

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 14 September 2021
on Microsoft Teams**

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 L McNeela (Municipal District Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms V Cooke, Mr J Shannon (Administrative Officers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms E Donnelly (Assistant Arts Officer), Mr C O'Toole (A/Staff Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0921

Vote of Sympathy

On behalf of himself and the members, the Mayor extended their sympathies to Councillor Bill Clear and his family on the recent passing of his father and requested a minute silence.

NS02/0921

Mayors Business

The Mayor thanked Councillor Sammon for standing in for him in her role as Deputy Mayor at recent events. He informed the members that there had been a recent newspaper advertisement of thanks from the people of Petrinja in Croatia and congratulated Councillor Brett for his efforts in raising approximately €20,000 for them following the earthquake. The Mayor thanked Kildare Fáilte and Fáilte Ireland for the 31 new signs around Naas. He welcomed the Governments new plan for housing titled "Housing for all" and welcomed the recently announced €187,000

funding for outdoor dining facilities in Naas.

NS03/0921

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.

NS04/0921

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the annual and monthly meetings of the Naas Municipal District held on 13 July 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Sammon that the minutes of the annual and monthly meetings held on 13 July 2021, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS05/0921

Matter Arising

Councillor Kelly highlighted three outstanding issues with Irish Water on the progress report and asked if a request could be made for Irish Water to meet with the members. It was noted that two of the items referred to by Councillor Kelly belonged to Waterways Ireland.

- Boating Slipway on the Corbally Canal NS24/02221 & NS03/0621
- Proposed Changes to the Naas Water Supply NS33/1220
- Upgrade Facilities at Naas Canal Harbour NS36/0421

The Municipal District Manager informed the members that he had spoken to Waterways Ireland and they were due to contact him by the end of that week to arrange a date to meet him with their Engineer and walk around the Harbour area.

Naas Farmers Market NS04/0421 (matter arising), NS05/0920, NS24/0720 & NS26/1020

Councillor Kelly enquired regarding how long the delay to the lease was expected to last for and if the Farmers Market would be open for Christmas, the Municipal District Manager stated that the lease was still under negotiation however progress was being made and it was hoped that some positive news would be available soon. He confirmed that interim locations for the Farmers Market such as Naas Racecourse were being considered pending the agreement of the lease.

Drinking Water Fonts NS27/0621

Councillor Clear asked who in the Water Services Department had the matter been raised with and it was confirmed that it has been raised with the Director of Services, Mr Joe Boland.

NS06/0921

Municipal District Road Works

A report on the municipal district road works was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. The Mayor stated that it was great to see all the completed projects that had been carried out so far this year.

NS07/0921

McInerney Holdings

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That this council requests the relevant Director of Services to correspond directly with the Liquidator of McInerney Holdings or Chief State Solicitor's Office to establish and eliminate any further delays on the official transfer of the Canalside property to Kildare County Council and to question why 'land grabbing' fencing off of sites has been allowed in the interim, on lands that were ceded to Naas Town Council in 2002.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the council's solicitors had confirmed that they had drafted the Deed of Transfer for these lands and had sent it to the solicitor for the Receivers for review who, in turn, would forward it to NAMA for approval. The Council were presently engaged with the adjoining landowners.

Councillor Moore stated that he was happy with the report and was glad the matter was in hand.

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

NS08/0921

Section 38 at Monread Avenue, Naas

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 proposed construction of new raised uncontrolled crossing at Monread Avenue, Naas, Co Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 proposed construction of new raised uncontrolled crossing at Monread Avenue, Naas, Co Kildare be approved.

NS09/0921

Lighting Along the Canal Bank

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council install lighting along the canal bank on the new cycle paths linking the canal with the Millennium Road.

