



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 08 November 2022 in the Council Chamber**

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr Y Khan (Municipal District Assistant Engineer), Mrs P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer) Mr S Deegan (Senior Engineer, Roads) Ms A Granville (Senior Planner) Ms V Cooke (Administrative Officer), Ms G Allen (Senior Executive Librarian), Ms O McGee (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/1122

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.

NS02/1122

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday 11 October and the minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Monday, 24 October 2022 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Clear that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 and the minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Monday, 24 October 2022 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



NS03/1122

Municipal District Road works

Mr Y Khan Assistant Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works.

Road Resurfacing

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2022

The following road improvement works projects are now at construction stage:

- L2019 – Baysland - Complete
- L6051 – Bawnogue - Complete
- L6038 – Rathmore - Complete
- R407 – Sallins - Complete
- L6066 – Rathasker - Complete
- L2007 – Kill to Straffan - Complete
- R411 – Broadleas, Ballymore Eustace - Complete
- L6043 – Craddockstown Road, Naas - Complete
- L4444 – Friary Road, Naas - Complete
- R445 – Newbridge Road & Main Street, Naas - Ongoing
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Surface Dressing Works

The Naas Municipal District have completed Surface Dressing works at the following locations:

- Kilmalum Complete
- Tipperkevin Complete
- Slieveroe Complete
- Tipper Road, Naas Complete
- Osberstown Complete
- Ladycastle Complete
- Castledillon Complete

Footpaths

A tender has been awarded for works at the following locations which have commenced construction:



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- Friary Road, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- St. Conleth's Place, Naas (road/ footpath improvements) - Complete
- The Sycamores, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- The Paddocks, Naas (footpath improvement) - Complete
- Monread Road (Footpaths at Globe Retail) - Complete
- Liffey Heights, Ballymore Eustace (footpath improvements) - Complete
- St Brigids Terrace, Ballymore Eustace (footpath) - Complete
- St Brigids Terrace, Sallins (new parking bay) - Complete
- Sarto Road, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Kingsfurze (ramp maintenance) - Complete
- Main Street, Naas footpath (Dunnes Stores) - Complete
- Riverwalk, Ballymore Eustace – CDA Project - Complete
- Ashgrove, Naas (road/ footpath improvements) - Complete
- Cherry Grove, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Johnstown Gardens (road improvements) - Complete
- Mountain View, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Sallins Road (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Johnstown (Parking area drainage) - Complete
- Sundays Well (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- St. Patricks Park, Kill (footpath improvements) - Complete
- St Brigids Terrace, Kill (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- River Lawns, Kill (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Railway Walk, Naas (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Rathasker Heights (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Mill lane raised table (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Blessington Road (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Ballymore Eustace (uncontrolled crossings) - Tender Stage
- Roselawn (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage

2022 Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads

The Naas Municipal District have received funding from the Department of Transport for the following 2022 Safety Improvement Works:



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- R410 Philipstown (approx. 1.2km south of Eadestown) - Complete
- L6011 / L6012 Junction at Sherlockstown, Sallins Q4 2022
- L2018 / L6030 Junction of 2 local roads at Killeel Q4 2022

2022 Local Property Tax (LPT) & carparking funded schemes

The Naas Municipal District are delivering a programme of works for the delivery of LPT funded projects, following the approval of funding by the Naas Municipal District Councillors at the March 2022 meeting.

Drainage

Drainage improvement works at Johnstown were completed in January 2022. Further works are being developed in line with the road improvement works for 2022.

Gully cleaning and associated works are ongoing in the Naas Municipal District.

The councillors made the following points:

- That information was given very late regarding works being carried out on the Main Street and asked can more than 24 hours' notice be given in the future.
- Complaints received in relation to traffic backups between Naas Town Hall and Dunnes Stores look at ensuring cars only turn left at the exit
- Look again at the possibility of a yellow box
- Sallins Road, the cycle lane is only half done

Ms P Pender advised that the Roads Dept will look into the possibility of a yellow box between Naas Town Hall and Dunnes Stores.

NS04/1122

To agree remaining LPT Allocations 2022.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that requests from the following Councillors had been received for LPT funding to be allocated to the following projects:



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Councillor Kenny

- €3000 for Naas basketball club
- €400 for Esmondale Residents Association

Councillor Sammon

- €5000 for the Potato Market
- €3000 for Comhairle Na nÓg

Councillor Moore raised the query on LPT allocation for the Cannonball Run held earlier in the year, he said that members had supported this, and it was from the members' fund.

