

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 14 December 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 D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Mr T Drennan (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Shannon (Administrative Officer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr S Deegan (Senior Engineer), Mr D McCormack (Executive Engineer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/1221

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.

NS02/1221

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday, 09 November 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 09 November 2021 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS03/1221

Matters Arising

Meeting with Pipers Hill Stakeholders NS08/1021

Councillor Kelly asked when the review was being carried out and what the proposed amendments were. Councillor Sammon asked if the exploratory exercise being

carried out by the KWETB was an extension of the safety report that was completed or had it moved to the next stage. Ms Pender informed the members that KWETB were carrying out the review and they would liaise with the council following the review. She stated there was no set timeline for this.

Vacant Housing Report

Councillor Kelly stated that the number of houses requiring minor and major repairs had almost double since the previous report. She queried if the houses listed on the previous months report under the minor and major works category were the same as were listed on the current report or had the repairs been carried out to some of the premises listed, and some new premises added. She asked if there was any way of informing the members of the number of houses that repairs had been carried out on and the number of houses requiring repairs that had been added to the list since the previous report.

Christmas Parking Arrangements 2021 NS05/1121

Councillor Sammon asked if a refund could be issued to people who paid for parking without realising parking was free as there were no signs on the machines at the time. She referenced Hedermans Car Park as an example where there were no signs in place as recently as last Saturday.

Councillor Sammon also asked when the Friary Road carpark had been changed to a 24/7 chargeable car park.

Double Yellow Lines in St Corban's Place NS10/1121

Councillor Sammon informed the members that a number of businesses had been in touch whose car parks were full by 9.00 am every morning the last time that double yellow lines were enforced in St Corban's Place

In response to the queries raised by the members, Ms Pender made the following points:

- All ticket machines had been updated with the Christmas Parking arrangements, and she would arrange a check on Hedermans Car Park.
- The 24/7 charge for the car park on Friary Road was agreed by the Elected Members as part of the Pay Parking Bye-Laws however enforcement was from 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday. If a car was left overnight on a Friday having not purchased a ticket, they may be issued with a fine on a Saturday morning.
- No refunds were available to customers who paid for parking in error. With the agreement of the members, any money collected would be donated to a charity as had been done the previous year.

The Mayor confirmed that approximately €2,700 was donated to Friends of Naas Hospital last year.

NS04/1221

Municipal District Road Works

A report on the municipal district road works was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. Mr Drennan made the following points:

- Works which were on hold pending the completion of Irish Water Sewerage Works at Monread Road would be progressed in 2022.
- The Naas Municipal District Footpath and Civil Works Scheme 3 – 2021 works were now complete and NTA funded footpath works were substantially complete on the Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvements Naas GAA to Oldtown Demense) and at the Bundle of Sticks Roundabout, Naas (new footpath construction), street lighting at this location was outstanding.
- Restoration improvement works were ongoing at Devoy Road including Newbridge Road Junction, but it was hoped they would be completed by the end of the year.
- Drainage works in Johnstown were yet to be carried out however they would progress shortly subject to Contractor availability and should be complete by early January 2022.

- Safety improvement works to include additional line marking and signage were at an advanced stage at Kerry's Crossroad (Ballymore Eustace), Beggars End Crossroads and Clownings Crossroads (Kill to Straffan Road).

In response to questions from the members, Mr Drennan made the following points:

- There were no plans to apply line markings on the footpath on the Sallins Road which has been widened however it could be examined, and advice could be sought from the NTA on the matter.
- It was intended that the safety improvement works scheme in Eadestown would commence in early 2022.
- The contractor would be asked to prioritise works on the Friary Road in January 2022.

Councillor Brett referred to the planned sewerage works in Sallins in the new year due to be carried out by Coffey's Contractor and informed the members that Coffey's had carried out previous works in Castlesize and Johnstown and adequate clean up and finishing of footpaths did not happen. He expressed his dissatisfaction in this regard and asked the council to be aware of these issues.

The Mayor asked the Municipal District Engineer to take note of Councillor Brett's comments.

NS05/1221

Update on LPT Expenditure 2021

A report on LPT expenditure was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting and was considered (see appendix 1 attached).

The report was noted.