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 public lighting was installed along a substantial portion of the route, starting at the Harbour and finishing just before Leinster Mills. The request

for additional lighting would be assessed using a priority system within Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS). Lighting schemes would be scored on various factors and placed within KLIPS according to that score. The lighting within KLIPS would be installed as and when funds become available and depending on where the request sits within KLIPS. It should be noted that there is no funding available in the Public Lighting budget for any new Public Lighting installations at this time. It should also be noted that the detailed design for the Naas Sallins Greenway route does include public lighting.

The members made the following points:

- Did the report suggest that the lighting on the cycle paths was part of the details design of the Naas/Sallins Greenway and did it include the two areas outlined in the motion?
- The members and the council needed to wait on the design of the Naas/Sallins Greenway to ensure these areas were included as part of that scheme.
- This item to remain on the progress report.

Mr O'Toole stated the full detail design for the Greenway had not yet been received therefore he could not confirm if it included public lighting for the two areas outlined in the motion but that when the detail design was received, the council could make sure connection routes were included.

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

NS10/0921

Traffic Calming Measures on the R410

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council implement further traffic calming measures on the R410 past the Philipstown turn on the Eadestown to Blessington Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had issued a tender for the engagement of a consultant to assess and prepare a design for the implementation of a traffic calming scheme for Eadestown. The extent of the consultant's scope included the section of the R410 identified (Philipstown).

Councillor Kelly noted that in August alone, there had been three collisions on that stretch of road.

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

NS11/0921

Winter Salting Plan

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

That the council include the following routes on their Winter salting plan in the Leinster uplands part of Kildare:

- L2018 from the four crossroads Kilteel to Rathmore village and onto the R410 at Eadestown
- L6030-2 and 3 from Kilteel to the N81
- L6038 from Rathmore to the N81.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council operated 10 salting routes as set out in the Winter Maintenance Plan. These routes operate at full capacity which precludes the council from making any changes. Given the capacity constraints, the addition of section of road would require the removal of sections of existing routes covered under the Winter Maintenance Plan.

The members made the following points:

- This was the only uplands area in Kildare and over the years trucks had to clear the roads after bad weather events occurred.
- The Rathmore Road to the N81 was busier than most regional roads.
- Blessington was situated at the end the L6030 and there were a lot of cars and lorries using this road.
- There had been a number of accidents on these roads over the years
- Upland areas should be catered for, particularly given that a new salting depot was planned.
- Kildare County Council should co-ordinate with other neighbouring county councils with regard to salting roads in the county and the salting of the roads identified in the motion should be considered in tandem with Wicklow County Council given their proximity to the border.

The Mayor asked Ms Pender to take note of the members comments in this regard.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Pender to note the members comments.

NS12/0921

Four-Way Stop at Perrystreet Crossroads in Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the council introduce a four-way stop at Perrystreet Crossroads in Ballymore Eustace.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that additional signage and road markings were installed in recent years using Safety Improvement Works funding. The introduction of a four-way stop at this location would require a technical assessment to be carried out and would be subject to available funding.

The following points were made by the members:

- There had been another two accidents at least over the Summer at this location.
- The only option to improve the safety at the location was to introduce a four-way stop unless land was purchased.
- Although signs had been erected, the speed of cars had not reduced.

Mr McNeela stated that a technical assessment would be carried out.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and a technical assessment would be carried out.

NS13/0921

Undergrounding of Street Cabling in Naas Town Centre

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That the council now undertake the undergrounding of all street cabling in Naas Town Centre, as agreed in 2016, financially supported by LPT from members through successive years but only partly completed, due to delays requested by council officials to facilitate 'expectations' and 'planning'.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the undergrounding was previously completed as two projects from Basin Street Junction to Town Hall and from Town Hall to Dunnes Stores site. It was considered better value of time and resources to have further undergrounding considered as part of the Dublin Road and Murtagh's corner improvement works. As Public Realm were about to prepare a Masterplan for Naas Town Centre, progressing any undergrounding works at this stage would be premature.

