

Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 08 March 2022 in the Council Chamber,
Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

Apologies: Councillor Seamie Moore (Mayor).

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Ms M Hunt (Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender, (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms A O'Malley, Mr B O'Gorman (Administrative Officers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms P O'Rourke (Climate Action Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0322

Mayors Business

The Deputy Mayor conveyed the Mayor's apologies as he could not be present at the meeting and raised the following matters on his behalf:

- Congratulations to Eoghan Ryan and the Planning Team on the funding allocation for the Potato Market under the 2022 Historic Towns Initiative.
- Thanks to all those involved in the collection for Ukraine, approximately €20,000 was raised. It was proposed that the Naas Municipal District Members supplement this amount by allocating €10,000 to Naas Lyons Club for the Ukraine collection.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Breen that a further €10,000 be allocated from LPT funding by the Naas Municipal

District members to Naas Lyons Club for the Ukraine collection to supplement the €20,000 already collected.

- Congratulation to St Mary's School Soccer Team on their recent Leinster A Girls cup win.
- Congratulation to Pipers Hill College on their recent win in the u19 C Girls Basketball final.
- Best of luck to Naas CBS Senior Football Team in their upcoming All-Ireland final.
- Thanks to the members and those who turned up to the Naas festival committee meeting.
- Thanks to Simon Wallace for facilitating the recent drop-in session in Sallins Community Hall in relation to the Part 8 proposed development for Sallins Amenity Lands.

NS02/0322

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.

NS03/0322

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday, 08 February 2022 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Kenny that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 08 February 2022 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS04/0322

Matters Arising

Councillor Brett queried the responses received on the progress report to the following items stating that he thought these were covered by DMURS and asked if something had changed:

- Ramp on the Punchestown Road out of Johnstown NS12/1121
- Sherlockstown Road Traffic Calming Measures NS11/1021
- Ramps on the Kilcullen Road NS14/0621
- Yellow Box at the Junction of Hillside Drive and the Sallins Road NS15/0621
- Yellow Box at Entrance to Craddockstown Walk NS09/0521
- Yellow Box at Mill Lane and Sallins Road Junction NS15/1220

Ms Pender stated that the Roads Department were working on three technical documents which had been brought to the Transport SPC and were close to being finalised which would then be circulated to the members.

Public Realm Projects

The members made the following points in relation to public parklets in Naas:

- There were concerns in relation to public consultation as the members were informed that businesses had been consulted, however it appeared not all businesses were consulted.
- There were implications for the people visiting the town
- There was no consultation in relation to the removal of five parking spaces on South Main Street and the public were not happy that they would no longer be able to park there.
- The members were seeking more engagement and for the consultation portal to be used and they were looking for a commitment going forward.
- There was support for the use and development of parklets.
- There had previously been concerns expressed by some members of the public over the changes to Poplar Square however 500 people gathered for the Ukrainian march which demonstrated the benefit of these types of projects.

Ms Hunt made the following points:

- The council were not obliged to carry out consultation in relation to these types of projects however Ms Hunt gave a commitment that a survey will be

launched through the consultation portal in respect of all future similar projects.

- The council would seek as much engagement as possible and send out surveys to businesses through LEO and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Age friendly or disabled persons parking spaces were not being removed outside the Presbyterian Church.

NS05/0322

Municipal District Road Works

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

- The Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance works programme for 2022 were currently being developed.
- Footpath works at Friary Road, Naas and St Conleth's Place, Naas were complete.
- Ramp maintenance at Kingsfurze would be complete in the coming weeks.
- Funding had been received from the Department of Transport for safety improvement works on the R410 Philipstown Road (approx 1.2km south of Eadestown) which had a number of bends and where a number of instances had occurred.

Councillor Kenny highlighted the rise in poor air quality in the Friary Road area during the works there. The Municipal District Engineer confirmed that the matter had been discussed with the Environment Department.

