

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 21 July 2020
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

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

Apologies: Councillor B Clear.

Officials Present: Ms M Hunt (A/Municipal District Manager), Mr G Halton, Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officers), Mr M McLoughlin, Mr B O’Gorman (Administrative Officers), Mr T Drennan (A/Municipal District Engineer), Mr M Ryan (A/Senior Executive Planner), Mr P Makhuza (Executive Engineer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O’Malley (Meetings Secretary).

NS01/0720

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 16 June 2020 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Sammon that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 16 June 2020, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS02/0720

Matters Arising

NS10/0518 Old Friary Road Railway Bridge

Councillor Moore requested an update on an application for the development of the Shopping Centre stating that he did not want the stonework removed from the Old Friary Road Railway Bridge by the Construction Company and wanted it to be

retained by the council. He requested an update on this item for the September 2020 meeting.

NS12/0620 Traffic Restrictions on the Canal Towpath in Naas

The Meetings Administrator brought the members attention to this item in the Naas Municipal District June 2020 draft minutes. He stated that at the June meeting the members resolved to commence the Section 38 process, however if the Section 38 process was to proceed, the earliest the traffic restrictions could commence would be September. He informed the members that a road closure process would be much quicker and sought their agreement to proceed with a road closure process in place of the Section 38 process.

Resolved with all the members in agreement that a road closure process be commenced to restrict traffic on the Canal Towpath in Naas on Sundays until the Covid-19 emergency was over.

NS17/0220 New Naas Cricket Club

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that they had previously resolved to invite the new Naas Cricket Team to present to the members but due to the Covid-19 pandemic this had not taken place. He asked the members if they wished to receive the presentation at their September 2020 meeting. The members discussed the matter and agreed to meet the new Naas Cricket Team at 3:00 p.m. on 15 September 2020 in advance of their monthly municipal district meeting subject to the start time being suitable.

Resolved with all the members in agreement that a presentation from the new Naas Cricket Team be received at 3:00 p.m. on 15 September 2020 in advance of their monthly municipal district meeting subject to the start time being suitable.

NS03/0720

Municipal District Road Works

Mr Drennan, A/Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works. He stated that the Naas Municipal District Office had recently completed its first package of footpath works at the following locations:

- Sarto Park, Naas
- Jigginstown Park, Naas
- Kerdiff Lawns, Naas
- Johnstown Manor, Johnstown
- The Gables Kill
- Glendara Kill

In relation to the footpath/cycle track extension on the Kilcullen Road, Naas (at Killashee), to the multi-denominational school he stated that this was complete and informed the members that the public lighting section were due to have the lights connected and lit in the coming weeks.

Mr Drennan stated that with regards to the Road Improvement Works 2020, the second package of works (WP 2), was substantially complete in the following locations:

- L6047 Coughlanstown
- L6048 Mullaboden Road
- L5050 Elverstown/Glenmore

He informed the members that the third package of road improvement works (WP 3) was due to go to construction by the end July. It included surface improvement to discrete sections of the following roads:

- R407 Sallins Road, Naas (works commenced the previous night)
- R445 Dublin Road, Naas (works would commence later in the week)
- R410 Blessington Rd, Naas

In relation to surface dressing works, Mr Drennan stated that the works programme for 2020 had commenced and confirmed that the R411 – Ballymore Eustace Road (south of Watchhouse Crossroads) and L2010 – Sherlockstown to Painstown roads had been swept and the line painting works would be commencing next. He informed the members that the L6056 – Ballymore Eustace to Bishopshill works would be commencing the week beginning 27 July 2020.

With regard to the Local Property Tax (LPT)/Carpark Funded Works 2020 he confirmed that these works had been agreed by the Naas Municipal District Councillors. The road works were currently at construction stage and the footpath works would go to construction in Quarter 3/Quarter 4 2020.

NS04/0720

Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2020

The Mayor asked if this item could be deferred to the September 2020 meeting of the Naas Municipal District.

Resolved on the agreement of all the members that this item be deferred to the September 2020 meeting of the Naas Municipal District.

NS05/0720

Unspent Naas Municipal District LPT from Previous Years

The members considered the allocation of the unspent Naas Municipal District LPT from previous years.