The following LPT allocation from Councillor Clear's discretionary LPT fund was considered by the members:

- €1000 for the Potato Market for infrastructure to assist the Farmers Market and could be used in the Potato Market.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by all the members that €1000 from Councillor Clear's discretionary LPT fund be allocated to the Potato Market.

NS06/1221

Youth Diversion Project

Councillor Brett informed the members that the JPC were working on a youth diversion project to teach young people, who have been recommended by the Juvenile Liaison Officer, various activities and to have them participate in training programmes that would be of benefit to them. He stated that he had asked them to make a short presentation to the Naas Municipal District Committee to seek funding for this programme at the January meeting if possible and confirmed that they would also be attending each municipal district meeting to make a presentation. The Mayor supported this request and it was agreed that a presentation from a member of An Garda Síochána in relation to the Youth Diversion project be received by the members at 3pm on Tuesday 11 January 2022 in advance of their monthly meeting.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that this meeting would be held prior to the January monthly meeting.

NS07/1221

Mayors Business

The Mayor asked that a letter issue to the Chairperson of the Christmas Lights Committee commending them on the excellent job they carried out in the town of Naas and for the huge effort in relation to Christmas festivities in Naas.

The Mayor welcomed the recent visit of Minister Catherine Martin to Naas adding the members had used the opportunity to bring her to see areas of interest in the district.

NS08/1221

Taking in Charge of Primrose Gardens

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

Can the members be provided with a comprehensive up to date report on the taking in charge of Primrose Gardens Housing Development in Naas?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that the Development Control Section could confirm that Primrose Gardens, Naas was an active estate with construction ongoing. A request to Take in Charge was received from the developer on 15 April 2021. Development Control acknowledged receipt of same and requested the developer to submit the relevant documentation for the council to assess the TIC request. This documentation, such as a public lights audit, the CCTV survey reports, and as constructed drawings have not yet been received. Additionally, the wearing course had not yet been laid. However, Ardstone Homes had now closed the temporary entrance to Primrose Gardens.

The report was noted.

NS09/1221

Section 38 proposed Kilcullen Road (R448) Cycle Route, Naas

Mr McCormack updated the members on the Section 38 proposed Kilcullen Road (R448) Cycle Route, Naas making the following points:

- The Section 38 included the installation of extra segregated cycle tracks, removal of 9 parking spaces and installation of a raised controlled pedestrian crossing point at the Kilcullen Road/Corban's Lane Junction.
- 3 submissions had been received and the issues raised would be considered at detail design phase.

In response to queries from the members, Mr McCormack provided the following information:

- Construction would be commencing in Quarter 3 2022.

- A presentation would be given to the Naas Municipal District Members following the completion of the 3D Design at the end of Quarter 2 2022.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 proposed Kilcullen Road (R448) Cycle Route, Naas be approved.

NS10/1221

Naas Sallins Greenway

Mr Deegan provided an update to the members on the Naas Sallins Greenway making the following points:

- Atkins were awarded the tender for the design of the Naas Sallins Greenway in June 2021.
- Preliminary design was ongoing with Part 8 drawings 80% completed.
- The topographical survey was completed.
- Archaeological and Environmental reports were ongoing as was the liaison with Waterways Ireland and the NTA.
- Preparation of option assessment report for links at each end of the greenway and preparation of public consultation information was ongoing.
- All relevant reports for the NTA would be prepared in Quarter 1 2022 and then the scheme would proceed to Part 8 consultation.

In response to queries from the members, Mr Deegan provided the following information:

- Where permeability was available it would be used and if there was an obvious connection it would be examined.
- The bridge at Soldiers Island was hugely important as it linked to Sallins Park and the Grand Canal Greenway.
- In relation to traffic on the Osberstown Road, the NTA were not in favour of erecting a bridge there as it did not currently link to anywhere.
- The type of bollards to be used would be considered at detail design stage.
- De Burgh's land would be examined further at detail design stage.
- He was conscious of the traffic at Osberstown Bridge.

NS11/1221

Double Yellow Lines in Sallins Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council commence the statutory procedure to install double yellow lines on both sides of the road at the entrance to Sallins Park as far as The Lawn.

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 the Transportation Department would commence the Section 38 process.