NS06/0322

Naas Schedule of Municipal District Works 2022

The following allocations were agreed by the members and it was agreed that the remaining allocations would be finalised in the coming weeks prior to the April 2022 meeting:

- €500,000 to Roads Projects
- €118,711 to Public Realm Regeneration

- €70,000 to the members discretionary fund
- €3300 to INTO Kildare to light up Cupidstown Hill for St Brigid's Day
- €25,000 to Naas Point
- €8,500 to the Garda Youth Diversion Project
- €750 to Naas GAA for flags and bunting

Note: As outlined in item NS01/0322 (Mayors Business) the Naas Municipal District Committee resolved to supplement the money raised for the Ukraine with a further €10,000 from LPT funding.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that €500,000 be allocated to Roads Projects, €118,711 to Public Realm/Regeneration projects, €70,000 to the members discretionary fund, €3,300 to INTO Kildare, €25,000 to Naas Point, €8,500 to the Garda Youth Diversion Project, €10,000 for the Lions Club (Ukraine) and €750 to Naas GAA and that the remaining allocations be finalised by the members in the coming weeks and brought to the April 2022 meeting for final approval.

NS07/0322

Sustainable Transport and Active Travel Team Projects

Mr Hodgins updated the members on the Sustainable Transport and Active Travel Team projects stating that the following 12 projects were planned in the Naas Municipal District as follows:

- Naas-Kill Cycle Track
- Naas-Sallins Greenway
- Sallins Village Traffic Management Measures
- Naas Permeability Measures
- Kilcullen Road Cycle Track
- Newbridge Road Cycle Track
- Dublin Road Cycle Track
- Monread Road Cycle Track
- Naas-Newbridge Inter-Urban Cycle Track
- VRU Improvements at crossings & junctions

- Safe Routes To School - Craddockstown
- Cycle Parking at Town Centres, Schools & Sports Clubs

Mr Hodgins outlined the likely time frames and next stage of each project and in response to queries from the members,

he made the following points:

- Roundabouts were being assessed by the team and in line with the new manual from the NTA.
- A pedestrian crossing in Johnstown would be considered as part of the Naas to Kill Cycle Track Scheme.
- Works on the Blessington Road, Wolfe Tone Street, St Corban's Lane and the Sallins Road would be part of the next phase.
- The oldest junction's county wide would be assessed first when improvement works were being considered.

NS08/0322

Plastic Bollards on the Footpath outside Scoil Bhríde

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillors Clear. That the council install plastic bollards on the footpath along the road at the North entrance to Scoil Bhríde, Sallins Road to prevent parking on the footpath.

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

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

Councillor Clear stated that he had spoken to An Garda Síochána and they had agreed to issue tickets for illegal parking.

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

NS09/0322

Traffic Lights at Ballycane Cross

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear.
That the council review the traffic lights at Ballycane Cross as left turning vehicles are regularly driving through the lights when the crossing signal is green.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were built in safety timings including inter-greens/all red time at all signal controlled junctions which allow for sufficient clearance times between all traffic and pedestrian phases and stages at the junction. The Traffic Management Section shall review these timings at this junction. It should be noted that incidences of road users running red/amber signals were down to poor driver behaviour and if noted should be reported to An Garda Síochána who were responsible for enforcing rules of the road.

Councillor Clear stated that by the time drivers travelled around the bend the green light for pedestrians was on and drivers could not see this flashing.

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

NS10/0322

Adjourned Motions

Councillor Sammon confirmed that Councillor Moore had asked for his motions to be adjourned to the April meeting. All the members agreed.

NS11/0322

Local Bike Rental Scheme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny.
That the council invite tenders for the provision of a local bike rental scheme in the Naas Municipal District, similar to the Dublin Bike scheme and modelled on similar schemes operating successfully in cities and towns across Europe.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the viability of this proposal in the Naas Municipal District and in Kildare would be discussed with the National Transport Authority. It was understood that a key parameter of the Dublin Bike Scheme was that it primarily operated within a 30kph zone in Dublin (i.e. slower speed environments) and therefore the scheme operated without mandatory cycle helmets. The request could be referred to the Transportation, Emergency Services and Public Safety SPC for possible inclusion in their work programme and further investigation.

The members made the following points:

- Bike rental schemes had been in operation in the UK and Europe for a number of years.
- There were 12 different Sustainable Transport and Active Travel Team Projects planned in the Naas Municipal District and it would be good to look at some of these schemes in conjunction with bike rental and establish the infrastructure required around them such as bike lockers etc.
- Driver speed in the middle of the town needed to be reduced to 30km.

