

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 09 November 2021 in the Council
Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr T Drennan (A/Municipal District Engineer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms V Cooke, Mr E Fagan (Administrative Officers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr A O'Mullane (Executive Engineer), Ms P O'Rourke (Climate Action Officer), Ms C O' Flynn (Development Programme Graduate), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/1121

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations from the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

NS02/1121

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on 12 October 2021 and the minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Monday, 18 October 2021, together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Brett that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12 October 2021, the minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Monday, 18 October 2021, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS03/1121

Mayors Business

The Mayor congratulated Naas Tidy Towns and the Naas Municipal District outdoor staff for the “Cleaner than Europe” standards IBAL award achieved.

He congratulated the Naas Senior Football Team on their first win in 30 years in the recent County Final and acknowledged the great achievement. He also congratulated Eadestown and Blessington on their recent achievements in their respective county finals.

The Mayor extended thanks on behalf of the committee to the Community Response Forum for all their work during the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly the support and help they provided to elderly people who needed care.

He thanked Councillor Sammon, Deputy Mayor for her work in chairing the quarterly Naas Municipal District JPC meeting the previous day and asked her to chair any future JPC meetings.

The Mayor informed the members that a letter of thanks had been issued to the Naas Garda Superintendent complimenting him on the work undertaken in response to issues at Poplar Square and a reply had been received in response to the letter.

The Mayor thanked members of the public and those socialising in the Poplar Square area for their co-operation.

NS04/1121

Municipal District Road Works

A report on the municipal district road works was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. The A/Municipal District Engineer made the following points:

- Footpath works would be commencing shortly at Friary Road and from Swans to Patrician Avenue, Naas
- NTA funded footpath works for the construction of a new footpath commenced that week at the Bundle of Sticks Roundabout, Naas.
- Restoration improvement works had commenced on the R445 Dublin Road, L2993 Railway Terrace, Devoy Road including the Newbridge Road Junction and Pacelli Road/St Martin’s Avenue Junction.

- LPT funded works at Woodlands, Naas and the Monread Avenue uncontrolled crossing and raised table were substantially complete with only line painting left to complete at both locations.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the council for the alerts sent out weekly keeping the members up to date with any works being carried out.

In response to questions from the members, the A/Municipal District Engineer made the following points:

- Works at Roseville were due to finish that week. Following this, works would commence at Swans on the Green.
- The Municipal District Roads Office were hoping that works at St Brigid's Terrace, Sallins would commence in early 2022.
- He was liaising with Transport infrastructure Ireland (TII) in relation to works on the new footpath construction at the Bundle of Sticks Roundabout and confirmed that the Roads Municipal District Office would bring the path as far as just before the parapet at the motorway bridge.

The members made the following comments in relation to recently completed works:

- Residents and parents were very happy with works carried out on the Sallins Road.
- Following years of flooding in Johnstown, the contractor installed a new section of pipe last week and there had been no flooding since the installation.

NS05/1121

Christmas Parking Arrangements 2021

The members considered the Christmas parking arrangements in the Naas Municipal District for 2021.

Councillor Kelly stated that the arrangements in place last year had worked well.

Councillor Clear appealed to the businesses in the town to encourage their staff to park in carparks such as Hederman's Carpark to free up spaces closer to the businesses/ Councillor Moore asked the Roads Department to issue a press statement to this affect and to highlight that the enforcement of illegal parking would continue as normal.

Councillor Moore stated that the income received from one of the carparks in the town did not make up the expenditure for the carpark.

The members agreed that pay parking would be suspended in Hedermans, Boyle's, Abbey Street, New Row and the Fairgreen off street carparks only from 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m from 01 December 2021 to 31 December 2021 inclusive. On street parking and enforcement of illegal parking was to operate as normal.

Councillor Brett informed the members that the Naas Christmas light group were seeking the members support in suspending parking charges in Boyle's Carpark to facilitate the holding of a Christmas Market from 12 midnight to 6pm on the following dates:

- 27 November 2021
- 04 December 2021
- 11 December 2021

The suspension of car parking on a portion of the Main Street on 27 November and the closure of the upper end of Basin Street from the junction to Abbey Street for a time on this day as this was where Santa's truck would be located.

The Christmas lights were being switched on at 4.30pm on 27 November 2021.