Councillor Kelly stated that the Section 38 had been approved in March 2019.

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

NS12/1221

No Idling Signs

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council investigate the feasibility of erecting “NO IDLING – Turn engine off” signs outside all our schools in the municipal district.

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 the council was participating in the Green Schools Initiative with our partners An Taisce and the National Transport Authority. Part of the resources for the initiative include a “No idling Toolkit for Schools” and this was one part of the solution to mitigate the negative effect vehicular traffic had on the health and safety of pupils and all who access our schools. The council supports Green Schools and was committed to developing sustainable transport alternatives for pupils and parents. Five schools were selected to be included in the 2021 Round

1 Safe Routes To School Programme, one of which, the Holy Child N.S. at Ballycane, is in this municipal district area. The Sustainable Transport Section was working with An Taisce and the NTA to develop a suite of initiatives for this school and would discuss the motion with the relevant stakeholders to determine if the suggestion was practical.

Councillor Kelly made the following points:

- She was delighted to hear about the Green Schools Initiative with the NTA.
- She queried how the five schools were selected and what the selection criteria was as she had been contacted by the CBS.
- What were the timelines?

Ms Pender responded that the project was run through the NTA and her understanding was that the applications were submitted by schools directly to the NTA. She undertook to get the details and information in relation to timelines and circulate it to the members.

Councillor Clear stated the CBS submitted an application and that Ballycane N.S would be an exemplar for other Naas Schools.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett that the report be noted and Ms Pender to get the details and information in relation to timelines and circulate it to the members.

NS13/1221

St Corban's Cemetery

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council investigate a location to install a seat/bench on the Dublin Road on the way to St Corbans Cemetery to facilitate elderly people who want to visit their relatives buried in the cemetery.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that subject to consultation with the Naas Accessibility group, once a suitable location was identified and funding allocated, this request could be facilitated in 2022.

The members made the following comments:

- A suitable location on the Dublin Road needed to be identified.
- Consideration should be given to the type of seats installed as they should be suitable for older people and easy to get in and out of.
- There were plans for the upgrade of the Dublin Road and the installation of a cycle lane. This needed to be considered when installing a seat/bench.

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

NS14/1221

Right Turn Filter Light

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council install a right turn filter on the traffic lights at the junction of Sallins Road and Monread Avenue, Naas on the northbound side which activates a few seconds before the main light for southbound traffic turns green as there is only room for one lane of traffic northbound resulting in traffic mounting the footpath endangering pedestrians.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section had reviewed the proposal with regard to the traffic signal operation and did not recommend altering the sequencing at this location. There was not sufficient physical space at this junction to create a dedicated right hand filter lane. Land acquisition was required to widen the junction to facilitate a safer environment for road users. The provision of an 'early' start for this approach, as suggested, would not remedy the issue as it was

not possible to detect right road users wishing to turn right and if implemented would result in additional queuing back from the junction towards the Town Centre. The council could confirm that vehicles mounting the footpath were in breach of traffic regulations as driving wholly or partly along or across a footway was an offence under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997.

The members made the following points:

- There had been a problem at this busy location for a number of years however there was a solution available.
- Motorists were mounting the footpath however if a right filter light was available for a few seconds this would ease the problem.
- The priority should be for the safety of pedestrians
- Could the wall be moved eastwards of that junction to create more space?
- The issue was discussed during the LAP process and it was hoped that the footpath and cycle path would be put on the inside of the wall.
- At times there were just two cars turning right and if they moved, it could help the situation.
- As there were MOVA sensors, this idea should be trialled.

The members asked that this item remain on the progress report

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

NS15/1221

Kilteel Crossroads Safety Concerns

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

That the council investigate safety concerns at the four crossroads Kilteel where the line of sight towards Rathcoole is obscured by a ditch/hedge.

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 this junction has had low-cost safety improvement works completed to it over the last few years. The hedges had been cut back to improve sightlines, where possible. If lands were made available, the Naas Municipal District Office would consider improvements, subject to resources.

Councillor Brett thanked the Roads Department for the report and stated the problem was that when travelling from Kill you were halfway out on the road before you could get a proper view. He confirmed that he would engage with the landowner.

