with the results of the traffic count recently undertaken in Kill Village?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an assessment was carried out in Kill as to whether a pedestrian crossing was warranted in the village centre applying the pedestrian warrants procedure which was based on pedestrian and vehicular volumes. Based on the data collected and analysis undertaken and applying the warrants procedure it was determined that the pedestrian/vehicle volumes were not present to justify the provision of a controlled crossing at this location. The warrant process typically caters for standalone case by case assessments. There was the potential for facilities to be appropriate and delivered under separate larger projects, as part of a wider strategy. In this instance, the Kill/Johnstown cycle scheme was currently

being reviewed as part of an NTA cycle project review – as part of this scheme a Toucan crossing was proposed in the vicinity of the village centre. It was hoped that an update could be provided on the status of this scheme in the near future.

The report was noted.

NS17/1020

Gully and Drain Cleaning

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

Can the council confirm when the autumn/winter roadside drains/gullies cleaning will commence?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office expend a significant amount of resources cleaning gullies, jetting drains and opening up water-cuts in the District on an annual basis. The Naas Municipal District crews had already completed approximately four weeks of gully/drain cleaning since the start of September and would continue with these operations over the coming weeks. Any further specific areas of concern should be reported through the CRM system.

The report was noted.

NS18/1020

Parking Fines Issued in the Naas Municipal District

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

Can the council confirm how many parking fines were issued in the Naas Municipal District in 2019, broken down by reason for fine, if possible?

The following report outlining the breakdown of fines issued in the Naas Municipal District in 2019 broken down by offence was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department:

Offence	Number
Pay and display/permit parking area offence	3,410
Non display of current road tax	2,529
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	310
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	308
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	187
Parking a vehicle on a footway	131
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	95
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	73
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person's parking bay	64
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	62
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	44
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	31
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	5
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continue white line	3
Parking a vehicle in a loading bay for over 30 mins	3
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	3
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing entrance/exit to the car park	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Total	7,263

The report was noted.

NS19/1020

Cycle/Walking Connection from the Community National School to Ballycane Cross

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

Can the council confirm at what stage the cycle/walking connection from the Community National School to Ballycane Cross is at, that was allocated €300,000 by the Department of Education when the school was built in 2013?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the scheme was being examined in two separate ways;

- 1) as a scaled down scheme (junction improvements only) as per last update if no additional funding is sourced;
- 2) as a candidate for additional NTA funding – this will involve a submission to the NTA as part of the current Countywide review with a view to delivering the original scheme.

The report was noted.

NS20/1020

Naas to Sallins Greenway

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

Can the members be informed how long it will take for the Naas to Sallins Greenway to be brought to Part 8 public consultation?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council were currently re-engaging with the project sponsor, the NTA. Due to staff turnover in the NTA no liaison officer for this scheme was in place for some time. Further details in relation to timeframe would be available once a formal meeting with the NTA had been completed.

The report was noted.

NS21/1020

Naas Sports Centre Carpark

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

Can the council confirm if the finance for the extension of the Naas Sports Centre car park will be included in the upcoming Capital Expenditure Programme?

A report was received from Ms S Kavanagh Director of Services, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the finance for the extension of the car parking facilities at the Sports facilities on the Caragh Road Naas would be included in the Capital Programme.

The report was noted.

NS22/1020

Public Realm Projects

An updated report on Public Realm Projects in the municipal district was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

In response to a question from Councillor Sammon in relation to the Ballymore Eustace Looped Walk, Ms Hunt confirmed that there were further works to be completed.

Councillor Clear asked what the cycle cafes entailed and Ms Hunt confirmed that there would be a bike stand, bike repair units and socially distanced tables and chairs.

The report was noted.

NS23/1020

Two Pyramid Mausolea at Maudlins Cemetery, Dublin Road, Naas

The members considered the Chief Executives report on the proposed addition of Two Pyramid Mausolea at Maudlins Cemetery, Dublin Road, Naas to the Record of

Protected Structures, Appendix 3 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017 – 2023.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that the Chief Executives report on the proposed addition of Two Pyramid Mausolea at Maudlins Cemetery, Dublin Road, Naas to the Record of Protected Structures, Appendix 3 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 be adopted.

NS24/1020

Shop Local in Naas this Christmas Campaign

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

That the council commence a social media campaign encouraging residents to shop local in Naas this Christmas.

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

A report was received from the Local Enterprise Office informing the members that Kildare County Council's Local Enterprise Office had been running a dedicated social media and traditional marketing campaign since March 2020 to encourage the Kildare community to shop local not only in Naas but across the entire county.

Shop County Kildare

This is a dedicated website that highlights the offerings in Naas as well as 22 other areas across each of the five municipal districts. To cater to the changing need of businesses, retailers in particular, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kildare County Council's Local Enterprise Office in association with the Kildare Chamber of Commerce have created 'Shop County Kildare' an online ecommerce platform providing Kildare businesses the opportunity to make the move to online sales in a free of charge, quick and user-friendly way. To date there are over 300 Kildare businesses signed up, many of which are trading and others who are in the process of finalising their pages. This Shop County Kildare initiative has been described by the Department of Business Enterprise and Innovation, Enterprise Ireland and Local

Enterprise Offices around the country as a model of best practise. Please encourage constituents to register for Shop County Kildare. You can register for Shop County Kildare here: www.shopcountykildare.ie

Total Investment to date: €52K

Spent on:

- Developing and managing the Shop County Kildare website
- KFM radio campaign encouraging listeners to shop local
- Printed advertisements in the local media encouraging readers to shop local
- Sponsorships, promoting the Shop County Kildare initiative with the message to shop local
- Paid social media advertising campaign promoting the Shop County Kildare initiative with the message to shop local