The Mayor stated that due to the short notice, the arrangements were dependent on the approval of An Garda Síochána. Councillor Brett informed the members that these arrangements had been agreed with An Garda Síochána and a notice would be erected.

All the members approved the request and it was agreed that Councillor Brett would liaise with the Roads Department in relation to the matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all the members that pay parking be suspended in Hedermans, Boyle's, Abbey Street, New Row and the Fairgreen off street car parks only from 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m from 01 December 2021 to 31 December 2021 inclusive. On street parking and enforcement of illegal parking to operate as normal. The request in relation to suspending parking charges in Boyle's Carpark to facilitate the holding of a Christmas Market for the times and dates listed for the Christmas market and events, were approved by the members.

NS06/1121

Section 38 proposed Sallins Traffic Calming and Cycle Track Interim Scheme

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 proposed Sallins Traffic Calming and Cycle Track Interim Scheme.

The members made the following points:

- The safety of the residents in Sallins was everyone's objective.
- The Sallins Road Safety group were carrying out a lot of work on this.
- This was an interim scheme, when could the permanent scheme be expected?
- A publicity campaign should be carried out while the interim scheme was taking place as carrying it out when the permanent scheme was in place would be too late.
- There were concerns in relation to the Osberstown Junction.
- The submissions were positive, and no negative comments were received.
- The small number of submissions were testament to the work that had gone into the scheme.

Mr Hodgins made the following points:

- He thanked the municipal district members and the public for their positive comments.

- The interim scheme was something to build upon and formed the basis for the permanent scheme. He confirmed that the timeline for the permanent scheme was before Christmas.
- The suggestion in relation to the publicity campaign would be taken on board.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 proposed Sallins Traffic Calming and Cycle Track Interim Scheme be approved.

NS07/1121

Friary Road Carpark

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That Income/Expenditure details for the Kildare County Council car park at Friary Road, Naas be presented to members for the six months of May to October 2021.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the following data provided a breakdown of the income and expenditure report for the period May to October 2021. The expenditure costs include contractor expenses; staff administration costs; cash collection costs; maintenance costs; legal services and leasing which were spread across the municipal district and not attributable to specific locations. Expenditure costs also included leasing costs which were commercially sensitive and could not be disclosed as doing so may prejudice current and future leasing arrangements.

Boyles Car Park Income and Expenditure Report		
1st May 2021 to 31 Oct 2021		
Payment Type	Income €	Expenditure €
Cash	49,794.10	
Cashless (Phone App)	9,340.80	
Permits	968.00	
Total	€60,102.90	€78,749.00

Councillor Moore thanked the Roads Department for the report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

NS08/1121

Leaf Fall on Footpaths

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council adjust its road cleaning schedule to prioritise the sweeping of areas of heavy leaf fall on footpaths during the Autumn Season each year.

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 had increased its frequency in road sweeping and gully cleaning operations in October and November as it does on an annual basis with a view to meeting the increased demands placed by dispersed leaves and seasonal changes.

The members made the following points:

- It was great to see the increased road sweeping and gully cleaning frequency however could footpaths also be cleared.
- If members of the Naas Municipal District Roads Office could liaise with the Tidy Towns Group it may be possible to clear more leaves from the footpaths.

The A/Municipal District Engineer informed the members that when road sweeping was being carried out in estates, a blower was used to blow leaves from the footpath onto the road to be picked up by the road sweeper however as soon as leaves were collected, more fell.

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

NS09/1121

On-line Parking Permit System

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

That this council be updated on when the on-line parking permit system will be rolled out.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the on-line permit system was currently in its final stage of development. Once the technical issues were finalised and tested it would be live across the County for all parking bye-law towns. It was hoped that the on-line permit system would be live by Christmas 2021.

Councillor Kelly stated that this was the way of the future and it was great to see it being advanced by the council.

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

NS10/1121

Double Yellow Lines in St Corban's Place

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

That the council install double yellow lines in an area in St Corban's Place, Dublin Road, at the location where non-residents are leaving their cars and parking there all day.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office could confirm it would install double yellow lines at St Corban's Place following the conclusion of the

Section 38 process for this area. The works were scheduled for completion before the end of 2021.

Councillor Breen stated that she had submitted this motion last year and hoped the works would be completed by the end of the year.