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

NS16/1221

Haynestown River, Johnstown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council investigate if a high-tension cable is laid on the bed of the Haynestown River at Johnstown without proper protection.

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 this query had been reported to the ESB.

Councillor Brett informed the members that this had been reported to him by residents as the cable was lying on the bed of the river with only red tape around it.

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

NS17/1221

Erection of Flag Poles at Junctions 9 and 10

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

That the council and members agree to identify sites at/near the motorway entrances of Junctions J9 and J10, to erect 3-5 flag poles to present suitable accreditation and status to the County Town, to offer recognition and welcome to visiting International and EU Groups, Delegations, overseas visitors and on special occasions or celebrations for the Town of Naas.

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 this was a matter for the members to agree, however, any proposal to place flagpoles within the motorway lands would require the agreement of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Councillor Moore stated that the erection of flags would add recognition and offer a welcome to the county town and identifying who would put up and down the flags, could be decided when the time came.

In response to a query on what flags could be flown at these locations, the Meetings Administrator informed the members that a flag policy had been adopted by the council.

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

NS18/1221

Junction from the West side of Bodenstown

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

That the council address issues for vehicles crossing at the staggered junction formed by the L2002 joining the R407 from the west side at Bodenstown and the L2010 from the east, as increased volume and speeds of traffic travelling to and from the new Sallins Bypass have evolved to a point where drivers are concerned using the junction.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this junction was on the R407 Sallins to Clane Road had reasonable sightlines and generally operated within capacity. There was some queuing during peak traffic periods and drivers were expected to negotiate this junction using the rules of the road.

The members made the following points:

- The Sallins bypass was a huge benefit however there had been a knock-on effect and there were some issues around Junction 9 and on the opposite side of the bypass at Bodinstown.
- Drivers were finding it difficult to turn right due to the increased volume of traffic than there used to be.
- This issue was part of a bigger traffic problem between Sallins and Clane and the build-up of traffic at peak times probably had a lot to do with this
- Part of the problem was traffic from the N7 using Killeen as a shortcut.

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

NS19/1221

Traffic Calming Measures in the area of Railway Terrace, Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council install traffic calming measures, such as speed ramps/rumble strips in the area of Railway Terrace, Sallins, for the safety of the residents who live there.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this road was not in the charge of Kildare County Council.

Councillor Breen stated that it was in the interest of safety of the residents of Railway Terrace and queried who was responsible for the road so she could write and let

them know the issues in this area.

Councillor Clear stated Irish Rail confirmed that they owned up as far as the gate.

Councillor Kelly queried if it was privately owned and stated that residents would have to look at their house deeds to see if they owned it, noting that a new entrance/exit was required. She suggested writing to Irish Rail to see if they were the owners.

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

NS20/1221

Sign in Municipal District Car Parks

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council install signs in all council run car parks in the municipal district making it clear that parking is free Monday–Saturday after 5.30 pm and all day on Sunday.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department currently had signs in all Kildare County Council car parks indicating that payment for parking was required from 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday, except Boyle's car park, which was chargeable 24/7 as requested and adopted by the Elected Members of the Naas Municipal District. The requirements were to inform the public when pay parking was payable. To add additional information to the signs would significantly increase the size of the signs.

Councillor Breen made the following points:

- She had been contacted by people who had put money into the machines after chargeable hours because of a lack of proper signage

- Could a sign similar to the ones used in Friary Road for the markets be erected to inform people that there was free parking on a Sunday and after 5.30pm.

Ms Pender stated that she would investigate the matter and discuss it with the Parking Office and Municipal District Roads Office.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Pender to investigate the matter and discuss it with the Parking Office and Municipal District Roads Office.

NS21/1221

Electronic Parking Signs

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the council provide an update on electronic parking signs in Naas Town.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas/Sallins Transport Strategy suggested a number of measures to support the parking strategy in the town. These include the provision of variable message signage (VMS) and tactical signs for car parks. No capital funding was available in 2022 to progress the implementation of this technology. It should be noted that the provision in the revenue budget for the maintenance of existing Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) including traffic signals was insufficient to cover the scope of the contract for existing infrastructure, let alone additional technology.

The members made the following points:

- They were disappointed with the response particularly as discussions in relation to the electronic parking signs had commenced in 2019.
- When would funding be available and how could it be secured?
- How much did the signs cost?

