

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting  
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 in the Council Chamber,  
On Microsoft Teams**

**Members Present:** Councillor Seamie Moore (Mayor), Councillors F Brett, B Clear, C Kelly, C Kenny and E Sammon.

**Apologies:** Councillor A Breen.

**Officials Present:** Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Ms M Hunt, Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officers), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms E Donohue (Executive Planner), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

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**NS01/0522**

**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.

**NS02/0522**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Brett that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**NS03/0522**  
**Matters Arising**

**NS25/0322 Vacant Housing Units in Castlefen, Sallins**

Councillor Kelly thanked the Housing Department as progress had been made on repairing the 15 vacant houses in a housing estate in Sallins, that she had requested to be made fit for occupation before the new housing units under construction came on stream. Eight of the 15 had been allocated and four were undergoing works.

**NS04/0522**  
**Municipal District Road Works**

A report on the municipal district road works was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. The report was noted.

**NS05/0522**  
**Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2022**

The members considered the remaining LPT 2022 allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee.

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

- €2000 to the Hillview Residents Association.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that €2000 be allocated to the Hillview Residents Association.

- €4761.00 to Sallins Tidy Towns to powerwash the canal bridge.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that €4761.00 be allocated to Sallins Tidy Towns to powerwash the canal bridge.

**NS06/0522**

**Capital Programme 2022-2024**

The Committee agreed to consider items 5 and 25 of the agenda together.

**Item 5 - To discuss the Capital Programme 2022-2024.**

**Item 25 - Questions – Councillor Seamie Moore**

Can the Naas Municipal District manager confirm if discussions will be held during May or June with the Elected Members to determine an agreed three year Capital Programme for this municipal district, before presenting it for inclusion in the council Budget in Autumn?

A report was received from the Municipal District Manager informing the members that discussions on the three-year Capital Programme would take place with the Elected Members in May or June. The Director with responsibility for Strategic Projects and Public Realm along with the Director with responsibility for Community, Parks and Recreation would be in attendance.

The Mayor requested that item 5 be adjourned to the June meeting and that item 25 be noted, and a meeting to discuss the Capital Programme in detail be arranged in the meantime with the Municipal District Manager.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that item 5 be adjourned to the June meeting and a briefing to be arranged in the meantime.

**NS07/0522**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

In order to deal with the items below that were not listed on the agenda, the members agreed to suspend standing orders for ten minutes.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that standing orders be suspended for ten minutes.

### **Canal Road Opening**

As Naas Main Street would be closed to facilitate the Bealtaine Festival on Sunday 29 May 2022 and to ensure access to the Moat Theatre was not disrupted, it was requested that the Canal Road remain open that day to facilitate the Moat Theatre.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the Canal Road remain open on Sunday 29 May 2022.

### **Representative to Dillingen, Germany**

The Mayor asked if any member of the Naas Municipal District Committee were interested in representing the municipal district at the Twinning Event in Dillingen. It was agreed that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sammon attend the event.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sammon would attend the Twinning event in Dillingen.

### **Funds Transfer**

The Meetings Administrator stated that a request had been received from Councillor Moore for unused LPT funds set aside from previous years for the Easter and Summer Festivals which had not taken place be transferred for use on other schemes by the Community Department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that unused LPT funds set aside for the Easter and Summer Festivals from previous years which had not taken place to be transferred for use on other schemes by the Community Department.

### **NS07/0422 Care of the Aged**

Councillor Brett referred to his request at last month's meeting for an allocation of €10,000 LPT funding to be allocated to the Care of the Aged. He confirmed that documentation had been received outlining where the funding would be spent.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that €10,000 be allocated to the Care of the Aged.

**NS08/0522**

**Proceed to next Business**

The Mayor stated that Councillor Breen had sent her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting as per Standing Order 19 asked to proceed to the next business, and requested to have her motions adjourned to the next meeting.

This was agreed by all the members.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that Councillor Breen's motions would be adjourned to the June agenda in accordance with Standing Order 19, and the reports on Councillor Breen's questions would be noted.

**NS09/0522**

**Grass Verges on the Sallins Bypass and Link Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillors Kelly. That the council engage immediately with the contractors to put in place a more sustainable, climate friendly landscape plan for the grass verges on the Sallins bypass and the Link Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the contractor had entered a 3-year landscaping maintenance contract with reviews carried out periodically by the Project Team. The NRO office would consult with the contractor as requested by Councillor Kelly.

Councillor Kelly made the following points:

- She was not happy with the report and would like to see the landscape plan.
- There was scutch grass on the road verges and they were unsightly and uneven.
- Grass verges should be rolled, and seed bombed as this would be better for the Environment and make the area more visibly pleasing. It would also help the Tidy Towns Group with their work.

- Rolling and seed bombing the verges would also help with preventing the illegal encampment issues.
- Verges on future roads projects being built should be rolled and seed bombed.
- She suggested mounding and seed bombing the verges if there was no landscape plan.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kenny that the report be noted, and a copy of the landscape plan be circulated to the members.

### **NS10/0522**

#### **Road Markings on Roundabouts**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council delineates lanes on all roundabouts with road markings in the municipal district, especially those which have two lanes at entrance and egress/exit.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kenny, 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 assess this proposal in conjunction with the Roads Design and Sustainable Transportation Teams.