The A/Municipal District Engineer stated that it was hoped the works would be completed before Christmas however there were competing priorities.

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

NS11/1121

Drop Off Point near the Gala Shop in Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council consider making available a drop off point near the Gala Shop in Sallins for an agreed specified time in the mornings and afternoons, in the interests of safety, to facilitate parents dropping off and collecting children from school.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that School bus services provides connections from Sallins to various schools for residents of Sallins and its hinterland. Pickup and drop off occurs early in the morning and late afternoon. The services depart from the carpark at the former Gala store. Consequently, the carpark was not available for cars, in particular for parents who drive their children to the school bus service. The provision of parking to accommodate the school drop off would be significant and require an extensive plot of land or parking bay provision in the vicinity of the carpark even if it was only in use for a short duration each day. The Council was acutely aware of road safety issues in Sallins and was in the process of proposing measures to increase safety for all and, in particular, vulnerable road users. The provision of facilities accommodating increased car use in the centre of Sallins was not

conducive to a safe environment. A more suitable location may exist for the school bus services to pick up students which, out of necessity, were dropped off by car.

The members made the following comments:

- The motion was brought forward in the interest of safety in Sallins.
- Parking arrangements in Sallins would be examined as part of the Sallins interim scheme.
- Since restricted parking was introduced in Sallins, a lot of issues had been resolved however it was difficult to find a suitable drop off point.
- When the Meat factory lands was developed this could be an ideal location for a drop off point.
- A drop off point could be identified as part of the LAP.
- If a drop off point could be identified a park and ride system could be set up and buses could be used.
- A move towards modal shift would reduce the number of cars and the number of people cycling would increase.

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

NS12/1121

Ramp on the Punchestown Road out of Johnstown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council install a ramp on the Punchestown Road out of Johnstown, east of the entrance to St Johns Grove, to reduce speeding in the area.

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 Municipal District Engineer would examine and assess this location in line with the Traffic Calming Standards before reverting back to Councillor Brett on the matter.

The members made the following points:

- There was a population of over 1000 in Johnstown.
- A commitment was given by developers to make a contribution of funding for a community centre in Johnstown however the developers had not carried out the commitment.
- Members would look favourably to assist the residents in Johnstown in relation to the community centre in the forthcoming LPT allocations.

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

NS13/1121

Pedestrian Crossings in Naas

The Committee agreed to consider items number 12, 14 and 17 of the agenda together.

Item number 12 – Motion Councillor Sammon

That the council write to the NTA seeking to advance a pedestrian crossing at 'Naas Town Centre'.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Team was preparing its programme for 2022 and this included the completion of the design and the start of the construction of the Kilcullen Road Cycle Track Scheme which would complete a segregated cycle and pedestrian link between schools in the Pipers Hill area with Naas Main Street. Other strategic cycle network schemes on radial routes in the town would be progressed through the design process and this would include a review of the approved design of the improvement works at Poplar Square in Naas. Improving pedestrian and cyclist linkages to the core of the town would be examined in this context.

Item number 14 – Question Councillor Clear

Can the council confirm when will the diagonal crossing from Permanent TSB to Barker and Jones be installed as part of the plans for that area's rejuvenation?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the report provided for item 12 was relevant to this question. The Sustainable Transport Team had no plans to install any new crossings, however, Poplar Square would be considered in 2022 as a priority.

Item number 17 – Question Councillor Sammon

Can the council provide an update in relation to planned pedestrian crossings throughout the town of Naas and what stages they are at?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the reply issued to item 12 was relevant. The Sustainable Transport Team had no plans to install any new crossings, however Poplar Square would be considered in 2022 as a priority.

A report was also received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team informing the members that in 2021, the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team (SPPR) applied to the URDF and were successful in securing funding of €3,496,374 for Naas town. SPPR would appoint an Urban Designer led multidisciplinary design team to work with them in the realisation of the above. The masterplan would be informed by an urban design analysis/health check and would include a Public Realm Strategy that may also include details on pedestrian crossings, shop fronts and town lighting systems. It was envisaged that the Naas Town Renewal Masterplan would be delivered incrementally over a 5-10 year period with the commencement of the procurement for consultants, studies, assessments, and plans that form part of this proposal in Quarter 4 of 2021.