- A quote for one sign had been received previously however more signs were needed on the approach roads into Naas.
- The provision of electronic parking signs was included in the Transport Strategy and were needed.

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

NS22/1221

Road Markings on R411

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon.
That the council refresh the road markings on R411 approaching Scoil Mhuire National School, Ballymore Eustace.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the road markings would be refreshed in early 2022.

Councillor Sammon stated she was happy with the report.

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

NS23/1221

Osberstown Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if there are plans to reinstate the Osberstown Road following the recent works undertaken on behalf of Irish Water and the Sallins Bypass?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Osberstown Road would be considered as part of the Naas Municipal District 2022 surfacing programme.

The report was noted.

NS24/1221

Additional Light at St Brigid's Terrace, Sallins

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

Can the council update the members on progress for an additional light at St Brigid's Terrace, Sallins?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that two new lights were approved following a KLIPS assessment. They had since been installed and were fully operational.

The report was noted.

NS25/1221

Council Owned/Operated Car Parks

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

Can the council confirm that all council owned, or operated car parks have fully accessible, well defined and marked safe pedestrian pathways to and from the entrances and pay & display machines?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that pedestrian safety was paramount when considering the position of entrance/exits to car parking and also to the placement of pay parking machines. The Transportation Department does not recommend installing pedestrian pathways within car parks leading to these machines as those using the facility tend to take the most direct route from their car to the nearest parking machine. The installation of pathways could require reducing parking bays to install such pathways. Kildare County Council operates a number of car parks countywide and this is not an issue that has been raised as a matter of concern by the users of those car parks.

The report was noted.

NS26/1221

Cyc-lok Bicycle Storage Lockers

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.
Can the council confirm that the Cyc-lok bicycle storage lockers in Abbey Street car park are fully accessible and functioning, both physically and by booking App and any defects will be pursued with the service provider?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that they were not aware of any issues regarding the Cyc-lok storage lockers. The Road Safety Officer had submitted a request for a status update to the company who provided the storage lockers, including usage data etc. The report was noted.

NS27/1221

Installation of HEPA Filters

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny.
That the council install HEPA filters in all its own indoor locations heavily frequented by the general public in this municipal district, such as the new and existing Library and the Motor Tax Office.

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

A report was received from the Facilities Section informing the members that Kildare County Council would continue to monitor air quality within its buildings and take remedial action where required. This action may take many forms including, but not limited to, the installation of HEPA filters.

The members made the following points:

- HEPA filters should be installed in public places such as libraries, Motor Tax Offices, and Community Centres and the council should consider investigating this for their buildings.

- It was expected that the response would give information on how they were currently monitored.

The Meetings Administrator stated that he would relay the members comments to the Facilities Section and the item would remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and the Meetings Administrator to relay the members comments to the Facilities Section and the item to remain on the progress report.

NS28/1221

Houses for Renovation

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council update members on house number (details provided) Naas, confirming if it is in the ownership of the council and if so, why it is not being renovated?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the house to which Councillor Brett refers was owned by Kildare County Council. An application for funding had been made to the Department of Housing and we are waiting for their response to our proposals. The council hoped to undertake both refurbishments and an extension to this house and to bring it up to current rental standards in 2022.

The report was noted.

NS29/1221

Update on Public Realm Projects.

An update on Public Realm Projects in the Naas Municipal District was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

In response to queries raised by the members, Ms Hunt made the following points:

- The next process for the Naas Town Centre Masterplan and Cultural Quarter including land acquisition was the submission of a business plan in January for final approval and then move forward with the project.
- The URDF funding covered the cost of consultants or the hire of specialist workers but not Kildare County Council staff.
- In relation to the Grand Canal Greenway, the funding element was moved from the Department of Transport, to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). In September, the council had to stop all work until an initial meeting had taken place with TII. TII were happy with the council's plans.
- Survey works carried out indicated that there was a 700 metre stretch of the canal bank that would require re-enforcement to have a consistent width to the path and TII were happy to support the cost of the works.
- The full length of the Greenway would be delivered very quickly, one stage after the other.
- A briefing with the members could be arranged for February or March 2022.
- A survey had been carried out and there were some issues with trees and these might need to be removed and replaced with walls.
- There was an interim traffic management plan for Sallins but a health check would be carried out and Sallins centre would be examined to identify what improvements were required.