In response to a question from Councillor Moore in relation to any planning applications received from the Murtagh's Corner side linking in with the Shopping

Centre, the Municipal District Manager stated that no planning application had been received to date although a discussion with the developer regarding one had previously taken place. He informed the members that provisions had been made for it as part of the URDF application and therefore works would be funded either way. He stated that he would keep these works under consideration.

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

NS14/0921

Walkway between Morell Close and the Monread Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council engage in consultation with local residents before any action is taken on the proposed walkway between Morell Close and the Monread Road.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, seconded by Council Moore. A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Kildare County Council were currently developing a scheme to improve permeability between Morell Close and the Monread Road which was identified in the Naas Transport Strategy. Consultation with local residents and the municipal district members would take place at the appropriate time as this work progresses.

The members made the following points:

- Residents in Morrell were concerned that work had commenced in the area without consultation.
- It was agreed that there would be consultation first before works commenced.
- There were motions in relation to permeability routes in the Local Area Plan (LAP) that were withdrawn on the understanding that a Part 8 consultation process would be taking place.

The Municipal District Manager informed the members that their understanding on the matter was correct and the same still applied in relation to public consultation. Councillor Kelly informed the members that it was surveying works being carried out at Morrell Close, and did not relate to permeability.

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

NS15/0921

HGV ban on Naas Main Street

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council uses whatever authority it has to redirect HGVs away from Naas Main Street and other population centres, and to use existing alternative routes especially the M7/M9 motorway, given that Naas now has a by-pass.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the delivery of HGV restrictions in Naas Main Street was a measure within Chapter 9 of the Naas-Sallins Transport Strategy. Kildare County Council was currently working with the Department of Transport on the reclassification of roads in the Naas area, which included the reclassification of the main street to a local road. The Transportation Department were happy to discuss the provision of HGV restrictions and the rerouting of HGV traffic around Naas as part of the reclassification of roads in Naas and the delivery of roads projects in the town.

The members made the following points:

- Walking and cycling was being encouraged however HGV's were travelling through the town making it more dangerous for walkers and cyclists.
- What was the timeframe for the reclassification of roads in Naas?
- Could the main HGV's owners travelling through the town be contacted and asked to use an alternative route.
- Reclassification of the road was the first step before the provision of HGV restrictions could take place.
- A masterplan was required to divert HGV traffic away from the town centre.

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

NS16/0921

Culverting of Rivers and Watercourses

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council examine the benefits, risks and potential future implications arising from the culverting of rivers and watercourses, especially given the emphasis on keeping rivers open in the draft Naas Local Area Plan; this includes the Rathasker river beside Áras Cill Dara, the Broadfield river and the Castlesize river along the Blessington Road.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the culverting of rivers and streams within the Naas Catchment required Section 50 approval from the OPW, and were generally discouraged both under the CDP, by the OPW and by the NPWS. Kildare County Council Environment Department were in the process of carrying out a major Flood Risk Assessment of the entire Naas area at present, and the final report was expected to provide guidance in terms of many key areas, including that of the culverting of rivers and streams. A full presentation could be provided to the members upon finalisation of the report if requested.

Councillor Kenny stated it was evident from the LAP, that there was a move to leave rivers open bearing in mind the safety aspect of it particularly in housing estates where fencing may be required. Open rivers would allow more water to escape and this should be encouraged in future plans.

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

NS17/0921

Removal of Dead Animals

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council confirm what is its current policy for the removal of dead animals by the roadside or footpath?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office would assist in the removal of large dead animals, such as deer, providing the machinery necessary to facilitate disposal.

Councillor Clear sought clarification stating that he had recently received a phone call in relation to a dead rat.

The Municipal District Engineer made the following points:

- The response issued was based on dead animals in terms of road safety in rural areas.
- Where it was a small animal the responsibility would lie with the Environment Department.

The report was noted.

NS18/0921

Traffic Calming measures on the Sherlockstown Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if there are plans to implement further traffic calming measures on the Sherlockstown Road (past Straffan Way/Willouise)?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were currently no proposals for further traffic calming measures at this location. However, if a motion was passed by the members requesting this, this location could be assessed and additional traffic calming measures could be considered if warranted and subject to available funding.