Christmas Campaign 2020

This Christmas, Kildare County Council's Local Enterprise Office will **continue** to encourage the community of Naas, as well as the entire county, to shop local through the investment in and use of an integrated marketing campaign, using both traditional and digital media. The aim of the campaign will be to continue to; champion small, local businesses, to educate the local community on the importance and need for shopping local during the current economic climate and to encourage people across the county to buy Christmas gifts through both the (1) Shop County Kildare website and (2) in store (*where Government guidelines allow*). The campaign will launch in week 4 of October and run throughout the Christmas period. Campaigns and investment will target over 22 villages across Naas, Kildare-Newbridge, Athy, Celbridge-Leixlip and Clane-Maynooth Municipal Districts. It is evident that encouraging the Kildare community to shop local has been a priority for Kildare County Council's Local Enterprise Office since March 2020, and efforts and funding will continue throughout the Christmas period.

Councillor Brett commended the author of the report noting that it could not have come at a better time.

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

NS25/1020

Construction of New Site Entrance in Killashee Area

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That a full explanation be given by the Director of Planning as to why a new site entrance, road carriageway and other works can be constructed over a number of weeks, in the Killashee area of Naas, without any planning application or approval and without any Kildare County Council use of enforcement measures.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that up to now, Ballymore Developments had the ability to separate construction traffic from residential traffic within the Bellingsfield development in line with best practice within the construction industry. It is not possible to separate construction traffic and residential traffic for the next phase of the development using the current road network. Ballymore Contracting have proposed a plan to utilise temporarily an existing farm road network through the Killashee land to access the Development. This would allow all construction traffic to access the development and be separated at all times from residential and school traffic in Piper's Hill and Bellingsfield. Ballymore has fully consulted with Kildare County Council on its proposals for the installation of the temporary haul road and gave an undertaking to submit a planning application for these temporary arrangements. Pl. Ref. 20/1172 received on 8/10/20 is for retention permission of a temporary construction site entrance and access route from R448 Kilcullen Road to facilitate completion of the Bellingsfield Residential Development, Piper's Hill, Killashee, Naas, previously granted under 16/635 and 19/178.

Councillor Moore expressed his dissatisfaction that a company would make the decision to push through an opening in the Killashee area providing a direct link onto the Kilcullen Road and apply for permission afterwards.

The Municipal District Manager informed the members that Ballymore Developments as part of their planning permission were due to prepare a construction plan. He confirmed that they had fully engaged with the Roads Department but that a road of that scale required permission and when they became aware of this road a letter issued to Ballymore Developments who then applied for retention.

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

NS26/1020

Naas Farmers Market

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny. Can the council give an update on securing a long-term home for the Naas Farmers Market?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that research was underway in terms of market trader's requirements, frequency of trading, variety of offering, and potential scale of the market. Once this work was complete a market layout would be drawn up, allowing for appropriate social distancing and the traders requirements. This plan would then inform the size of the area needed for the market on both a temporary and permanent basis and identify potential suitable locations.

The report was noted.

NS27/1020

Tidy Towns Grant Funding

Mr Kavanagh informed the members that Eadestown Tidy Towns had missed the original application deadline and suggested that if the members agreed, €2,075 be

allocated to Eadestown Tidy Towns, which for comparison purposes was in the same category and amount granted to Johnstown

Resolved on the agreement of all the members that €2,075 be allocated to Eadestown Tidy Towns.

NS28/1020

Media Campaign to Discourage Bonfires

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

That the council begin an immediate media campaign to discourage bonfires which continue to be a danger to local communities in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that a social media campaign to advise the public of the dangers of bonfires had commenced.

Councillor Kelly asked if the council had an Instagram account as the information should be made available on all social media platforms to target as many people as possible. The Meetings Administrator said he would check that out.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and the Meetings Administrator to check if the council had an Instagram account and if so, information to discourage bonfires to be posted on it.

NS29/1020

Kerdiffstown Remediation

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

Can the council give an updated progress report in relation to the Kerdiffstown remediation?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the site continued to be managed by Kildare County Council under licence with the

EPA. An advance works contract for the realignment of the I2005 and a new site entrance had just been completed in anticipation of the main contract. As part of the tender process and in compliance with the Public Spending Code, approval was requested from the Dept Communications, Climate Action and the Environment (DCCA) to proceed to award the contract for the main works. This approval had recently been received and the contract document shall be signed shortly with work commencing on site in November 2020. The contract period was for four and a half years but the council would work with the contractor on site to try to achieve an earlier completion date. The Kerdiffstown Project Team would be pleased to brief the municipal district members subject to Covid 19 restrictions. In the interim, information regarding the project including a 3D Visualisation Model, could be found on our website <http://www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/AllServices/kerdiffstownpark/>
The report was noted.

NS30/1020

Old Johnstown Garden Centre Site

Councillor Brett informed the members that a lease was being signed that day and the provision of a playground was planned. He confirmed that there were five stages to the plan and that he would be seeking funding next year.

NS31/1020

Fairgreen, Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can Kildare County Council confirm if it has any plans under its open spaces or other programmes, to discontinue the use of Fair Green, Naas, as the amenity site for carnivals, circuses or other such events over the coming years?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that any decision on the use of the Fairgreen for carnivals, circuses and other such events was a matter for the elected members to decide on. However it would be beneficial to develop a plan to improve the appearance and use

of it and to improve its connection with retail units in the area and also The Lakes and the Famine Graveyard amenity land.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.