



**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Naas Municipal District
held at 3:30pm on Tuesday, 13 July 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, S Moore and E Sammon.

Officials Present: Ms M Hunt (A/Municipal District Manager), Mr L McNeela (Municipal District Engineer), Ms S Kavanagh (Director of Service), Mr C Barrett (A/Director of Service), Ms F Millane (Financial/Management Accountant), Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms O Mooney (Meetings Secretary).

The Mayor sought the members agreement to move item 25 to the end of the agenda to ensure that all motions and questions were dealt with. The members agreed.

NS01/0721

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.

NS02/0721

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 8 June 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 8 June 2021 of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



NS03/0721

Update on the Municipal District Roadworks

The Municipal District Engineer stated that a report had been circulated to the members providing an update on works which had been undertaken prior to and since their last meeting and also details of future works.

With regard to traffic calming works at Eadestown which was not on the report, he was in the process of organising the consultant and works would be starting in the coming weeks.

The members complimented the roadworks team on the great work done to date.

The report was noted.

NS04/0721

To Agree and Approve the allocation of the Naas Municipal District “other community projects” under LPT members nominations 2021

The Mayor outlined the new applications received for LPT funding as follows and sought the members approval to same:

- Naas Menshed - €2,000
- Biodiversity (Bridget Loughlin) - €14,000
- Into Kildare (Aine Mangan) - €15,000
- CKan (Majella O’Keeffe) - €5,000
- Garda Division Programme (trip for disadvantaged children) - €5,000 (central funds)
- Naas Basketball (equipment) - €500
- Kingsfurze Residents Association (Cllr Breen) - €3,000

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that these allocations be approved.

NS05/0721

Update on LPT Expenditure 2021

The updated report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting (Appendix 1 attached). Mr Mc Loughlin stated that he had circulated a note to the members asking them to forward their nomination forms for LPT.



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Ms Millane informed the members that the full report on LPT would go to the Finance Committee and to the full council at their July meeting.

The Mayor thanked the members for their great work in distributing LPT monies. The report was noted.

NS06/0721

Capital Programme 2022-2024

Ms Millane informed the members that this was a reminder that the Capital Programme was going to be reviewed in September and was 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.

Councillor Clear asked that the Sallins Road Cycling Scheme be added to this programme.

Ms Barrett stated that all projects submitted would be considered and prioritised and the council would try to maximise any grants/monies received. She stated that GDA cycle tracks would be funded from general allocation and all funding came from the National Transport Authority and they were currently on the first year of a five-year programme. She added that the Sallins Road would be a difficult and complex process as it would require land take and there were many other projects ahead of it.

Councillor Clear explained that this road had three schools on it and the footpaths on one side of the road were substandard. This project needs to be prioritised as it was a busy and hazardous road. He said he would like to see it on the programme going forward and funding identified. The Mayor stated it would be important that this project would rise in priority going forward.

NS07/0721

Finance Committee Annual Report

The members noted the Finance Committee Annual Report.



NS08/0721

Parking Regulations – Canal View, Chapel Avenue and Main Street Sallins

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

That the council engage with the residents/businesses group from Canal View, Chapel Ave and Main Street, Sallins to help develop and agree on an acceptable set of parking regulations in the area that would satisfy all interests in a fair, equitable and cost-effective way before any further projects are implemented.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the Public Realm Team were consulting with the various relevant community groups and stakeholders as part of the proposed plans for Sallins. The current parking arrangements, which may be impacted by the project, would also be taken into consideration. It should be noted that any changes to pay parking regulations, outside of those proposed in the Sallins project, would require a review of the current bye law.

The members made the following points:

- Community groups know the problems in these areas better than anyone and the planners need to engage with them.
- A review of parking byelaws will have to take place in these areas as there were issues with the Greenway.

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

NS09/0721

Installation of Speed Signs – approach roads into Naas

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

That the council install speed signs on all approach roads into Naas.

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



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A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that digital driver feedback signs can be considered subject to the identification of funding. The Naas Municipal District office can assess the suitability of locations and positioning of such signs on the approach roads to Naas.

Councillor Clear asked how much these signs would cost and the Municipal District Engineer stated they would cost €3,500 for each sign.