Mr Deegan confirmed that to offset the number of trees being removed, Irish Water had identified land in their ownership where they would plant new trees to replace those that had to be removed.

The report was noted.

NS30/1221

Market House at Canal Harbour, Naas

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

That the council makes an application to the Community Monuments Fund and Waterways Ireland to seek Grant Assistance to acquire, by CPO or otherwise, the Market House at Canal Harbour, Naas for waterway leisure and sporting activities.

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 Market House did not qualify for the Community Monuments Fund as the structure was post 1700 building and was not on the Record of Monuments & Places. However, as this structure was a Protected Structure it did qualify for Built Heritage Investments Grants for which applications were now being invited. It should be noted however, that this grant was for the repair of structures and not purchase.

The members made the following points:

- Compliment the person who obtained money for the repair of St David's Castle, the same should be done for Market House even though it was not in the council's ownership.
- It would be welcomed if the Municipal District Manager would explore seeking ownership or find a way to compulsory purchase it.
- How had the council funded the purchase of the Patrician Monastery in Newbridge and could this be done for Market House.
- Market House was in disrepair and would be an eyesore in particular when the Canal Harbour area was upgraded if action was not taken on it.
- The structure needed to be protected
- Market House was currently up for sale and there was no other way the council could take ownership unless through a CPO.

Ms Hunt made the following comments:

- The Naas Town Centre Masterplan URDF project now included the canal area and funding was secured under that for the regeneration of sites.
- Funding had been secured for the canal area, Basin Street, Abbey Street and the Town Centre.

The Municipal District Manager made the following points:

- Getting the building compulsory purchased and secured was not the problem, the problem was what would be done with it afterwards and the cost of that.
- Other councils had run initiatives where the council had a building and a Company would do it up and move into it for an agreed length of time.
- Patrician Monastery was purchased from the Housing Departments Capital Fund which could not be used for the Market House
- Previous planning applications on this site were for a pub and restaurant.
- He had attempted to engage with the owners of the site and if this was not successful then the next step was to commence the Section 59 process.

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

NS31/1221

Pedestrian Crossing from Poplar Square to Lawlor's Hotel

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council outline the status regarding the pedestrian crossing from Poplar Square to Lawlor's Hotel that was promised as part of the Public Realm Scheme?

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 progressing the strategic cycle network schemes on radial routes in the town. These, including the Dublin Road Scheme 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, in consultation with the Public Realm Team. Improving pedestrian and cyclist linkages to the core of the town would be examined in this context.

The report was noted.

NS32/1221

Christmas Tree Recycling

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

Can the council confirm if a designated area for the recycling of Christmas trees in this municipal district has been decided?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that there would be a designated area in Naas for Christmas tree recycling, likely to be the Fairgreen. The dates and times etc would be circulated in due course.
The report was noted.

NS33/1221

Wall at the Workhouse Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council confirm if there are plans to repair the damage to the wall at the Workhouse Cemetery, at the entrance to the cemetery and at three other locations along the Craddockstown Road?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that any repairs required to the wall at the Workhouse Cemetery would be considered for inclusion in the Parks Works Programme for 2022.
The report was noted.

NS34/1221

Community Grant Awards

The members considered community grants awards assessed by the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department (see Appendix 2 attached).
Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kenny and agreed by all the members that the community grants awards assessed by the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department be approved.

NS35/1221

Sallins Men's Shed

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council inform the members if it has access to any premises that is suitable for use by members of Sallins Men's Shed on a temporary basis, given that they are now without a premises?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that unfortunately, the Local Authority had no vacant premises that would best suit Sallins Men's shed. We have a small community centre in Castlefen and the committee there have kindly offered to give the men's shed access. Naas Men's Shed have also offered access and storage at their premises in Naas. The Community Worker for the Naas Municipal District had been and would continue to work with the group to try and find a more permanent solution. The report was noted.

NS36/1221

Flagpole over the Revamped Municipal Town Hall Library

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm what progress has been made on the erection of a rooftop flagpole over the revamped Municipal Town Hall Library?