The aim of the URDF application was to secure funding to initiate the transformative regeneration of Naas Town Centre in a plan-led, evidence based, urban design and economic focussed approach. The realisation of this proposal would require the

preparation of a Naas Town Renewal Masterplan for the historic core of Naas that would include urban block structures defined by Main Street, Corban's Lane, Friary Lane and Friary Road. Placeshaping, liveability and connectivity was at the forefront of this proposal, which would require the development of a Naas Town Renewal Masterplan with an urban design, public realm, economic and transportation focus. This would be informed by the Urban Regeneration Strategy and the Naas/Sallins Transport Strategy which were prepared as part of the Naas Local Area Plan 2021 - 2027. While it was envisaged that the Masterplan would incorporate the entire town centre area, it would have a particular phased priority on three interlinked Core Regeneration Areas (CRAs) located within the historic core of Naas town centre and two key Transportation and Public Realm interventions on the north and south access points to Main Street. It would also acknowledge and develop the relationship between and integration of The Canal Quarter and the Naas Library and Cultural Centre (both previously awarded funding under the URDF First Call) and the Grand Canal Greenway. SPPR have met with the Greenway delivery team and discussions on the design proposals were underway. SPPR would also collaborate with the Sustainable Transport team in relation to their projects for Naas. The Masterplan would facilitate the integrated urban development of the town centre through the significant enhancement and reinvigoration of Main Street and would set the framework to commence the enhancement and reimagination of the historic core so that it becomes an attractive, vibrant and connected place in which people choose to live and work, invest in and visit. Key to this, as part of the masterplan process, would be the prioritisation of walking and cycling infrastructure in Naas town centre.

The members made the following points:

- There was no pedestrian crossing on the stretch of road from Maxol to Barker and Jones.
- Could a letter issue to the NTA to install a pedestrian crossing at Meadows and Byrne.
- Poplar Square was extremely busy and in the vicinity of schools, it was very difficult to cross the road in this area.

- Discussion had taken place in relation to permeability routes in housing estates however they needed to be examined in the towns also.
- The area from Maxol to Barker and Jones was wide and cars sometimes travelled fast in this area therefore a pedestrian crossing should be installed.
- Wolfetone Street was a filter road between the Sallins and Dublin Road and used by school children, a pedestrian crossing should be installed at Meadows and Byrne.
- Diagonal crossing between TSB and Barker and Jones appeared to be a road marking issue.

Mr Hodgins made the following points:

- There were four major NTA schemes ongoing in the Naas Municipal District
- He would bring it to the attention of the NTA that the Dublin Road scheme had been discussed at the meeting.
- Improvements to Poplar Square were included in the Dublin Road Scheme.
- Crossing at the junction at Poplar Square was not as simple as putting in a white line markings, it was not a cheap solution as there was a culvert and other underground issues to be considered.

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

NS14/1121

Number of Vehicles Passing through North Main Street, Naas

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

Can the council confirm the number of vehicles a day that are passing through North Main Street, Naas?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the latest Automatic Traffic Counts (ATCs) were carried out in October 2019 over a 12-day period located on the R445 Naas Town Hall and were conducted as part of the Naas/Sallins Transport Strategy. The average

number vehicles per day over this period was estimated to be approximately 6600 traveling Northbound and 7025 travelling Southbound.

The report was noted.

NS15/1121

Hedge Cutting at Westgate

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

Can the council inform the members when hedge cutting will occur at Westgate, Naas?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the hedge would be cut by the end of the year.

The report was noted.

NS16/1121

Removal of Graffiti

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

Can the council advise what role they have in the removal of graffiti in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the councillor's attention was drawn to the council's current Litter Management Plan which included a graffiti removal protocol.

An extract from the protocol is shown below: -

It is a criminal offence to deface property, and it is a requirement of Section 20 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, for property owners to remedy defacement.

- If the graffiti is on public property, the council will arrange for its removal. Depending on the type of surface, chemicals or paint may be used.

- If the graffiti is on utility boxes or property belonging to utility companies, the company concerned will be contacted and requested to remove the graffiti.
- It is the responsibility of all property owners to remove graffiti from their premises. Where graffiti is on private property the council will request the property owner to remove the graffiti.