Councillor Clear asked that this matter remain on the progress report until funding was identified.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and that this matter remain on the progress report until funding was identified.

NS10/0721

Jakes Law

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

That the council include the following estates in the list of estates where they will be applying Jakes Law - Osberstown Court, Drive and Park; and Sallins Wharf and Pier in Sallins.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the council intends to adopt 30km/h slow zone speed limits in residential developments across Kildare in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2004. The Act requires that the roads to which the speed limits would be applied, must be within the administrative area of the local authority i.e. they must be taken in charge. Residential developments that are in the charge of Kildare County Council, as per Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, are eligible to have special speed limits applied. As Osberstown Court, Osberstown Drive, Osberstown Park, Sallins Wharf, and Sallins Pier had not been taken in charge, the council do not have the legislative powers to adopt a 30km/h slow zone speed limit in the above-mentioned residential developments.



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The following points were raised by the members;

- They accepted that roads had to be taken in charge but some of these estates are 25 years old and the taking in charge process had not progressed
- They asked that when Jakes Law would be implemented later in the year, that these estates would not be forgotten about and the Planning Section consider exemptions in these cases.
- The council carried out maintenance and remedial works on these estates.

The A/Municipal District Manager stated this was not a planning issue. The Mayor stated that he would discuss this matter further with the Municipal District Manager and Meetings Administrator.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kenny that the report be noted and that the matter would be considered further by the Municipal District Manager, Meetings Administrator and the Mayor.

NS11/0721

Perpetual Motion Sculpture (Naas Ball)

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

That the council promote the grassland area around the Perpetual Motion Sculpture a.k.a. Naas Ball, as an area for Biodiversity and rewilding to showcase the north-eastern gateway to the town while giving due regard to road safety requirements.

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

A report was received from the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent informing the members that the grass around The Ball was already maintained as a biodiversity area. The location had been planted with daffodils and these areas are left wild until June and then cut. Consideration can be given for next year's grass programme to extend this. Areas would still have to be maintained around the roadside and junction for sightlines for traffic.



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The following points were raised by the members;

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland had some responsibility for sight lines
- This was one of the main entry spots into the town of Naas and it was important to keep it maintained and looking well.

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

NS12/0721

Public Portoloos – Naas Municipal District

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

Can this council consider the use of Public Portoloos in the Naas municipal district in the light of any continuing extension to the shutdown of pubs and restaurants?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that a detailed report around options and costs associated with the provision of portaloos was provided to the June meeting of full council. Following a similar motion raised at the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District meeting on the 2nd July, it had been agreed that temporary portaloos would be provided as a pilot scheme. The members of the Clane-Maynooth MD were currently working with An Garda Síochána and the business community to identify a suitable location. Extending this temporary service across other locations would be considered on completion of the pilot.

Councillor Breen asked when the pilot programme would be completed as it would be great to pilot such a programme in Naas as outdoor dining was here to stay. Ms Pender stated she was currently getting costings for temporary portoloos in Maynooth, and it would be piloted in Maynooth only up to the end of August this year.

The report was noted.

NS13/0721

Provision of a streetlight at Westgate, Naas

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

Can the council provide an update on the provision of a streetlight at Westgate Naas previously requested almost two years ago?



A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that investigations to consider repairing a light at this location had been carried out. The maintenance contractor confirmed that the lighting column in situ was never connected to an ESB supply. Ducting and cabling would need to be run from the nearest supply, through the car park to the lighting column. The cost of the works had been provided to Councillor Brett with confirmation that there was no capacity within the 2021 public lighting budget to complete the works. As Westgate was an apartment complex, with properties purchased by the council in 2018, the Roads Section were engaging with the Housing Department to determine whether the management company remains in place. The members would be kept informed of our progress with the Housing Department and the project may be added to our KLIPS programme.

The report was noted.

NS14/0721

Truck Ban – Sallins

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

Can the council confirm if it will be commencing a truck ban in Sallins as part of the proposed new road safety measures?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that the council would consider a weight restriction for vehicles entering Sallins in conjunction with the proposed project for the Main Street. Article 17 of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 (S.I 182) provides that where traffic sign RUS 015 was provided at the entrance to a road, the driver of a vehicle, the unladen weight of which exceeds the weight specified on the sign, shall not proceed beyond the sign. This article shall not apply where it was necessary for a vehicle to enter a road solely for the purpose of gaining access to or egress from premises accessible only from that road.