The report was noted.

NS19/0921

Landscaping of the Sallins Link Road

The Committee agreed to considered items number 16 and 30 of the agenda together.

Item number 16 – Question Councillor Carmel Kelly

Can the council confirm if there are plans in place to landscape the verges along the new stretch of the Link Road from Lidl in Sallins to the bypass?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that landscaping of the Sallins Link Road had been included in the Sallins Bypass contract and would be carried out in the planting season (Quarter 3 of 2021).

Item number 30 – Motion Councillor Bill Clear

That the council outline what grass cutting, arranged by the council, is taking place in Sallins and include details of who will be cutting the grass between Lidl (Millbank section) and the Sallins Bypass.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the contractor on the Sallins Bypass scheme would be carrying out the grass cutting on the new Sallins Link Road (extents of the original contract) for a duration of three years after substantial completion, which was achieved in April 2021. The contract allowed for three cuts per year. To date the grass had been cut twice in 2021.

The members made the following points:

- With only three cuts per year the grass would become very overgrown and the Parks Section would not want to take it over.

- Sallins Tidy Towns asked for verges to be left for wildflowers and were informed that would not be possible until Kildare County Council took the road in charge.

Ms Pender stated that the responses were provided by the NRO and confirmed that she would revert to them with the members comments and an update would issue next month.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Pender to revert to the NRO with the members comments and provide an update next month.

NS20/0921

Yellow box at Hazelmere Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council update members on the provision of a yellow box at Hazelmere Naas?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Engineers office would be carrying out assessments at locations in the town, and where warranted yellow boxes would be installed.

Councillor Brett thanked the Municipal District Engineer and informed the members that he had since received confirmation that a yellow box would be installed at this location.

The report was noted.

NS21/0921

Traffic Issues in the Piper's Hill Area

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council update the members on any further developments with regard to resolving the traffic issues in the Piper's Hill area?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a meeting had been held between all parties to review the issues within and around the Campus area. A further meeting was scheduled in the coming weeks.

In response to clarification sought by Councillor Breen on the report, Ms Pender stated that it was hoped a further meeting would take place before the end of September and confirmed that Kildare County Council, Ballymore Homes, the KWETB and An Garda Síochána were present at the meeting as the four decision makers. She confirmed that the residents and Principals may have been informed of the meeting by Ballymore Homes and the KWETB, but they had not been informed by the Roads Department.

The report was noted.

NS22/0921

Poplar Square Bus Stop

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.
Can the council confirm if it plans to engage with NTA to improve the Poplar Square Bus stop and make it more accessible including for wheelchair users?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that permanent improvements to the Poplar Square area would be included in the proposals for the Dublin Road Cycle Track Scheme. Currently, there was no funding available to progress this project, however, the National Transport Authority was aware of the council's intention to progress the scheme once funding has been secured.

The report was noted.

NS23/0921

Vacant Council Houses

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon.
That the council outline the number of vacant council houses in the Naas Municipal District and provide the members with a list of the properties, the number of years they have been vacant and the reason they have not been allocated.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the members of the Municipal District Committees were given a monthly report in an agreed format, which gives this statistical information regarding the council's vacant housing units relevant to that municipal district.

The members made the following points:

- The vacant housing report provided numbers, but no progress or details of works required to bring the properties up to standard was provided.
- There were houses vacant two/three years.
- It would be useful to have a meeting once a year to determine how refurbishments would be funded.
- A new vacant housing report format should be considered.

Ms Cooke stated that the format of the vacant housing report was as agreed by the Housing SPC and if the members wanted it amended the matter would have to be referred back to the SPC.

The members agreed that the motion be referred to the Housing SPC for consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and the motion be referred to the Housing SPC for consideration.