Councillor Sammon advised there was no money left in the reserve for this. She advised that a pre meeting discussed this and it was not brought forward, the allocation was not documented on the final list that was approved by all the members.

Councillor Brett said he agreed with Councillor Moore, and it was his understanding that the allocation was agreed

The district manager advised members that this was discussed at the beginning of the year and that all money had now been allocated, he also mentioned the fact that new projects had emerged in March.

Councillor Moore was dissatisfied with the response in his opinion the allocation was approved, Councillor Moore left the meeting in protest.

NS05/1122

Roads Projects and Roads Planning

Mr S Deegan updated the members on the Roads Projects and Roads Planning in the Naas Municipal District.

The members thanked Mr S Deegan for the report and asked the following:

- Will the Eadestown junction be finished by Christmas / New Year?



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- Does the transport strategy feed into the Naas- Sallins Greenway team?

Mr S Deegan responded with the following:

- Eadestown junction will be finished in the New Year and that it will be a section 38 process.
- It feeds into the Sustainable transport team, not the Naas-Sallins Greenway team.

The report was noted.

NS06/1122

Christmas Parking Arrangements 2021

The members considered the Christmas parking arrangements in the Naas Municipal District for 2022.

Ms P Pender asked the members if they are happy to go with the same notice as last year i.e., suspending the paid parking with effect from 01-31.12.2022 9.30am – 5.3.0pm.

The members said that this worked well, and all the members agreed that pay parking would be suspended in Hedermans, Boyle's, Abbey Street, New Row and the Fairgreen off street carparks only from 9.30 am to 5.30 p.m. from 01 December 2022 to 31 December 2022 inclusive. On street parking and enforcement of illegal parking was to operate as normal.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by the members that pay parking would be suspended in Hedermans, Boyle's, Abbey Street, New Row and the Fairgreen off street carparks only from 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m from 01 December 2022 to 31 December 2022 inclusive. On street parking and enforcement of illegal parking was to operate as normal.

NS07/1122

Fencing at the Liffey end of Castlesize Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council reinstate/upgrade the fencing at the Liffey end of Castlesize Estate, Sallins as a matter of urgency, which was broken through yet again by horses.



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

A report was received from the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent that the location will be assessed to see what works are required. Any works necessary will have to be costed

and scheduled within the extensive list of works and commitments being undertaken by the Parks Section. It would be beneficial if this is a persistent issue that residents would identify who is vandalising the fence so the matter can be pursued further. The assistance of the Housing Department and in particular the Tenant Liaison Officer would be needed to facilitate this.

Councillor Kelly said she was very disappointed with the report, and she would like the Council to reinstate or upgrade the fencing at the River Liffey end of Castlesize Estate. There is a danger to children walking to school from this estate as horses are entering from Kildare County Council land to it.

That horses have been seized and the cost to the council is eye-watering. This issue has been raised since 2018.

Councillor Kelly read out a letter from the residents of Castlesize explaining that the invasion of horses into their estate over the last 4 years is causing a nuisance and it's a matter of public safety. A letter from Sallins Celtic football club outlining their frustration at the damage its causing, matches being called off due to pitches becoming unplayable, and the cost of almost €6k to the club to fix all the damaged caused by these horses.

The district manager advised he had spoken with the Parks Department, and they have agreed to go out and fence off the site.

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

NS08/1122

Larger bicycle parking spaces

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



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That the council allocate larger bicycle parking spaces in this municipal district with appropriate signage to facilitate cargo bikes given the recently increased budgetary allowance in the bike to work scheme to €3000 for cargo bikes.

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

A report was received by the Sustainable Transport & Traffic Management Team that part of the installation of public cycle parking facilities, the Sustainable Transport Section will examine options other than conventional bicycles. We are engaging with the National Transport Authority and are awaiting their suggestions with regard to a regional approach in

the Greater Dublin Area to cycle sharing and associated infrastructure. Feedback from other local authorities in the GDA can be sought on trails that have been undertaken by them.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the Roads Department would advise that the location of cargo bike facilities be allocated to off street car parks as designated hubs for EV Charging, bicycle cargo lockers, long-term parking, and other services.

Councillor Kenny noted the answer on the reports but said the council need to look at the bigger picture. The Council need to incentivise these schemes, there is a lot of cargo bikes now being used.