The imposition of a weight restriction was an executive function of Kildare County Council in consultation with An Garda Síochána who were responsible for the enforcement of parking prohibitions. When implementing a weight restriction, an alternative route must be available to the impacted traffic. Access to the business community within the town centre,



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construction sites, commercial garages and turning points must also be taken into consideration.

The report was noted.

NS15/0721

Green Area – Aras Chill Dara

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

That the council considers making the green area in front Áras Cill Dara an Age Friendly / Disability friendly park for local people.

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

A report was received from the Facilities Manager informing the members that they were currently looking into this request, but further investigation was required. The members would be updated following the investigation process.

Councillor Clear stated this was a beautiful area waiting to be developed and it would be ideal for the elderly and those with a disability to use and enjoy.

Mr Griffith stated that this project would be investigated as there were many areas to be looked into such as toilet facilities, drinking water facilities, benches etc.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and that this matter remain on the progress report.

NS16/0721

Activation of Embedded Lights on the Westside footpath on John Devoy Road

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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to activate the embedded lights on the westside footpath on John Devoy road and incorporate appropriate coloured filters to project light onto the Perimeter wall of Áras Chill Dara to celebrate special occasions such as St Patricks day or St Brigid's day.



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A report was received from the Facilities Manager informing the members that the lights in question were currently not operational and need to be replaced. Facilities would investigate the matter further to see what was involved in order to facilitate this request and would update the members accordingly.

Mr Griffith stated that there was water lodged in most of these lights and had to be replaced and there would be new wiring and finance involved. He was currently in the process of getting costings for this work and he would update the members accordingly.

The report was noted.

NS17/0721

Designating and Promoting an Open Air Cultural & Events Centre – Naas

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

That Kildare County Council give consideration to designating and promoting Main Street South, from Presbyterian Church to Naas Court House, as the Open Air-Cultural & Events Centre of the capital town and develop the ambience of that area accordingly, to at least a European City standard.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Public Realm team would consider this proposal as part of the urban design analysis that would inform the future masterplan for the town as part of the recently approved URDF funding application.

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

NS18/0721

East-West Outer Ring Road Route

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

That in line with other strategic planning identifications on the Naas LAP, that Kildare County Council should now indicate an East-West Outer Ring Road Route from the North-East Quadrant of Naas to the M7 Motorway.



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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the requirement for transport interventions (inc. new roads, pedestrian and cycling interventions) for the town of Naas and its hinterland were assessed in the Naas Sallins Transport Strategy 2020. The identification of additional roads outside of the LAP area would be considered in the context of the County Development Plan.

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

NS19/0721

Provision of large Span Awnings – Public Spaces

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

That the council investigate the provision of large span awnings in all suitable public realm spaces within the Naas Municipal District to address the weather challenges inherent in our continuing outdoor summer.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that this proposal would be considered as part of the roll out of temporary covid measures in Naas, however the provision of such awnings would be subject to funding.

The A/Municipal District Manager stated that funding was available for temporary measure. However, the bigger picture would need to be considered for the Main Street to attract performers into the town and to maintain the location as a main street.

The following points were raised by the members;

- use of a hydraulic awning would be best as it would withstand the Irish weather
- suitable open spaces need to be identified
- it was important to look at other towns such as Abbeylaxey who already had farmers markets and were using awnings.



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

NS20/0721

Breakdown of Funding – to facilitate Outdoor Summer

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

That the council outline what funding has been spent to facilitate an 'outdoor summer' in the Naas Municipal District, including a breakdown of what it has been spent on.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that approximately €35,000 was spent on the delivery of works at Poplar Square in Naas, and included the following:

- Installation of social distancing markers
- Corten Steel planters and planting
- Hiring of benches during level 5 lockdown
- Wheelchair accessible tables and age friendly seating
- Standard picnic tables painted to RAL colour 7035
- Corten steel planter with sustainable timber seat designed for under the Poplar tree
- Bollards, resin, and plugs
- Landscaping contractor fees for advice on the selection of planting and for works on site

Please note that delivery costs were included.