Councillor Moore expressed his dissatisfaction with the word “allocation” and stated that €475,000 had been allocated to undergrounding of wires on Naas Main Street for example and noted that it had been agreed that the full amount would be spent on this project however the project was not yet completed. He suggested that the wording to ‘approve the retention of the unspent Naas Municipal District LPT from previous years’ would be more appropriate. Councillor Moore also stated that a broadsheet was required containing information in relation to the projects LPT funding was spent on since the introduction of LPT. Councillor Brett stated that a

system would be put in place for the recording of LPT funding and what projects the funding was spent on and confirmed that Mark McLoughlin would be looking after this.

The Meetings Administrator read out applications for LPT project received from the members.

Councillor Brett proposed an allocation of €1,500 for the Eadestown Field Day and €8,000 for the Castlewarden Golf Club Juvenile Academy under community funding. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all the members that €1,500 be allocated to Eadestown Field Day and €8,000 to the Castlewarden Golf Club Juvenile Academy.

Councillor Kelly proposed €10,000 for The Moat Club CLG to produce the Christmas Pantomime. Councillor Moore stated that he felt the sum of €10,000 for The Moat Club CLG to produce the Christmas Pantomime was very expensive.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all the members that €10,000 be allocated to The Moat Club CLG to produce the Christmas Pantomime.

Councillor Breen proposed €5,000 for the Paddocks Residents Association for works being undertaken. She submitted receipts for the first stage of the works and asked that €5,000 in total be allocated under community funding to the Paddocks Residents Association.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all the members that €5000 be allocated to the Paddocks Residents Association.

NS06/0720

Capital Programme 2021-2023

The A/District Manager informed the members that this was a reminder that the Capital Programme was going to be reviewed in September and an opportunity for them to examine the projects in the capital programme and identify projects they may want included or removed. She stated that if there were projects that the members wanted included or removed they could forward them to her and she would notify the relevant Director of Services. She brought the members attention to page 16 onwards of the Capital Programme 2021-2023 stating that these pages showed how the projects were being funded.

NS07/0720

Finance Committee Annual Report

The members noted the Finance Committee Annual Report.

NS08/0720

Number of Estates Not Yet Taken in Charge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. That the council provide the members with an update on the numbers of estates not yet taken in charge in the Naas Municipal District and the length of time since these estates were completed.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that this request would require some time to prepare and the Building and Development Control Section would submit same at the next municipal district meeting.

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

NS09/0720

Aldergrove Estate, Sallins Road, Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen.
That the council take in charge Aldergrove Estate, Sallins Road, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that the taking in charge of Aldergrove Housing Estate was a complex process that required a number of issues to be resolved before it could happen.

- A. From a road access point of view, Oldtown Demense had to be taken in charge before Aldergrove, because the road between Aldergrove and the Sallins Road was part of Oldtown Demense. Oldtown Demense had a management company and to date there had been no request to have this estate taken in charge. The Development Control Section planned to meet with the management company for Oldtown Demense to establish whether or not the management company wanted their estate to be taken in charge.

- B. From both wastewater and stormwater point of view Aldergrove could not be taken in charge unless both the downstream sewers of the wastewater and stormwater system could be taken in charge. Meetings were ongoing to try to resolve issues relating to this infrastructure. In the meantime, the council would be meeting the insurance bond provider to agree list of works required to bring Aldergrove to an acceptable taking in charge standard.

Councillor Breen asked what insurance bond the council had to complete this work in Aldergrove.

Mr Makhuza stated that he had been in contact with the developer who was not fully engaging and that going down the route of calling in the insurance bond was a protracted process and the council were not even sure if the full amount of the bond would be received. He informed the members that he was working with the

understanding that the developer had requested the county council to take the estate in charge.

Councillor Brett stated that this motion tied in with his and that co-operation from Irish Water was an integral part of the process.

Mr Makhuza confirmed that the Building and Development Control Section had issues with the development which had been brought to the attention of management and management was attempting to work around the challenges.

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

NS10/0720

Section 38 St. Corban's Place, Naas

The members considered the commencement of a Section 38 process for the proposed double yellow lines at St. Corban's Place, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all the members that the Section 38 process for the proposed double yellow lines at St. Corban's Place, Naas, Co. Kildare be commenced.

NS11/0720

Council Owned Car Parking Spaces in Naas

The committee agreed to consider items number 10 and 11 of the agenda together.

Item number 10 – Motion Councillor Sammon

That the council increase the leniency period from 30 minutes to 45 minutes in council owned car parking spaces in Naas until 31 October 2020 and that signage is put on machines to inform people of the increase in leniency time.