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

NS12/0322

Yellow Luminous Warning Lines on Footpaths

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

That the council provide yellow luminous warning lines on the footpaths straddling the road entrance to the Church of the Irish Martyrs for the safety of elderly visually impaired pedestrians.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that following an assessment of the pedestrian crossing, the Naas Municipal District Office propose the provision of tactile paving at this location.

Councillor Breen stated that she was looking for yellow luminous warning lines on the footpath so they could be seen by visually impaired people.

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

NS13/0322

School Warden in Ballymore Eustace

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

That the council consider assigning a school warden to 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 there was a pedestrian controlled crossing outside Scoil Mhuire, Ballymore Eustace which was fully operational and was used by students and adults on a daily basis. There was no requirement for a School Warden to be posted outside the school in Ballymore Eustace as the students benefit from an already controlled and safe crossing mechanism.

Councillor Sammon made the following points:

- With the number of new houses there would be an influx of cars and children.
- The traffic lights were currently proving controversial, and cars were not stopping.
- Could the position of the traffic lights be re-assessed to determine how the area could be made safer?

Ms Pender undertook to relay Councillor Sammon's comments to the Traffic Management Team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Ms Pender to relay Councillor Sammon's comments to the Traffic Management Team.

NS14/0322

Installation of ramps on the Toberton Road, Johnstown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. That the council install two ramps on the Toberton Road, Johnstown one either side of the new estate entrance, to prevent speeding on the road.

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 the Guidance Document on the Selection and Implementation of Traffic Calming Measures was substantially complete and would be available before end of March 2022. The request would be considered in line with the guidance document when finalised.

Councillor Brett stated that the area was dangerous due to the speed of traffic on the road.

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

NS15/0322

Footpaths in Woodside Park, Naas

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

That the council examine the state of the footpaths in Woodside Park, Naas.

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 the Naas Municipal District Office would consider this location as part of the footpath improvement works to be delivered in the district, subject to resources.

Councillor Brett accepted the report.

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

NS16/0322

Underground Carpark at the Waterways, Sallins

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

That the council correspond with Irish Rail on the status of the underground carpark at the Waterways, Sallins with a view to ascertaining when it is due to open.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that with their agreement, a letter could issue to Irish Rail seeking clarification on the status of the underground carpark at the Waterways, Sallins.

Councillor Kelly stated that she would appreciate the support of her fellow elected members noting that there was an increase in cars on the road again and there was an underground car park ready to be used at this location.

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

NS17/0322

Sallins Bypass

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council confirm if the Sallins bypass is now complete or what needs to be done to complete the project?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sallins Bypass was deemed to be substantially complete on the 08 April 2021. Kildare County Council were working with the contractor to ensure all remaining non conformance reports (NCRs), outstanding works and snagging items were closed out. Some of the outstanding works relate to landowner accommodation works, sewer repairs on the Sallins Link Road scheduled for the 23 – 25 March, areas of landscaping works, additional road marking etc.

Councillor Clear sought clarification on whether the cycle connection to Osberstown was part of the remaining non-conformance reports as it was not complete, and asked that the members be provided with a list of the remaining non-conformance reports.

Ms Pender asked Councillor Clear to send her information on the locations he was referring to and she would relay the information to the NRO (National Roads Office).
The report was noted.

NS18/0322

Lighting on the Sallins Bypass

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council confirm if there are plans to install lighting on the Sallins bypass to accommodate people who walk and cycle at night time?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that public lighting was not installed on the Sallins Bypass and there were no current plans to do so. The EIS for the scheme (that was approved by An Bord Pleanála) stated for environmental reasons and given the rural nature of the surroundings and the predicted traffic flow, no road lighting was considered necessary for the proposed R407 Sallins Bypass.

The report was noted.