Ms P Pender advised that there are several projects coming up from the Roads & Transport team and that the members are aware of these, and the active travel/sustainable transport team will consider all of them.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

NS09/1122

Drainage channels along the R407

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



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That the council clear the gullies and dig drainage channels along the R407 at Blackhall from Bodenstown to the Alexandra Bridge, Clane.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that The Naas Municipal District office have included gully cleaning and renewing water cuts at this location as part of its ongoing maintenance works.

Councillor Kenny made the following point that he uses the road from the Sallins bypass and since the weather has turned, he has noticed a lot of surface water on it.

Ms P Pender advised the area is included in their programme of works. In terms of Alexandra Bridge, these works were carried out by an external consultant (facilitated by Kildare County Council).

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

NS10/1122

Pedestrian crossing on the Blessington Road

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

That the council investigate the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing on the Blessington Road from the Elmwood to Friary Road direction given that there is a significant population on the east side of the road trying to access the town and schools safely.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Breen

A report was received by the Sustainable Transport & Traffic Management Team that the Traffic Management Section shall carry out an assessment of the location to determine whether a pedestrian crossing is warranted at this location and if so, what type of crossing could be provided in accordance with current regulations and guidelines.



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Councillor Clear advised he was happy that Kildare County Council are doing an assessment but would like the item to be placed on the progress report too.

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

NS11/1122

Disabled parking bays

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen that the council carry out a review of the disabled parking bays in the Naas Municipal District with a view to ensuring that the council is meeting the needs of all users in a fair and equitable way.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the Roads Department advises that all road users are treated fairly and in an equitable manner under the regulation of parking by Kildare County Council and in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulations and the parking bye-laws as adopted by the Elected Members. The Roads Department also advises that the ratio guidelines for the provision of accessible parking bays is 1:25. A vehicle can park in any parking bay while displaying a valid accessible blue badge and without paying the parking tariff. The Roads Department can also confirm that maximum stay periods do not apply to vehicles who display a valid accessible (blue badge). This is consistent throughout the county.

Councillor Breen made the following points:

- Wanted to make it clear she was not saying that the Council are being unfair to all road users, but disabled persons are restricted.
- Do we have enough disabled parking spaces?
- A review of the Bye-Laws is required

Ms P Pender advised the following:

- Naas town has more disabled parking than any other towns in the County



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- Disabled road users do not have to use only blue bay parking spots, they can use any space that's available free of charge.
- That providing a timeframe would prove difficult as not everyone has the same disabilities. however, the proposal will be considered when the parking by-laws are being reviewed.

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

NS12/1122

Broken & damaged flagstones

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen
That the council, in the interest of public safety, replace the broken/damaged flagstones in the courtyard of the Stables Estate in Kill and replace with grass.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the central courtyard was not included in the taking-in-charge process. As this location is not in the charge of Kildare County Council, this is a private matter for the owners/management company.

Councillor Breen asked why the courtyard of the Stables Estate in Kill was not taken in charge yet?

Councillor Brett advised a lot of work was done with the residents and they have requested that it is taken in charge now by the Council

Ms P Pender advised that she would contact Building Control and come back to the members. The item will be put on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members that the report be noted, and the item be put on the progress report.



NS13/1122

Footpaths along the Riverview Apartments

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly
Can the council confirm if the footpaths along the Riverview Apartments in Naas are included in the street cleaning schedule?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the The Newbridge Road to the front of the Riverview Apartments is included as part of the street sweeping schedule.

The report was noted.

NS14/1122

Sharks Teeth

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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to renew the "Sharks Teeth" markings on the speed ramps on the Tipper Road between The Paddocks and the Blessington Road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the Naas Municipal District office will renew these markings as part of its ongoing maintenance works.

The report was noted.

NS15/1122

Cause of flooding in Woodside Park

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

Can the council confirm if it has identified the cause of flooding in Woodside Park, Naas?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the Naas Municipal District Office has not been made aware of any significant issues at this location. Gully cleaning operations are ongoing in the Naas Municipal District, and this location will be included as part of this operation. Please note that significant high intensity rainfall may cause short term, localised issues, due to capacity constraints on the drainage system.

The report was noted.



NS16/1122

Install a yield sign in Rathasker Heights

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to install a yield sign and appropriate traffic calming measures and road markings in Rathasker Heights to give priority to the left turn to the south within the estate from which the majority of road traffic emanates?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the Naas Municipal District office currently have no plans to provide junction markings at this location.

Councillor Kenny advised he has concerns over this and will have to come back to it.