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 they had previously increased the observation period

from 15 minutes to 30 minutes across the county as a temporary measure only as a result of Covid-19. The Roads Department would strongly recommend that the observation period should not be extended further. It should be noted that an observation period was only for the purpose of giving time to the motorist to get change of cash for the parking machine if required. The Roads Department had increased a number of online services to facilitate motorists, including pay by phone where non cash payments were available. Extending the observation period would have a significant negative impact on business and motorists. These negative impacts include a significant reduction in the turnover of parking spaces for motorists to access parking spaces, a reduction of footfall and customers for businesses, increased traffic congestion, additional confusion for the general public with constant changes to parking regulation and a reduction in revenue to pay for these services and the Naas Municipal District. It should be further noted that having different observation periods in different towns across the county may lead to confusion and the public receiving fixed penalty charge notices unnecessarily as the public travel from town to town. This proposal also contravenes Kildare County Councils Parking Policy Framework Document adopted by the Elected Members and the councils mission statement which is “to provide a professional and consistent parking management service for the benefit of its citizens and visitors to the county. The council regulates illegal parking and manages parking spaces on public roads and in public car parks to ensure a regular turnover of parking spaces. This regulation of illegal parking and turnover of parking spaces will make our towns more accessible and more attractive to shoppers, customers, business people and tourists”. The current 30 minute observation before the purchase of a valid pay and display ticket and on the expiry of a valid pay and display (total of one hour plus the time the motorist has paid for) is more than adequate. There is also a two-hour maximum stay car park and four long term car parks within three minutes’ walk of Naas Town centre.

Item number 11 – Motion Councillor Kelly

That the council instruct APCOA to put stickers on all pay parking machines to indicate that there is a 30 minute grace period.

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 the Roads Department increased the observation period from 15 minutes to 30 minutes across the county as a temporary measure only as a result of Covid-19. In view of other motions from the Naas Municipal District, the Roads Department would advise not to place 30-minute observation stickers on parking machines at this time.

Councillor Sammon noted that there was no signage indicating that there was a 30 minute grace period and stated that fees were waived in December for Christmas therefore more consideration needed to be given to this during Covid-19.

Councillor Kelly stated that the public were not aware of the 30 minute grace period and requested that stickers be placed on parking meters. She confirmed that a discussion had taken place before the meeting and Councillor Moore suggested the introduction of a 2 hour limit on Naas Main Street, over a defined period of time, at a charge of €1.00 per hour.

Councillor Moore stated that the Executive were referring to a loss of revenue however if a charge was introduced on the second hour, there would not be a loss of revenue.

The members agreed to amend Councillor Sammon's motion to include the extension of the parking limit on Naas Main Street to 2 hours with a €1.00 charge per hour.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that under Standing Orders the amended motion could not be accepted.

The A/District Manager stated that the proposed amendment to the motion would require a full review of the Parking Bye-Laws and would have financial implications and also take a year to complete.

Councillor Kelly asked if stickers could be placed on the parking meters until 31 October 2020 informing the public that there was a 30 minute grace period.

Mr Halton undertook to revert to the members on Councillor Kelly's request to put stickers on all pay parking machines to indicate that there was a 30 minute grace period.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon and Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore that the report be noted and Mr Halton undertook to revert to the members on Councillor Kelly's request to put stickers on all pay parking machines to indicate that there was a 30 minute grace period.

NS12/0720

Double Yellow Lines at Roseville, Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear.
That the council reinstall the double yellow lines at Roseville, Naas.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that Councillor Clear had given written consent to Councillor Kelly to move his motions.

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 the Naas Municipal District Office would reinstate the double yellow lines at Roseville.

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

NS13/0720

Noise Level Study of the Ring Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if it has plans to undertake a noise level study of the ring road between the “Elsmore” roundabout and the junction of the R445?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had no plans to undertake a noise study at this location. It was a matter for the developer to design the housing scheme including any element of noise mitigation required.

The report was noted.

NS14/0720

Charging Points for Electric Cars

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council confirm if there are any plans to increase the number of charging points for electric cars in Naas town and the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Transportation Department were at present in the process of identifying the best course of action to commence a countywide programme to install EV charging points. The provision of EV charging points falls under the remit of Kildare County Council Climate Action Officer. This post has been advertised by Human Resources.

Councillor Breen asked when someone would be appointed to the position.