The council will require indemnity from the property owner or an agent of the property owner to enter onto private property for the purpose of removal of graffiti.

The report was noted.

NS17/1121

Flooding on the Newbridge Road (R445)

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

Can the council confirm its plans to alleviate flooding on the Newbridge Road (R445) out of Naas, particularly at the bundle of sticks roundabout?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office had only recently taken charge of the Bundle of Sticks roundabout from Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Moving forward the Naas Municipal District Office would endeavour to address surface water issues once substantiated subject to available resources.

The report was noted.

NS18/1121

Street Lighting on link road into Newhall Retail Park

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

Can the council confirm that the street lighting on the footpath and cycle lane on the link road into the Newhall Retail Park is working?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a night-time patrol of the area, carried out by our public

lighting section, would confirm whether the street lighting at this location was working correctly. Repairs could then be completed if necessary.

The report was noted.

NS19/1121

Landscaping of the Sallins Link Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council inform the members why landscaping of the Sallins Link Road, which is included in the Sallins Bypass contract and was due to be carried out in the planting season (Quarter 3 of 2021), has not taken place and when will it now be done?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the NRO office confirmed that landscapers were on site, Monday 01 November and preparation work had commenced. We were still in planting season and the contractor envisages planting would take place from mid-November.

The report was noted.

NS20/1121

Sporting achievements in the Municipal District

The Committee agreed to considered items number 21 and 22 of the agenda together.

Item number 21 – Motion Councillor Brett

That on the occasion of Naas GAA Club contesting the County Senior Football final and the County Senior Hurling semi-final in 2021, Naas Municipal District suitably honours the achievement.

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

Item number 22 – Question Councillor Breen

Can the council advise what this council can do to celebrate the sporting achievements of our clubs and individuals in the Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the development of a policy with regard to Sporting Achievements /Community Awards was currently being considered by the Protocol and Procedures Committee. Members would be updated once recommendations were agreed. The Ceremonial Honours and Civic Function policy adopted by the council in July 2015 was also being reviewed by the Protocol and Procedures Committee. The policy was updated in 2015 when the members of the Protocol Committee developed revised protocols and procedures for the Hosting of Ceremonial Functions and Conferring of Civic Honours in order to recognise the role of municipal districts in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The amendments to the protocol and procedures allowed for a civic honour to be conferred by the members of a municipal district in recognition of a service which was of relevance to a community within the municipal district. The revised procedures also allowed for municipal districts to host a civic reception in circumstances where this was more appropriate than the plenary council hosting the function. It was agreed that each municipal district would need to make budgetary provision should they wish to confer civic honours or host functions. There was currently no specific budget provision for each municipal district in this regard.

The members congratulated the Naas football team on their victory in the county final and other teams in the municipal district on recent victories. The members made the following points also:

- The achievement of the Naas winning team should be acknowledged at an event that all members of the team and management could attend however this would not be possible currently due to Covid-19.
- Organising such an event could be carried out next year subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

- Discussions were taking place by the Protocol Committee in relation to making a recommendation on the celebrating of achievements at municipal district and county level.

The Municipal District Manager agreed that funding could be found to hold this event subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and when Covid-19 allowed, an event would be organised.

NS21/1121

Planned Social Housing needs for Naas Town

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm what are the planned Social Housing needs for Naas Town in the years of the recently approved Local Area Plan 2021-2027 and how is it proposed to supply that number of dwellings required?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that a Housing Needs Demand Assessment (HNDA) was required and would be carried out as part of the County Development Plan review currently underway. The HNDA, together with a Housing Delivery Action Plan would inform the Social and Affordable needs of the county. A Housing Delivery Action Plan for both social and affordable housing delivery was also being prepared by the Housing Department to be submitted to the DHLGH by mid-December to identify delivery proposals having regard to recently announced social housing targets for the county. Each month, the Chief Executive's report to the members included details of progress on all housing sites in our delivery pipeline which the council was currently working on, in order to meet our housing obligations. The council was also actively seeking to acquire lands for delivery of social and/or affordable housing and works with Affordable Housing Bodies in an effort to provide social housing and with developers to acquire housing units under Part V commitments.

The report was noted.