Ms P Pender advised she will inform the Engineer of councillor Kenny's concerns.
The report was noted.

NS17/1122

Sunken section of footpath

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to repair the sunken section of footpath immediately to the southwest of the Kilcullen Road roundabout intersection with south ring-road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the Naas Municipal District office will assess this location and make repairs, as necessary, as part of its ongoing maintenance works.

The report was noted.

NS18/1122

NTA Active Travel Zebra Crossing Pilot Scheme

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear Can the council confirm if there will be any trials, in the Naas Municipal District, for Zebra crossings under the NTA Active Travel Zebra Crossing Pilot Scheme whereby a zebra crossing is installed without the need for flashing belisha beacon lights?



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A report was received by the Sustainable Transport & Traffic Management Team that Kildare County Council will await the findings of the National Transport Authority (NTA) Zebra pilot scheme before the implementation of these types of crossings. Until we receive updated guidance from the NTA the current standards and regulations in terms of pedestrian facilities must be implemented.

Councillor Clear made the following points:

- Hoping that Kildare County Council would be part of the pilot scheme
- This is to protect the public
- There is a need to slow down the traffic

Commented [OM1]: I didn't have any comment noted from Bill Jo, so you're good to go here!

Ms P Pender advised she had noted his comments.

The report was noted.

NS19/1122

Addresses of all vacant council houses

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear
That the council provide the members with the addresses of all vacant council houses in the Naas Municipal District.

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

A report was received by the Housing Department that each month the members are given a Vacant House Report which details the total for the county and an Municipal District breakdown which also gives statistical information. The council does not provide address details of vacant properties for various reasons including the security of the vacant property and the identification of a council-owned property in cases where that property is located in a private estate.

The detail of the report has been agreed by the Housing SPC in 2021.

The members made the following points:

- Not unreasonable to ask for the list so members can work with Kildare County Council



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- Like to see how the houses are graded when they are handed back to the Council
- Refer the matter to the Housing SPC to look at the policy with a view to changing it.

Ms V Cook gave the following responses:

- The council want to get houses back out to tenants as quick as possible
- Giving the members the list would not make the contractors come back any quicker
- There is a standard that must be adhered to, each house needs to be inspected before they can go back out to satisfy the insurance
- The list the Councillors received is the list that already went to the Housing SCP in 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by the members that the matter be referred back to the Housing SPC and that the report be noted.

NS20/1122

Property available for allocation

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon
Can the council confirm when the property at (details provided) will be available for allocation?

A report was received from the Housing Department that the property in question was returned to the Council in May 2022. Following obligatory maintenance, it is hoped to allocate this property very shortly.

The report was noted.

NS21/1122

Renovate two council properties

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council confirm if there are plans to renovate the two council properties on the Newbridge Road (details provided) and return them to habitable homes, as four years ago they were in a reasonable condition and now they are derelict?



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A report was received from the Housing Department that tender documents have been prepared for the refurbishment of both properties. These documents are being reviewed at present before being issued for tender.

The report was noted.

NS22/1122

Therma Houses

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen
Can the council confirm if Therma Houses, manufacturer of Modular Homes, have contacted the council to make a presentation with regards to housing provision in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Housing Department that the council have no records of receiving a request from Therma Houses to make a presentation with regards to housing provision in this municipal district.

Councillor Breen asked would the members be amenable to receiving a deputation from Therma Houses on this issue. Councillor Samman suggested that it would be more appropriate to bring the matter to full Council.

The report was noted

NS23/1122

The removal of Bank of Ireland,

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Evie Sammon and Seamie Moore

That the Naas Municipal District Committee writes to the Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage requesting he consider the removal of Bank of Ireland, Main Street South, Naas East, Naas, Kildare (ref 11814085) from the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.

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



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A report was received from the Planning Department that while it is a matter for the members whether a request as outlined above is issued to the Minister for his consideration, the following should be carefully noted.

The structure known as Bank of Ireland, Main Street South, Naas East, Naas, Kildare is listed on the NIAH (Ref 11814085) and Kildare County Development Plan Record of

Protected Structures (Ref NS19-034). The structure is noted as being of regional importance on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.

Section 2.3 of the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines (2004) [published under Section 28] sets out the methodology for 'Compiling the Record of Protected Structures'. Section 2.4.3 and 2.4.4 of these guidelines also set out details regarding 'Ministerial recommendations.