The Public Realm team were also currently progressing a public parklet to be located in 2 no. existing car parking spaces in front of Grá café on the Main Street. This project was ongoing, and the final account was not yet determined.

The following points were raised by the members:

- that you can see where the money was spent on Poplar Square but would like to see a full breakdown of where all the money had been spent and this matter to remain on the progress report.



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- Does this €35,000 include costing of bin services?
- Collection of waste from bins was a major problem.

The A/Municipal District Manager stated that €40,000 was allocated to Naas from Central Government and it had to be spent by August this year and the extra money of €177,000 had to be used by September this year. She confirmed that none of the €35,000 was covering bin services, only the works in Poplar Square as outlined. She confirmed that this money was for the role out of these spaces and funding does not cover maintenance.

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

NS21/0721

Rural (one off) Housing Applications – Naas Municipal District

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

That the council outline the number of rural (one off) housing applications in the Naas Municipal District for the last 5 years, how many were granted planning permission and how many were refused.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Planning Department does not hold this information by municipal district. The council provide monthly returns to the Central Statistics Office in respect of one-off houses (no distinction between urban and rural). The following are the number of one-off houses granted in Kildare since 2016:

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
830	680	518	169	227

The A/Municipal District Manager stated that the council were looking at acquiring a new planning system to capture this information and more next year.

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



NS22/0721

Section 59 Notice – St David’s Castle

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

Can the council confirm if the work with respect to the Section 59 notice issued on St David’s Castle is progressing as planned?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the works required to St David’s Castle under the Section 59 Notice were progressing as planned. The report was noted.

NS23/0721

Public Realm Improvements – Poplar Square, Naas

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

Can the council outline the next steps for Poplar Square by way of Public Realm improvements?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the recent tactical urbanism covid-19 response project in Poplar Square, Naas had proved to be very successful. Due to the wealth of positive feedback and its continuous use by the Naas community, the council were of the view that this project should remain in place for the duration of the pandemic. This Poplar Square Covid-19 response project would inform the future design outcomes for its use as a permanent public space for the town.

Subject to the availability of funding, next steps may be to include for the installation of umbrellas for shelter for people using the space during winter months.

The report was noted.

NS24/0721

Booking System for events – Potato Market

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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to enable an online booking system or roster to allow community groups and other parties to book the Potato Market to host a variety of events, such as meetings, classes and concerts.



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A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that should the funding application in respect of the Potato Market proposal be successful, this matter can be considered.

The report was noted.

NS25/0721

Naas Municipal District URDF funding

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

Can the council provide timelines for the delivery of works in the Naas Municipal District which have received funding under the URDF?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Public Realm team would progress with plans in Q3/Q4 this year, for the Naas project which recently received URDF grant approval.

Councillor Sammon asked whether there was going to be a public display of the plan especially on Friary Road. The A/Municipal District Manager stated that public consultation was key and there would be major engagement, the type of engagement being dependent on covid restrictions.

The report was noted.

NS26/0721

Removal of Abandoned Car in Mountain View, Naas

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

That the council, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, expedite the removal of the abandoned car in Mountain View, Naas given the vehicle has been there for a year or more and its motor tax and insurance have expired.

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

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety Section informing the members that fixed charge notices had issued, and the enforcement process had commenced.



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

NS27/0721

Provision of Dog Litter Bins

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

That the council investigate the provision of Dog Litter Bins in this Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that the council's policy in this matter was covered in the current Litter Management Plan- the main policy response was to encourage dog owners to be responsible by using any public litter bin and to carry a supply of bags for this purpose when out with their dog. The issue with dog litter bins was that they had a very small capacity so require very regular service, so if a bin was required at a particular location it should be a standard litter bin to accommodate all litter. Additionally, if large items of regular litter were placed in dog litter bins, it can block the aperture, rendering it out of service.

Councillor Kelly expressed her disappointment that there was no one present in the chamber to answer her questions.