A report was received from the Library Services Department informing the members that under their instruction the Design Team inspected the roof attic and roof valleys to see if there was a feasible way to have the pole on the roof. They prepared a comprehensive health and safety analysis which is attached with this response, highlighting the difficulties of accessing the roof from the attic space. The spiral stairs to the attic space was being replaced with an attic hatch ladder that is to be used only for maintenance purposes and not daily use. In addition, the lack of headroom in the attic means that access to the roof would necessitate crawling to get to the rooflight which is the only access point to the roof. Their advice was not to reinstate the flagpole at roof level and to consider the balcony as alternative location. The report has also been forwarded to Mr Michael Hurley Health and Safety Officer.

The Health and Safety Officer was in agreement with the Design Team that there was no safe way for council employees to access the roof on a daily or regular basis for the raising or lowering of a flag. His advice is that roof access requires a full arrest system under legislation. Anyone using an arrest system would require training in using a harness, harnesses are non-transferable so only one member of staff would be able to access the roof and the system would require regular testing and maintenance. The Health & Safety Officers advice was that a safer and more viable alternative for a flagpole is the balcony on the first floor which can be accessed safely. Disappointingly, based on this professional advice from the Design Team and the Health and Safety Officer it was not possible to erect a rooftop flagpole as requested by Councillor Moore. The council had instructed the Design Team to include a flagpole on the balcony that can be safely accessed by all council staff through the doors on the first level.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

Appendix 1:

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2021
Naas Municipal District
Report to December 2021 Naas MD Meeting
Year 2021
Adopted 9 March 2021 with revisions April-October

Project Details	Agreed Budget LPT: €915,986 Payparking: €78,573 Total: €994,739	Spent / Transfer €	Unspent Budget €
<u>Roads Projects</u>			
St. Brigid's Terrace, Sallins	5,000	5,000	0
Monread Avenue, Naas	10,000	10,000	0
Fairgreen, Naas	10,000	10,000	0
Sallins Playground Entrance / Community Centre	25,000	25,000	0
Hartwell Green / Hartwell Rd., Kill	40,000	40,000	0
Liffey Heights and St. Brigids Park Ballymore Eustace	45,000	45,000	0
Kingsfurze, Naas	5,000	5,000	0
Woodlands, Naas	30,000	30,000	0
The Paddocks, Naas	15,000	15,000	0
The Sycamores, Naas	15,000	15,000	0
Morell Avenue, Naas	15,000	15,000	0
Esmondale, Ballymore Roundabout, Newbridge Rd.	15,000	15,000	0
Vista Clinic	5,000	5,000	0
St Conleths Place, Kilcullen Road, Naas	40,000	40,000	0
Elmwood, Naas – Footpaths	15,000	15,000	0
Johnstown Junction	10,000	10,000	0
Eadestown works	100,000	100,000	0
Taking in Charge	40,000	40,000	0
Roads Sub Total	440,000	440,000	0
<u>Municipal District Reserve Fund</u>			
Municipal District Reserve Fund	1,525	0	1,525
Naas Cricket Club	2,000	2,000	0
The Paddocks Residents Association- Tree Removal	5,000	5,000	0
Biodiversity	14,000	14,000	0
County Kildare Access Network	5,000	5,000	0