Section 2.4.3 states that "The Minister may make recommendations to a planning authority under Section 53 (1) of the Act concerning the inclusion in the RPS of a structure, specific parts of any structure or specific features within the attendant ground of a structure. A planning authority must have regard to any recommendation made to it by the Minister".

Section 2.4.4 states that "The Minister may make recommendations regarding individual structures at any time. In addition, where a NIAH survey has been carried out, those structures which have been attributed a rating value of international, national or regional importance in the inventory will be recommended by the Minister to the planning authority for inclusion.

The NIAH Handbook issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht (July 2012) also states that "The Minister may recommend structures to the planning authorities for inclusion on the RPS. Sites/structures/groups of structures (Structures) rated as being of Regional importance or above are included in the Minister's recommendations".



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Having regard to the foregoing, the executive would not be favourably disposed to an unsystematic request such as that outlined in this motion, in the absence of any evidence-based assessment in the form of an architectural appraisal of the structure.

Ms. Granville cautioned that she would have serious concerns addressing all these points individually as this is a building of regional importance and consequently, she doesn't recommend a targeted delisting.

Councillor Sammon made the following points:

- She was very happy with the comprehensive report from the Council
- Councillor Sammon asked that if this building is listed on the LAP and CDP is it protected somewhere else?
- Asked as to whether a structure had ever been removed from the National Inventory Architectural Heritage (NIAH) before.
- Asked if Councillors were to delist the building in the County development plan, does that take away its protection and allow for it to be removed?
- Agrees to accept the report and not write out to the minister

Ms A Granville the Senior Planner responded as follows:

- It has only happened once before where the Minister removed one. It was a mistake, but the structure was of local importance and not a regional one.
- The Bank of Ireland building is part of an Architectural Conservation Area and building is on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, so protection still exists for it.

Councillor Clear commented that we need a shopping centre to open, and Councillors should not be blamed if this is not happening. It's a divisive issue as an online post will testify, 62% people were in favour of knocking it down and 37% were in favour of retaining it. Cllr Clear would like Council to have a plan to deal with this issue as promptly as possible.



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Councillor Kelly requested that it be put on the record that it is her belief that whether the façade stays or goes doesn't impact on the building of this shopping centre, as we need it to happen. Cllr. Kelly states that she is pleading with the developers to just built it at this stage.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by the members that they accept the report and not to write out to the Minister the report be noted.

NS24/1122

Planning Applications of coffee shops

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Evie Sammon
That the council outline the number of granted planning applications (including change of use) relating to cafes and coffee shops in Naas since the adoption of the Naas Local Area Plan.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department that they have carried out a search of the planning system under the requested criteria from 1 December 2021 and can find no planning applications that fall within this request. All planning applications are available to view on the online planning system.

Councillor Sammon states that there is a risk of over proliferation of coffee shops in Naas and she would like to see the Planning Department keeping a close eye on planning application for coffee shops but also for change of use of premises too.

Councillor Clear feels that with over 72 coffee shops in Naas there could be an issue regarding the waste from these premises and the Council would also need to be keeping an eye on this issue too.

The District Manager stated that he would look into the matter.

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



NS25/1122

Biodiversity Grant Scheme

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

Can the council confirm that the Biodiversity Grant Scheme for residents' associations in this municipal district will be open/available before the end of 2022?

A report was received from the Senior Executive Planner, Heritage Office that the Biodiversity Grant Scheme for Residents Associations will be advertised in the coming weeks before the end of November. Details will be made available on the Council website. The report was noted

NS26/1122

School Zones

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

Can the council confirm how areas with primary schools are identified for 'School Zones' in this municipal district and are there plans to extend this to Ballymore Eustace NS?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety team that in March 2021 the Safe Routes to School Programme was announced to support walking and cycling infrastructure for primary and post-primary schools. 932 schools (representing almost 1 in 4 schools in the state) expressed an interest in the Programme. The schools selected were assessed against a range of criteria including school type, location, and the school's commitment to sustainable travel. The programme aims to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities, alleviate congestion at the school gates and increase the number

of students walking and cycling to school by providing much needed facilities. Improvements range from an upgraded footpath or new cycle lane to a complete reworking of the road outside a school's entrance.