Mr Halton stated that this would need to be checked with the Human Resources Department.

The report was noted.

NS15/0720

Kill Pedestrian Crossing

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Could the council provide an update on the status of the Kill pedestrian crossing?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a pedestrian crossing was installed as a temporary measure during the construction of the M7 widening scheme. This was removed last summer, and there was no current proposal to install a pedestrian crossing in Kill Village. When the M7 motorway works were fully completed, a pedestrian/traffic count would be undertaken in Kill. This would establish whether a warrant exists for a crossing, and if so, where was the best siting of same.

The report was noted.

NS16/0720

Public Car Park, Friary Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council provide the accumulated annual, monthly and weekly parking income for the public car park on Friary Road, Naas for the year 2019?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members of the annual, monthly and weekly parking income for Boyles Car Park, Friary Road totalling €140,453.10 for the year.

The report was noted.

NS17/0720

Rates Relief Scheme

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

That the council explores a Rates Relief Scheme for businesses willing to occupy a vacant premises in Naas Town using the Rates Act 2020.

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

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that the Finance Department would review the practical application, together with the impacts of a Rates Relief Scheme in the context of the current legislation. It may be more appropriate to look at such a scheme on a wider, county-wide basis as elements of the Rates Act 2020 had not been enacted. On that basis, the Finance Department would bring the options available to the Finance Committee at its September meeting, and should there be an option that could be implemented, that draft scheme would be brought to Council as part of the budget process

Councillor Sammon stated that it would be great to have a rate relief scheme in Naas to get businesses up and running again.

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

NS18/0720

Strategic Housing Development at Devoy Quarter, Naas West

Mr Ryan, A/Senior Executive Planner outlined the strategic housing development application details received from Randelswood Holdings stating that the application consisted of 152 apartments in 9 blocks with a community and creche facility at Devoy Quarter, Naas West, Naas.

He informed the members that there was one five-storey, one four-storey and seven three-storey blocks which was proposed to be developed in two phases. He confirmed that the community facility was due to be completed in the first phase and the childcare facility in the second phase.

He informed the members of the site location and proposed site layout plan. He stated that the pre-planning meeting between the applicant and Kildare County Council was held on 06 December 2018 in Aras Chill Dara and the tri-partite pre-planning meeting on 22 January 2020 in the An Bord Pleanála offices.

Mr Ryan informed the members of An Bord Pleanála's opinion which included the following issues to be address by the applicant:

- Design, Layout and Unit Mix required improvement
- Elevational Treatment/Finish revisions required

He highlighted the timelines and next steps and stated that the purpose of presentation was to seek the members views in relation to the proposed development which would be included in the Chief Executive's Report to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 23 July 2020.

The members raised the following points:

- Adequate refuse disposal measures should be put in place to deal with the disposal of refuse
- The childcare facility should be developed in the first phase
- A management company should be put in place to look after painting and other such works required after a number of years
- Does the zoning permit 5 storey developments in the location?
- The number of parking spaces was not adequate for the number of apartments considering many dwellings had two cars

- Query regarding whether the green space element was big enough for the development
- Provision of a playground
- GP services should be included in the proposal

Mr Ryan advised the members that there was no playground in the proposal and that the land was zoned new residential.

Mr Ryan stated that the members comments would be included in the Chief Executive's Report.

NS19/0720

Vacant Sites

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council provide the members with an up to date list of sites in the municipal district deemed vacant?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015' sets out the legal procedures for the entering of sites onto the 'Vacant Sites Register'. In summary, and as part of the process of including sites on the 'Vacant Sites Register', the following should be noted;

- (i) The only lands that can be considered for 'Vacant Sites' purposes are lands that are either 'residential' or 'regeneration'
- (ii) The planning authority must give written notice to the owner of the site concerned setting out the reasons for the proposed entry (Section 7(1) notice)
- (iii) Landowners may make submissions within the following 28 days of such a notice being issued

- (iv) Having considered any submissions received, the planning authority may enter the site on the register and give written notice to the landowners to this effect
- (v) Landowners may appeal against entry on the register within 28 days of such a notice being issued
- (vi) Where the Board determines that a site was not vacant or idle it shall give written notice to the planning authority who shall cancel the entry
- (vii) Where the owner of a vacant site appeals against the entry of a site on the register the entry shall not take effect until the appeal is finally determined

As part of the review/update of Kildare County Council's 'Vacant Sites Register', survey work was undertaken in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2020 in 12 towns throughout the county. Of the surveyed towns, Naas and Sallins have been surveyed in the Naas Municipal District area.