NS24/0921

John Devoy Portrait and the Fitzgerald Banner

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm if it will now consider the remounting of the John Devoy Portrait and the FitzGerald Banner to Áras Chill Dara?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the Facilities Section were meeting with the Arts Service in the coming weeks to agree a suitable location and arrange for the portrait to be hung within Áras Chill Dara. The Fitzgerald Banner was in specialist storage while works were ongoing on the Town Hall. There was no suitable location currently for the Banner within Áras Chill Dara. Consideration would have to be given as to where the Banner should be located once the works were complete on the Town Hall.
The report was noted.

NS25/0921

Public Realm Projects

An update on public realm projects in the Naas Municipal District was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.
The report was noted.

NS26/0921

Public Consultation for Poplar Square

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon.
Can the council make the submissions available on the public consultation for Poplar Square?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that consultation on the Poplar Square project was ongoing. While it was not possible to publish the submissions received in respect of Poplar Square, a report would be made available to the Municipal District

Members detailing the number of submissions received to date and the key themes raised.

The members sought clarification on the following points:

- When the LAP was being considered, the consultation portal was used however for the Poplar Square project, consultation was by email.
- There were issues to be discussed as Facebook comments had shown that some people wanted parking to be re-instated however phone calls had been received from others who were happy with the new arrangements at Poplar Square but who did not wish to say this publicly.
- The members supported the project stating that it was a success and suggested more vigorous enforcement of bye-laws at night time was required.

Councillor Breen expressed her dissatisfaction with the Poplar Square project stating that she had received phone calls and emails about it. She asked why money should be spent to clean up after people who would not clean up after themselves and stated that Poplar Square looked unsightly and this needed to be addressed.

Ms Hunt made the following points:

- Social Media feedback was being tracked and there had been negative comments on Facebook however twitter comments were positive. Overall the feedback received to date has been positive.
- The use of Poplar Square was a success in terms of use during the day.
- Consultation was carried out by email as there was no end date due to Covid.

The Municipal District Manager made the following points:

- There had been a lot of negative feedback regarding Poplar Square in the previous week.
- A commitment had been given by An Garda Síochána that they would endeavour to have a presence at Poplar Square at the weekends.
- The additional bin collections would extend to the second weekend in October, therefore this extension and the re-opening of pubs and nightclubs should assist in alleviating the litter problem.

- Alcohol bye-laws would be vigorously enforced when pubs and nightclubs re-opened.

The report was noted.

NS27/0921

Slate Quarries

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

Can the council confirm if it is investigating complaints re Slate quarries in Rathmore relating to dust nuisance, non-use of wheel wash and trucks commencing work at 5am?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Planning Department does not discuss specific cases, but all complaints made in writing to Environment/Enforcement sections are investigated.

The report was noted.

NS28/0921

Housing Scheme near Áras Chill Dara

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

Can the council provide an explanation for its interactions with An Bord Pleanála that resulted in that authority refusing a permission for a badly needed Housing Scheme near Áras Chill Dara, and why members were not informed of that particular interaction?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Chief Executive's Report submitted to An Bord Pleanála was available to view on the online planning enquiry system under the reference number 21/309954 (Applicant: Land Development Agency). The Chief Executive's Report issued to An Bord Pleanála on 9 June 2021 recommended a refusal of the planning application as the council was of the view that the parking provision was not in compliance with Section 3 of the "Design Standards for New Apartment" (March 2018) or the vehicle parking

standards set out in Table 17.9 of Chapter 17 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023.

An Bord Pleanála refused the application on 29 July 2021 for broadly similar reasons in respect of deficient car parking. The refusal of this application does not preclude the applicant from lodging a revised application to the Board that addresses the deficiencies.

The report was noted.

NS29/0921

St David's Castle

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

Can the council confirm if any planning application has been submitted for the renovation of St David's Castle?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Planning Department had not received any recent planning applications in respect of the above site. The conservation architect for the works at St. David's Castle had confirmed (as of 07 September) that the works described in the Section 59 order had now been sent out to tender and it was expected that a contractor would be appointed by mid-September.