170 schools were selected for inclusion in the first round of the Safe Routes to School Programme (SRTS) 2021. The remaining schools who have not been included in the first round, will not be required to reapply and will enter the programme on a rolling basis. Additional calls for schools to join the programme are not envisaged, however it is



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anticipated that a review of the programme will be carried out in 2022. €15m has been allocated for projects included in Round 1 and is provided from the €1.8 bn funding earmarked in the Programme for Government to support sustainable transport. The programme is funded by the Dept of Transport through the NTA and is supported by the Dept of Education. An Taisce Green Schools are co-ordinating, while funding will be made

available to local authorities which will play a key part in delivering the infrastructure along access routes and at the school gate.

The link below provides additional a comprehensive FAQ and additional information on this initiative:

www.greenschoolsireland.org/saferoutestoschool

The link will also take you to an interactive map showing all the schools registered with the Safe Routes to School Programme. There are a number of participating schools in the Naas Municipal District area including:

Holy Child NS (selected in Round 1)
Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh
Meánscoil Iognáid Rís (Naas CBS)
Mercy Convent Primary School Naas
Scoil Bhríde Naas
Scoil Chéile Chríost Rathmore NS
Scoil Mhuire NS Ballymore Eustace
St. Corbans BNS
St. Laurence's National School, Sallins.

The report was noted

NS27/1122

Remaining 2022 grants Scheme

The members considered the approval of the remaining 2022 grants under the Community Grant Scheme a report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon seconded by Councillor Kenny and agreed by the members that the remaining 2022 grants under the Community Grant Scheme be approved.

NS27/1122

Development of Sallins Community Lands

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

That the council provide an update on next steps and timelines for the development of Sallins Community Lands.

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

A report was received from the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent that the preparation of a tender for the detail design of Sallins Amenity Land will be prepared in Q1 2023. This is likely to include the design details for some of the main features on the larger southern portion of the amenity lands. This will include grading required to facilitate features in the masterplan, the main entrances to the park, car parking, a perimeter path, pitches and the wetland area. This will bring some of the design elements to tender stage. It will not be possible to bring the design beyond this until funding can be identified to facilitate construction. Further funding will also have to be identified to carry out details design for teen play area, playground, dry canal, allotments, outdoor gym, restoration of the old farm buildings spectator areas, boardwalk and watch tower for the wetland and the design features on the smaller northern portion of the site.

Councillor Kelly made the following points:

- Not happy with the report
- This land was purchased in 2016 and currently there are over 6,500 people in Sallins with the use of only one pitch. Cllr. Kelly enquired as to whether the Public Realm team or Kildare County Council have sought either URDF or RRDF funding for this. If no funding application has yet been lodged Cllr. Kelly states that she will look for funding herself.
- Cllr. Sammon proposed a short meeting before Christmas to discuss this matter.



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- The District Manager informs the meeting that as soon as the public realm team secure the Part 8 planning, we will be in a better position to apply for the appropriate funding at that stage, we also hope to have additional staff next year too.

Mr D Flannery will bring back these comments to the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

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

NS28/1122

Community hall/facility for Kill Village.

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

That the council commence the process to provide a community hall/facility for Kill Village.

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

A report was received from the Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development, Community and Culture that the community department welcome the opportunity to engage and work with a local community group to understand the needs of the area and determine what is required and achievable with existing budgets and available resources.

The members made the following points:

- That while the report is positive, the population is growing and that when any new estates are being built the developer should be building a community hall.
- Cllr. Sammon suggested that Ballymore were successful in securing premises however it was driven by a very strong community group. It was suggested that perhaps this is the route the community in Kill need to pursue to drive this forward.

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



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Shop local in Naas

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

That the municipal district members allocate some LPT funding for a 'shop local in Naas' advertising campaign this Christmas, to provide much needed support to beleaguered businesses in our municipal district.

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

A report was received from J McNabb, Head of Enterprise & Economic Development that while it is a matter for the members to decide, The Local Enterprise Office would welcome funding

to assist promote a shop local campaign for the Naas Municipal District Kildare County Council will be promoting a marketing campaign designed to create greater awareness amongst the public around the importance of shopping with local businesses around the county over the Christmas period. The 'Shop Local, Support Local' campaign will include radio and newspaper advertising and active social media promotion of local businesses around the county. Any funds that come from the Naas Municipal District will go directly to targeting Naas Municipal District shopping & hospitality community.

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

NS30/1122

Poplar Trees

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

Can the council update the members with regards to the current situation on the proposal to remove the poplar trees on the Blessington Road?

A report was received from the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent that an Arborist has been engaged and is currently finalising a report in relation to the proposal. This will be circulated to members in the next fortnight.



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The report was noted

The meeting Concluded.