Into Kildare	15,000	15,000	0
Poulaphouca Paddlers	300	0	300
Sarto Rd Residents Association	300	300	0
Newtown Residents Association	320	320	0
Ballymore Eustace History Society	500	0	500
St Brigid's Pk Residents Association	300	300	0
Ballymore Eustace Bandhall	250	0	250
Ballymore Eustace Community Dev Association	1,000	1,000	0
Naas Basketball Club	500	0	500
Eadestown - Feel Good	150	150	0
Kingsfurze Residents Association	3,000	3,000	0
Outdoor Movie - Sallins GAA Club	1,895	1,895	0
Outdoor Theatre - Naas Mens Shed	1,500	1,500	0
Westgate Lighting	3,000	0	3,000
Sallins Business Association - Christmas Lights top up	1,000	0	1,000
Castlefen Sallins Skip	1,000	0	1,000
Naas Christmas Lights - Christmas Lights top-up	9,042	0	9,042
Naas Walkers Group	1,000	0	1,000
Flamenco - Naas Mens Shed	2,000	2,000	0
Community Bus Signage	418	0	418
MD Reserve Total	70,000	51,465	18,535
<u>Community Projects</u>			
Residents Association	62,000	61,080	920
Christmas Lights - Naas	60,000	40,000	20,000
Christmas Lights - Sallins	5,000	0	5,000
Christmas Lights - Kill	2,000	2,000	0
Christmas Lights - Ballymore Eustace	2,000	2,000	0
Christmas Lights - Johnstown	1,500	1,500	0
Christmas Lights - Eadestown	1,500	1,500	0
Text Alert	8,500	8,500	0
Town Twinning	8,000	0	8,000
Garda Diversion Programme	5,000	5,000	0
Croatia / Earthquake	2,000	2,000	0
Moat Theatre	15,000	15,000	0
4g Pitch Naas CBS	100,000	100,000	0
Naas Access & Disability -St Patricks Day Event	3,450	3,450	0
Wildfood Festival* (2020 LPT did not take place)	-20,000	0	-20,000
Community Sub Total	255,950	242,030	13,920
<u>Libraries & Arts</u>			
Music Generation	30,000	30,000	0
Decade of Commemorations	12,000	12,000	0
Libraries & Arts Sub Total	42,000	42,000	0

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Environment			
Tidy Towns - Naas	5,000	5,000	0
Tidy Towns - Kill	2,000	2,000	0
Tidy Towns - Sallins	2,000	2,000	0
Tidy Towns - Ballymore Eustace	2,000	2,000	0
Tidy Towns - Johnstown	1,000	1,000	0
Tidy Towns - Eadestown	1,000	1,000	0
Environment Sub Total	13,000	13,000	0
Parks			
Tree Surgery	30,000	30,000	0
Glyphosate	12,500	12,500	0
Recreation & Amenity Sub Total	42,500	42,500	0
Capital Fund			
Capital Fund Urban Regeneration	131,289	0	131,289
Capital Fund Sub-Total	131,289	0	131,289
Total LPT Funding	994,739	830,995	163,744

Municipal District Reserve Fund 2021

	Cllr Moore	Cllr Breen	Cllr Brett	Cllr Clear	Cllr Kelly	Cllr Kenny	Cllr Sammon	Total
Into Kildare	3,000		3,000	2,000	1,000	3,000	3,000	15,000
CKAN			1,000	1,000		1,000	2,000	5,000
Biodiversity	3,000	2,000	2,000	3,000		2,000	2,000	14,000
Community Bus Sign					418			418
Naas Cricket Club			1,000			1,000		2,000
Naas Basketball Club						500		500
Eadestown Feelgood					150			150
Flamenco Theatre - Mens Shed					2,000			2,000
Westgate Lighting	1,500		1,500					3,000
Sallins GAA Outdoor Movie					1,895			1,895
Sallins Tidy Towns					1,000			1,000
Kingsfurze Residents Association		3,000						3,000
Sarto Rd Residents Association				300				300
Newtown Residents Association	320							320

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St Brigid's Pk Residents Association							300	300
Ballymore E. History Society							500	500
Ballymore E. Bandhall							250	250
Ballymore E. Community Dev Assoc							1,000	1,000
Sallins Christmas Lights					1,000			1,000
Naas Christmas Lights	1,180			2,700	2,537	2,000	625	9,042
Outdoor Theatre - Mens shed			1,500					1,500
Poulaphouca Paddlers							300	300
Naas Walkers Group	1,000							1,000
The Paddocks - Tree Removal		5,000						5,000
Sub-total	10,000	10,000	10,000	9,000	10,000	9,500	9,975	68,475
Balance	0	0	0	1,000	0	500	25	1,525
Total	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	70,000

Appendix 2:

Community Grants for Approval MD.Naas			
1.	Kildare Autism Network	To host training and meetings for parents in Monread Community Center	€765.00
2.	Kildare Active Retirement Association	Trip to Irish National Stud and meal for members	€1,050.00
23.	No Planet B	Raising Climate Awareness through an art installation on Naas Main Street and promotion through club web site.	€950.00