The report was noted.

NS30/0921

Grant Allocations for Tidy Towns Groups for 2021

A report on the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns Groups for 2021, circulated to the members in advance of the meeting, was considered.

Tidy Towns Grants Allocation 2021						
			Proposed Budget Allocation		Agreed LPT Allocation	Total
Naas MD	TT Group (5)	Population Category (from TT report)				
	Naas	G (15,001 to 25,000)	€ 12,728		€ 5,000	€ 17,728
	Kill	D (2,501 to 5,000)	€ 2,955		€ 2,000	€ 4,955
	Sallins	D (2,501 to 5,000)	€ 2,955		€ 2,000	€ 4,955
	Ballymore Eustace	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 1,818		€ 2,000	€ 3,818
	Johnstown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 1,136		€ 1,000	€ 2,136
	Eadestown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 1,136		€ 1,000	€ 2,136
	Total		€ 22,728		€ 13,000	€ 35,728

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Sammon and approved by all the members that the grant allocation for Tidy Towns Groups for 2021 as outlined in the table above, be approved.

NS31/0921

Community Grants Awards

A report on the community grants awards assessed by the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department, circulated to the members in advance of the meeting was considered.

Community Grants 2021 for approval			
No	Group	Project	Proposed Grant
1	Eadestown Tidy Towns	To develop and design a community garden	€2,850
2	Naas Access Group	To provide an accessible picnic bench at Fairgreen Naas	€1,236
3	Naas Tidy Towns	To commission a mural of the Grand Canal	Insufficient information on application
Total Grants for award			€4,086

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sammon and approved by all the members that the community grants awards assessed by the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department as outlined in the table above, be approved.

NS32/0921

Graffiti at Monread Playground

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear.
That the council do a general clean up and remove the graffiti at Monread Playground given it is not due to be upgraded in the near future.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that arrangements would be made to have the playground cleaned up and the graffiti removed as part of the regular maintenance.

Councillor Clear thanked the Parks Department.

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

NS33/0921

Condition of Trees at Millbrook Villas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen.
That a detailed survey and report be carried out on the condition of the trees at Millbrook Villas in the interests of the safety of the residents and passers-by.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Moore.
A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that arrangements would be made to have the trees surveyed as part of the Tree Works programme for the current year. It was hoped to progress this before the end of the year.

Councillor Breen stated that residents in Millbrook Villas were concerned that coming into the winter the trees would fall on their houses.

Mr Wallace stated that these trees had been previously surveyed a number of times and it did not appear that there was any danger of them striking the houses however another survey would be carried out.

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

NS34/0921

Dog Fouling Bags

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council confirm when dog fouling bags will be reinstated in Naas town?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that dog bags would be reinstated in the next three weeks. We are currently awaiting delivery of the bags.

The report was noted.

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Poetry Town

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.
Can the council confirm what events and activities are planned for Naas, designated as a poetry town, for people to engage with the poet Ms Mary O'Donnell who has been nominated as "poet in residence" for the month?

A report was received from the Arts Office informing the members that Poetry Town takes place in Naas and 19 towns country wide from 10-18 September 2021.

The Naas Poetry Town programme had now been completed and was available as part of the national series of events <https://www.poetryireland.ie/poetry-town/naas>. Highlights of the programme was the commissioning of a poem about Naas by Naas Poetry Town Poet Laureate Dr Mary O'Donnell which would be launched online on Friday 10 September, 7pm <https://youtu.be/w7g8v9mY76M>, the Poetry Underfoot, on footpaths around the town and the Pocket Poems available in cafes and chemists across Naas. The programme had been circulated to member of Naas Municipal District. Poetry Town was an initiative of Poetry Ireland in partnership with Local Authority Arts Offices and was made possible with funding from the Arts Council of Ireland's Open Call funding and was also supported by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.