NS22/1121

Preparation of a Master Plan

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

That the council prepare a Master Plan for the Southern Entrance from Newbridge/Kilcullen and Ballymore Roads into Naas in conjunction with proposed new cycling/pedestrian facilities and speed limit changes, to include policy, plans and programmed target times to upgrade the public realm, and public lighting. This plan should incorporate the removal/reconstruction of derelict buildings, provision of parking bays and cycle stands for town and out-of-town traffic and to modernise the Fair Green Amenity/Facility and upgrade green areas into public parklets and remove recycling sites.

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

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that a Part 8 to include new cycling/pedestrian facilities to the Kilcullen Road was being prepared. Speed limit changes were addressed through a separate process. With regards to the removal/reconstruction of derelict buildings, provision of parking bays and cycle stands for the town, the recently adopted Naas LAP highlighted that, a critical element of the regeneration of Naas Town Centre over the longer term would be the preparation of a dedicated Town Renewal Plan (TRP). Whilst the TRP would focus on the Core Regeneration Areas of the town centre identified in this chapter, it would also examine other areas of potential within Naas. The TRP would involve a detailed health check, further urban design and spatial analysis and an audit of assets and opportunities. Such survey work would inform the production of a masterplan which would detail a series of transformational regeneration projects. It was intended that the TRP would act as a guide to steer the long-term rejuvenation of the town whilst also assisting the Council in the preparation and presentation of funding applications to the Irish Government's €2 billion Urban Regeneration and Development Fund along with other potential funding streams.

The members made the following points:

- A 5-10 year programme as indicated in a previous report at the meeting was too long. A 3-5 year programme and a review of same would be more suitable.
- When would a Part 8 town renewal plan be ready.
- Would the URDF funding that was secured cover the 5-10 year masterplan or would the council be applying for URDF funding at different stages of the masterplan.

The Municipal District Manager stated that the current URDF funding for Naas covered the preparation of a Masterplan and the acquisition of key sites for the renewal of the area; this would not cover building costs, which was likely to require subsequent funding applications or direct capital expenditure by the Council. The redevelopment of the area would then take between 5-10 years.

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

NS23/1121

Potato Market and St David's Castle

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council give an update on the renovation of the Potato Market adjoining St David's Castle and what role will the location play to facilitate local community projects and groups like the Farmers Market.

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

A report was received from the Municipal District Manager informing the members that the Heads of Terms in respect of a lease on the Potato Market had been negotiated but were subject to contract and sign off by the respective solicitors. The Council's priority was to re-locate the Farmers Market to the Potato Market and to enhance the space for that purpose. Following its re-establishment of the Farmer's

Market at the Potato Market, the Council would explore other opportunities for civic, amenity and community use.

Councillor Kenny stated that he was happy with the report.

The Municipal District Manager made the following points:

- Two individuals on the Public Realm team had been identified to work on this project as soon as the lease was signed.
- The main works required were the installation of toilets, running water and the erection of a suitable structure to protect users.

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

NS24/1121

Climate Action Initiatives

The Mayor welcomed Ms O'Rourke, Climate Action Officer and Ms O'Flynn, Development Programme Graduate to the meeting.

Ms O'Rourke updated the members on the climate action initiatives currently being undertaken and informed them that €25,000 LPT funding was being sought from each municipal district.

The Mayor stated that the members would consider the request for LPT funding however it would be competing with other requests for LPT funding previously received.

NS25/1121

Bodenstown Cemetery

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council consider purchasing land (details provided) near Bodenstown cemetery which is up for sale, as Bodenstown cemetery, which is the cemetery for Sallins, is now full.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that as with any land purchase, considerations for the council include the availability of funding, whether the site was fit for purpose, the cost of the land and if it was fair and reasonable, issues around access, and that the land was appropriately zoned. If the council were to look to purchase lands, it should be done in a fair and transparent manner.

The members made the following points:

- It was difficult for older people to travel distances to visit graves.
- The Local Area Plan (LAP) would be coming in front of the members next year and consideration should be given to finding suitable lands for a cemetery closer to the town as part of this.
- Planning permission had been granted for a new cemetery beside Bodenstown in late 2017/2018.
- An update was sought from the landowner every few months with assurances given that the permission would not go out of date.
- The land referred to in the motion was zoned for a business park.
- The provision of a cemetery should be dealt with through the LAP.
- The people of Sallins wanted a cemetery in their locality.