NS19/0322

Sequencing of Lights at Major Junctions

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.
Can the council confirm if it plans to review the sequencing of lights at major junctions in the Naas Municipal District to minimize unnecessary vehicle braking and subsequent acceleration which all contribute to increased pollution?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that all traffic signals within the Naas Municipal District were configured to operate at the most optimum efficiency at various times of the day. The sequencing of signals was reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Traffic Management Section. The delivery of infrastructure such as the Naas Inner Relief Road and Sustainable Transport Schemes would have the added benefits of reducing the volume of vehicular traffic, vehicle journey times and also assist in removing traffic from Naas town centre where the impact of traffic related pollution had the most negative impact.

The report was noted.

NS20/0322

Flooding in the Arthurstown Area

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.
Can the council confirm if it has plans to review the remediation of excessive road flooding on the L2019 especially in the Arthurstown area?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office was assessing the drainage in this area as part of its overall maintenance works.

The report was noted.

NS21/0322

St Patrick's Day

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon. Can the council confirm if there are plans to light up Naas Ball, Áras Chill Dara and the Town Hall green for St Patrick's Day?

A report was received from the Facilities Section informing the members that Áras Chill Dara would be lit up green for St Patricks Day. The Town Hall and Naas Ball were outside their control.

A report was also received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the council was checking with the Contractor in relation to the Town Hall and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in relation to Naas Ball. The members should be aware that if it was possible to do so, there may be a cost involved.

Councillor Sammon confirmed that the members set aside LPT funding if it was required.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) had no objection to lighting Naas Ball green for St Patrick's Day. He confirmed that this could not be facilitated at present at the Town Hall.

The members agreed to allocate LPT funding to light up Naas Ball green for St Patrick's Day.

The report was noted.

NS22/0322

Underground Overhead Service Cables in Ballymore Eustace

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

That a pilot project to underground overhead service cables in Ballymore Eustace is applied for through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) was a commitment of €1 billion by government to be invested in rural Ireland over the period 2019 to 2027. The purpose of the fund was to support job creation in rural areas, address de-population of rural communities and support improvements in our towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas. Initial funding of €315 million had been allocated to the fund on a phased basis over the period 2019 to 2022. Key to any project proposed for RRDF funding was that any such proposal could clearly demonstrate that it would have an impact on sustainable economic and social development in the area. Accordingly, while it was desirable to underground overhead service cables where possible, the RRDF would not be an appropriate funding stream for such a proposal.

Councillor Sammon accepted the report.

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

NS23/0322

Alterations to Water Supply Systems in the Naas Municipal District

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

That the council liaise with Irish water when pressure changes and downstream alterations are made in water supply systems in the Naas Municipal District which can result in catastrophic damage to pipes which requires urgent repair and knock-on disruption to water supply and traffic management.

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

A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that Irish Water was the national water utility responsible for the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. The elected member should contact Irish Water via the dedicated Local Representative Service Desk in compliance with Irish Water instructions and protocol. The contact details are as follows;

Telephone: 0818 178 178

Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

Kildare County Council was not aware of any recent events where changes to water pressure as outlined in the motion had resulted in damages to pipes.

The members made the following points:

- There had been three significant pipe bursts on the main Kilcullen Road in the last few years which caused disruption to water supply around the town and to traffic on the road.
- The cause of the repetitive failures in the water system needed to be addressed.
- There had been a lot of changes as part of the Barrow Water Supply Scheme and a correlation between the issue outlined in the motion and these changes could be seen.
- Irish Water and Kildare County Council needed to discuss the matter.

The Municipal District Manager undertook to relay the members comments to the Director of Services of the Water Services and Environment Department.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and the Municipal District Manager to relay the members comments to the Director of Services of the Water Services and Environment Department.

NS24/0322

Removal of Trees in Bodenstown Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if it has begun the process of applying for a licence to remove trees in Bodenstown Cemetery?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the possibility of tree removal in Bodenstown cemetery was being re-assessed. Removal was contingent on a number of considerations including an arborist's report, a method statement and ministerial consent. The council would then expect to apply for ministerial consent in due course.

Councillor Kelly made the following points:

- This was a public monument and therefore it was not just Kildare County Council that was involved.
- She would urge the council to use whatever resources were required to progress this.
- There would be restraints due to nesting season.
- She asked that the Director progress this as soon as possible.

The Deputy Mayor asked that the comments be relayed to the Director of Services of the Environment Department.