Discussions are ongoing with both the Water Services and Housing Departments of Kildare County Council in relation to the surveyed sites in order to determine the number of sites that could be issued with a Section 7(1) notice.

In this regard it should be noted that sites must be

- vacant/idle for 12 months
- serviced/ capable of being serviced
- located in a town in which there is a housing need

It was anticipated that Section 7(1) notices for Naas and Sallins will issue in Quarter 3 of 2020.

The report was noted.

NS20/0720

Vacant Lands

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

Can the council provide a written report on a) what owners of vacant lands and b) owners of house within the Central Statistics Office definition of Naas Town, are now in receipt of the council's final warning to compulsory purchase such sites/houses because of earlier failures to use, sell, repair or develop the property within the defined reasonable/regulatory time?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Planning Section had not issued any Compulsory Purchase Order notices under Vacant Sites (lands) legislation. Background research work was ongoing with regard to the identification of Vacant Sites ownership and, where appropriate, a vacant sites levy would be attached to sites which comply with the necessary criteria.

A report was also received from the Housing Department informing the members that notices stating Kildare County Council were considering CPOs were erected on four properties in Naas, the owners or representatives of the owners had been in contact with the Vacant Homes Office and had outlined their plans for these properties so currently there were no plans to proceed with CPOs in relation to these properties.

Councillor Moore asked if the members could be furnished with a list of proposals for these properties.

Ms Hunt confirmed that vacant sites were brownfield sites which were lying undeveloped.

Ms Hunt stated that she would relay Councillor Moore's request to the Housing Department.

The reports were noted.

NS21/0720

CCTV Cameras at Known Dumping Blackspots

The members considered the following joint motion in the name of Councillors Breen, Brett and Kelly.

That the council as a matter of urgency install overt or covert CCTV cameras at known dumping blackspots to tackle the increasing incidences of illegal dumping in our municipal district.

The motion was proposed by Councillors Breen, Brett and Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon.

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that the council and our Community Wardens continue to work with the members and the local community in addressing incidents of illegal dumping. The members would be aware that the council had used CCTV to monitor and enforce instances of littering and illegal dumping, including at known litter blackspots and at select bottle bank locations. However, as reported at previous Naas Municipal District meetings, the processing of data through CCTV poses a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals, and the council must have a legal basis for the processing of personal data through the use of CCTV. The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) significantly increase the obligations and responsibilities for organisations and businesses in how they collect, use and protect personal data. Organisations were required to be fully transparent about how they were using and safeguarding personal data, and to be able to demonstrate accountability for their data processing activities. Recognisable images captured by CCTV systems were "personal data" and were subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Acts. In addition to the cost of CCTV, and legal issues around GDPR and potential breaches of privacy, the operation of CCTV could give rise to some practical operational difficulties.

The members might wish to note that the Data Protection Commissioner had carried out a countrywide audit on the use of CCTV and related new technologies. While the council had not yet received this report in respect of Kildare, it was expected to

raise significant concerns around the ongoing use of CCTV and similar new technologies.

The members expressed their concerns in relation to the increasing incidences of illegal dumping taking place in the municipal district stating that they wanted to identify people who were dumping to deter them. The members stated that if LPT funding was required in an attempt to tackle this issue it could be provided.

Ms Hunt stated that she would relay the members comments to the Environment Department, however even if resources were provided, there was still the issue of GDPR legislation.

Councillor Brett stated that he was aware of a CCTV Contractor employed by Dublin City Council who used remote CCTV to identify people dumping at litter blackspots and who were paid a percentage of the paid fines.

Ms Hunt stated that she would relay the members comments to the Environment Department and would be very interested to know how the process worked for Dublin City Council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, Brett and Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and Ms Hunt to relay the members comments to the Environment Department.

NS22/0720

Public Notices for Dog Walkers

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That Kildare County Council Environment Section or Parks Section position multiple public notices in St Corban's Cemetery, Naas and at the lakes area in Naas prohibiting dogs in the cemetery and prohibiting walking of dogs unless they are on a lead at the lakes area.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there was no objection in principal to the erection of signs at the lakes. However it did not form part of this year's works programme but would be considered for next years.

A report was also received from the Environment Section informing the members that such public notices were already in place at St. Corban's cemetery – there are two signs at the entrance to the cemetery with further signs along the roadway to the cemetery extension.