The following points were raised by the members;

- That the council investigate this matter and check with other local authorities.
- Liaise with Mayo County Council i.e. Belmullet – pilot scheme using ten stainless steel bins.
- Most dog owners carry poop bags and need to be able to dispose of it.
- Frustrating that these bins would not even be considered.
- A pilot scheme should be organised for maybe Sallins
- If after investigation, the council still decline to do nothing, then maybe LPT could be put towards a pilot scheme next year.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear that the report be noted and that this matter be further investigated by the Environment Section.



NS28/0721

Composting Facilities – Local Residents Groups

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

Can the council confirm how many local residents' groups in this municipal district have been assisted with providing composting facilities within their estates?

A report was received from the Environment Section informing the members that despite meetings with a number of community groups in the last few years, the levels of community green waste composting remain low. There were, however, currently three green waste composting sites in Kill, managed by the Tidy Towns and two respective residents' associations. Discussions were also ongoing with Naas Tidy towns to find suitable location(s) around the town for composting green waste. These would be developed when the sites were finalised.

The Environment Awareness Officer was happy to meet with any group that wishes to explore the issue. Discussions with approximately a dozen groups had taken place in the last couple of years.

The main barrier to green waste composting in an urban or suburban context, was the availability of suitable sites, particularly in housing estates. The council would support groups in this by providing materials for constructing simple composting units as well as ongoing advice and support, the challenge was for the group to identify where it can be done.

It should be noted that a policy had been proposed for the next County Development Plan that planning applications for new housing developments should include a designated green waste composting area as part of the landscaping plan, thereby avoiding the challenge of finding suitable sites after the development was completed.

The report was noted.

NS29/0721

Part 8 Process – Provision of a Community Centre and associated facilities in Johnstown Village

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

That Kildare County Council commences a Part 8 process for the provision of a Community centre and associated facilities in Johnstown Village.



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

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Section informing the members that the council had leased this site to a local community group. It was the responsibility of the Group to ensure that any proposed developments on site were examined to ensure compliance with planning requirements.

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

NS30/0721

Upgrade of Playgrounds – Naas Municipal District

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

Can the council outline any plans to upgrade playgrounds in the Naas Municipal District following the Government announcement of funding to local authorities to upgrade and improve playgrounds and outdoor play areas?

A report was received from the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent informing the members that an application under funding announced by the Government was made to provide a natural play area in Newbridge Town Park. The maximum funding available under this scheme was €30k which was a relatively modest amount of funding in comparison to the costs associated with a playground so only one application was made. The council received €16,000 towards the playground in Newbridge.

However, the council still plan to upgrade Monread Park playground as part of developing a design to upgrade the park and to provide a playground in Ballymore Eustace over the next few years.

The report was noted.

NS31/0721

Presentation – Energy Efficiency Officer

The Mayor welcomed Mr P Mulhern, Energy Efficiency Officer to the meeting. Mr Mulhern answered all the members questions after his presentation.

He delivered a presentation to the members highlighting the following:



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- He explained his role as Kildare County Council's Energy Efficiency Officer.
- He outlined Kildare County Council's Energy Reduction Commitments including: 50% Energy Efficiency Improvement, 50% Emissions Reductions, Public Sector bodies commit to Climate Action Mandate to support climate reform, Decarbonation Strategy and that all public buildings to achieve a B BER rating.
- He described Kildare County Council's current Energy Efficiency projects including: the Energy Bureau, the Energy Management Team, Analysis of top energy users, Climate and Energy Week and the Sustainable Energy Communities.
- He informed the elected members of their role in the communicating and promoting of these projects.
- The members could work directly in the projects, in the development of the partnerships and garnering support through their networks.

The members raised the following points in response to the presentation:

- Was the usage table based on works done?
- That businesses in Sallins want to use composting etc and would like to know whether queries can be sent on to him as Energy Efficiency Officer?
- Very difficult to get a building to a B rating, climate action plan was the way forward
- Had the council looked into power banks
- Changing the public lighting network to LED was part of the national retrofit programme but this would definitely improve efficiency
- Where are the worst sites/buildings?
- New building at the back of the council offices fed by community driven energy and would require very little heating.

Mr Mulhern thanked the members for their engagement and confirmed he would examine the issues raised and contact them further in this regard.

The meeting concluded.