The report was noted.

NS25/0322

Vacant Housing Units in Castlefen, Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That this council receive a commitment that the vacant housing units in Castlefen, Sallins be made fit for occupation before the new housing, units currently under construction comes on stream.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that it was important to note that not all properties in Castlefen were council owned. The Council was currently in the process of preparing units for reallocation and they would be allocated as soon as they become available. It was also the case that weather related roof work was scheduled to be undertaken during 2022, to some apartment blocks, and this work cannot commence until Summer time.

It was expected that units currently being constructed by Tuath would be delivered in Q2/2022 in accordance with the Capital Advance and Leasing Facility agreement between Tuath and Kildare County Council and the council was obliged to provide nominations to Tuath in a timely fashion. All Council allocations and nominations were undertaken in compliance with our adopted Allocations Policy, in an effort to achieve good estate management objectives and integrated communities. On occasion, this can lead to apparent delays in the occupation of vacant properties.

The members made the following points:

- A commitment was sought that vacant houses were made fit for purpose before TUATH allocated new houses.
- This month's Vacant Housing Report was an accurate reflection of the number of vacant properties however, previous months had not been.
- How many of the vacant properties on the report were council owned?
- The report on the motion stated that units were in the process of being prepared however when checked, it did not appear this way.
- New units were being opened in Quarter 2 2022 and this did not look well when there was a number of vacant properties.
- There were 15 empty houses in Castlefen and this was unfair to the residents who had been working hard to ensure it was a good community to live in.

Mr O'Gorman stated that he noted the members comments and would relay them to the Housing Team. In relation to the TUATH issue, this may not be possible due to strict timelines.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear that the report be noted and Mr O’Gorman to relay the members comments to the Housing Department.

NS26/0322

Parks Works Programme 2022

The members considered the Parks Works Programme 2022.

In response to queries from the members, Mr Wallace made the following points:

- The Parks Section would come back with a report on Millbrook Villas.
- There had been a change in the grass cutting regime for some of the grass in Monread Park last year and the Parks Department were asking for the residents’ patience on the matter.

The members welcomed the report.

NS27/0322

Water Safety Rings at the Lakes

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council replace the damaged, unusable, water safety rings at the lakes, Ballymore Road, Naas and review the condition of the remaining ones in the interests of water safety.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a delivery of ring buoys was expected in the coming days and the damaged ring buoys would be replaced immediately following their delivery.

Councillor Breen made the following points:

- This had been brought to her attention in the interest of safety by mothers walking children around the lakes.

- Were all the ring buoys going to be replaced as they appeared to be in bad condition?
- How many new ones were coming in?

Mr Wallace stated that when the delivery was received any ring buoys that needed to be replaced would be.

Councillor Clear stated that people were interfering with ring buoys and this was part of the issue, and pleaded with people not to interfere with them.

Councillor Kenny suggested using the taping over the ring buoys with a warning sign similar to what he had observed at Digby Bridge.

The Meetings Administrator undertook to follow up with Syl Merrins in relation to the comments and Councillor Breen's questions.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and the Meetings Administrator to follow up with Syl Merrins in relation to the comments and Councillor Breen's questions.

NS28/0322

Workhouse Graveyard, Craddockstown Road

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

Can the council provide an update on the outstanding repair of the damaged wall at the Workhouse Graveyard, Craddockstown Road?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that quotes were being sought for the repair of the wall, however other works already committed to within the municipal district had to be completed first before the council progress this beyond costing the works.

The report was noted.

NS29/0322

Playground in Ballymore Eustace

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

Can the council provide an update on the proposed playground in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a potential site for a playground had been identified. This was where a community centre was proposed. However there were a number of projects which had been committed to which had to be progressed before the playground could progress. It would not be possible to allocate staff resources to the project in the current year.

The report was noted.

NS30/0322

Assessment of Trees in the Municipal District

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

Can the council confirm if it is intending to prioritise the assessment of trees in this municipal district in areas that suffered during the recent storms?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that arrangements were being made for the inspection of the trees on the Sherlockstown Road. If there were other areas that require inspection and were in public ownership, these could be examined also.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.