Councillor Moore stated that there was a problem with dogs at the lakes in Naas and highlighted that swans were unable to get out of the way of dogs chasing them and were therefore being killed. He informed the members that he understood there was no support in terms of bye-laws and suggested that a bye-law be introduced at county level. In relation to dog fouling at the graveyard, he asked that some other measures other than posters be put in place.

Councillor Kelly stated that a review had been undertaken nationally on the control of dogs.

Ms Hunt confirmed that there were no bye-laws regarding the control of dogs in open spaces.

Councillor Moore asked if someone could examine the matter in relation to bye-laws for the control of dogs similar to alcohol bye-laws having regard to the national review process for the control of dogs.

Ms Hunt agreed to speak to the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent in relation to bye-laws for control of dogs.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Hunt to speak to the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent in relation to bye-laws for control of dogs.

NS23/0720

Takeaway Packaging

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon. Can the council confirm if it has explored the possibility of encouraging local takeaway businesses to write car registrations or names of customers on takeaway packaging to discourage dumping?

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that due to data protection issues, the lack of legislation to underpin such a policy, and the practicalities of takeaway vendors being able to adhere to such a requirement, the suggested approach was not considered workable. However, the council was actively working with local businesses on this issue, and a Point of Sale poster campaign was currently being progressed. The objective of the poster campaign was to remind people buying takeaway food and beverages that it was “takeaway not throwaway” and it underlined the message of keeping Kildare tidy and bringing your litter home (copy of the poster is attached for reference).

The report was noted.

NS24/0720

Naas Farmers Market

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council support the move of Naas Farmers Market to the Naas Harbour area.

With the prior written approval of Councillor Clear the motion was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon.

A report was received from the Municipal District Manger informing the members that the Director for Planning and Strategic Developments was in principle supportive of the move of the Farmer's Market to the Harbour Area and he was currently in discussions with representatives of the Naas Farmer's Market in identifying an alternative and was due to meet with a representative on the 17 July 2020. A decision on the motion may be premature pending an update from the Manager of the Naas Municipal District.

Councillor Kelly stated that the Naas Harbour Area was central, scenic and available, thus an ideal location for the Farmers Market. She stated that the Wildfood Festival and Mid Summer Arts Festival had been held there also.

Councillor Brett confirmed that the bye-laws stated casual trading in the town was not permitted.

Ms Hunt explained that special events were permitted under the bye-laws however regular events such as the Farmers Market was not.

Councillor Kelly asked if there were measures that could be put in place on a temporary basis for Naas Farmers Market.

Ms Hunt informed the members that in Kildare Town, spaces in Market Square were being used under the Covid-19 regulations in terms of social distancing and confirmed that she would examine the Covid-19 bye-laws and legislation with a view to establishing if the Naas Farmers Market could be accommodated.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and Ms Hunt to examine the Covid-19 bye-laws and legislation with a view to establishing if the Naas Farmers Market could be accommodated.

NS25/0720

Allocation of Residential Grants

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That the council bring forward new proposals to streamline the process for the allocation of residential grants in the Naas Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the calculations used to distribute Residents Association grants had an emphasis on assisting newer estates to help them get established. Due to the low level of house construction in recent years this can result in some estates benefitting more from the calculation. This applies throughout the county. In light of this, it was proposed to review the method of calculations as part of an overall grants policy and present to the Community and Culture SPC for consideration.

Councillor Moore stated that he had been examining figures and some estates had been under funded this year and stated that a review needed to be carried out.

The members agreed that a review needed to be carried out stating that older estates needed more funding.

Mr Dunne informed the members that the emphasis was on assisting newer estates to help them get established as older estate were already established. He confirmed that the members comments would be taken on board when a review was being carried out. He confirmed that this would be a county wide review and not limited to the Naas Municipal District.

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

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Road Closure Canal View, Sallins

Councillor Kelly sought the members approval to close a section of the road on Sunday 30 August 2020 at Canal View, Sallins to accommodate the Rolling Trad Festival organised by Sult na Solláin. She confirmed that she had spoken to the Municipal District Engineer and An Garda Síochána who had given their approval. **Resolved** with the agreement of all the members that a section of the road at Canal View, Sallins be closed on Sunday 30 August 2020 to accommodate the Rolling Trad Festival organised by Sult na Solláin.

The meeting concluded.