In response to matters raised by the members, Mr Fagan stated that the Environment Department were aware of their concerns and of the planning permission granted and he would relay the members comments to the Environment Department.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and the members comments to be relayed to the Environment Department.

NS26/1121

Cemex site on the Dublin Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear.
That this council write to the owners of the Cemex site on the Dublin Road, requesting that they take steps to improve the appearance of the derelict buildings on their property as it gives a very negative image of our town to anyone approaching it.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that if the members were in agreement, the Council would follow up with the property owners as requested in the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Clear stated that something needed to be done about the Cemex site on the Dublin Road as it was giving a very negative image of the town and needed to be tidied up.

The Municipal District Manager made the following points:

- The Naas LAP would not be coming into effect until 01 December.
- There was a meeting scheduled that week to meet with consultants and owners.
- He was aware of the members concerns in relation to the site and that they wanted to see action.
- He would issue a letter to the owner of the Cemex site following the arranged meeting.

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

NS27/1121

Trees in Corbally Court, Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon.
That the Council carry out a survey on the condition of trees in Corbally Court, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the trees in Corbally Court would be surveyed and any work considered necessary would be considered for the next programme of Tree Works which we hope to carry out in Quarter 1 – Quarter 2 2022.

Councillor Sammon was happy with the report.

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

NS28/1121

Opening of the De Burgh Demesne

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny.
That the council provide sufficient resources to expedite the opening of the De Burgh Demesne in Oldtown, Naas, given that the council made progress in 2020 to allow public access in the future.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that work on developing the lands at De Burgh Demesne would form part of the works programme of the Parks Section for 2022. Funding for the project was also included in the 2022-2025 Capital Works Programme. The progression of this project would have to be considered in the context of other projects being requested by the municipal district members such as Sallins Amenity Land, Monread Park and the staff resources available to the Parks Section.

The members made the following points:

- In comparison to other projects, the site was 90% ready to go, and planning permission was not required.
- There was support for any funding that could be allocated to progress the project.
- It appeared that staff resources were a problem.

Mr Wallace made the following points:

- A conservation plan needed to be carried out to progress De Burgh's Lands.
- The management of De Burgh Lands was also something that needed consideration.
- The council were keen to develop De Burgh lands but were competing for resources with Monread Park and Sallins Amenity Lands.
- There were a legacy of items that the council were attempting to complete.
- Ideally the Parks Department required a project team.
- It was hoped the conservation plan would progress next year.
- He asked the members to advise him what the priority project in the municipal district was.

The Municipal District Manager made the following points:

- URDF funding and a reserve from last year was also available.
- The members needed to set their priorities and at that point Mr Wallace could come back to them.
- In response to a question from Councillor Sammon in relation to if match or percentage funding was required for any of the current funding streams, the Municipal District Manager stated that for the URDF funding the council had to contribute 25% towards it.
- The Naas Library funding came out of the capital fund however the Potato Market did not therefore reserve funding was required for that.
- Capital sports grants or other funding streams may be available.

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

NS29/1121

Parking Facilities at Naas Sports Centre

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council inform the members why the promised increase of parking facilities at Naas Sports Centre has not happened in 2021 and when will it be constructed?

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that in relation to the question posed above, we can confirm that "Causeway Geotech" who were commissioned to perform a Ground Investigation Report on the proposed site of the new car park extension sent their findings to Peter Coyle of Coyle Civil & Structural Engineering (as of the 21st of October) and we await the tender process to be enacted and progressed on their findings.

The report was noted.

NS30/1121

Landscaping of the Caragh Road Roundabout

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if the landscape architect has completed the design for the landscaping of the Caragh Road Roundabout?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Landscape Architect would have the final design for the roundabout completed by the end of the year. The design proposal would be tendered in early 2022 for landscaping in Spring/Early Summer.

The report was noted.

NS31/1121

Renovations taking place to the Town Hall/New Library in Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council provide an update on the progress of the renovations taking place to the Town Hall/New Library in Naas?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that unfortunately, the project was held up for 5 months from December to May 2021 due to the government Covid lockdown of all construction sites. However, since the return to work the project was now back on track and we are very happy with the progress. Duggan Lynch the builder for the project was working closely to the timeline provided in the tender and we estimate the project will be complete by late summer or early Autumn 2022.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.