Councillor Kenny made the following points:

- The Ring Road Roundabouts including the Millennium Link Road needed to be marked.
- Lanes were clearly marked on some of the bigger roundabouts, but the less used roundabouts were not delineated and a lot of them had two lanes entering onto them.
- Roundabouts should be delineated to warn drivers of cyclists.

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

**NS11/0522**

**Loading Bays on Main Streets in the Municipal District**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council examine the feasibility of time dependent multifunctional loading bays on main streets in this municipal district, allowing for shop deliveries in mornings, drop off and collection points for music lessons, grinds or classes in afternoons/evenings and taxi ranks at night time.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members a review of the Kildare County Council Parking Framework formed part of the workplan for the Transport, Emergency Services and Safety SPC. The proposal could be considered as part of that review to ensure consistency across our County. It could also be considered as part of the Naas Parking Bye laws when they came up for review. Pay Parking and the Roads Design Technical Team were currently preparing the Draft Bye Laws for Kildare and Newbridge. The team would move through the remaining areas in the following Order:

*Monasterevin; Celbridge; Leixlip; Kilcock; Castledermot; Athy; Maynooth; Sallins and Naas.*

Simultaneously, a review of the Taxi Bye Laws would also be carried out for Naas. The loading bays along the main street were currently operating as multifunctional areas. Parking was restricted up to 11.30 am and the area could be used by those making deliveries to shops, restaurants etc during that time. Post 11.30 the area was available for public parking and aligns with the pay parking laws for the area i.e., 1 hour parking etc.

Councillor Kenny made the following points:

- Could heavy traffic areas such as Market Square be used as a loading bay in the morning and specific drop off points in the afternoon/evening.
- Could parking bays be changed to taxi ranks late at night.

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

**NS12/0522**

**Yellow Box on the Kilcullen Roundabout**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the council install a yellow box on the Kilcullen roundabout coming from Kilcullen to prevent cars turning left, when pedestrian lights are red, from blocking cars going straight to Naas town.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office would assess this proposal in conjunction with the Sustainable Transportation Team who were undertaking a project in this area.

The members made the following points:

- Traffic turning right was blocked when nearby traffic lights were red.
- A discussion had taken place with the Sustainable Transport Team asking them to consider including a flashing amber light so that when someone cleared the light on amber, the traffic could move.

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

**NS13/0522**

**Double Yellow Lines in Ballymore**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the council place double yellow lines between the parking spaces in Ballymore Village and the Cycle Cafe.

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 with their agreement, the Transportation Department would commence Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

Councillor Sammon stated that there was space available, and they were looking for double yellow lines to close off the space.

The members agreed to the commencement of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

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

### **NS14/0522**

#### **Former McInerney Lands**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That the council now acquire the former McInerney Lands near the Canal Area of Naas, in line with earlier planning agreements, for the benefit of the community of Naas by means of an immediate Compulsory Purchase Order following the withholding of the transfer of the Lands by the Minister for Finance's Office, the stealthy fencing off of sections of the land by third parties and the continued uncertainty around the acquisition.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Transportation Department continued to engage with our legal representative to ensure this item progresses. They continue to work through correspondence received from the Solicitor acting for the Receiver and once they had an update the members would be informed.

The members made the following points:

- There was no answer given in the report addressing what the motion was about which was to acquire the lands through CPO.
- The matter was not progressing and was a dilution of a sizeable piece of land that was to be ceded Naas Town Council a number of years ago.
- Could an answer be made available for June meeting?
- This matter was being highlighted for years and the land would be of great benefit to the people of Naas.
- A briefing should be organised to deal with the matter.
- Mapping had been received from the liquidator therefore progress had been made however attempts to progress it further should be made.
- A briefing to discuss the Capital Programme and the McInerney Lands should be arranged for the same time.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Clear that the report be noted, and an answer be made available for the June meeting. A briefing to discuss the Capital Programme and the McInerney Lands to be arranged for the same time.

#### **NS15/0522**

##### **Drainage Upgrade in Johnstown Village**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.  
Can the council confirm when the Aco drain channels in Johnstown village will be replaced?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this drainage upgrade, which was part of the agreed LPT funded works for 2022, was programmed to be completed in 2022.

The report was noted.

#### **NS16/0522**

##### **Waiting Time for Streetlight Repairs**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon.  
Can the council confirm the waiting time for streetlights to be fixed in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that maintenance and repair of all lighting in Kildare County Council control was the responsibility of Enerveo Ireland Ltd (formerly SSE Airtricity) following a public tendering process in 2018. Kildare County Council required that lights were repaired within 28 days however some obstacles could prevent the repairs from occurring within this time. Some of the obstacles which would delay repairs would be but not limited to

ESB attendance at site

Underground cable damage

Column replacement

Access issues

The four weeks turnaround time applied to faults where there were no complications or cable faults. While the maintenance contractor had responsibility for ensuring that repairs to lights were carried out within the agreed timeframe, this was constantly monitored by Kildare County Council. When fault numbers throughout the county start to rise, Kildare County Council would request the maintenance contractor to assign additional resources to deal with the issue.

The report was noted.

### **NS17/0522**

#### **Illegal Encampments**

The Committee agreed to consider items 15 and 18 of the agenda together.

#### **Item 15 - Motion – Councillor Fintan Brett**

That Kildare County Council make a Prohibition Order under the Sanitary Services Act 1948 (as amended) and Section 160 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) to prohibit the parking of temporary dwellings in the Townlands of Osberstown, Waterstown, Barrettstown, Bodenstown & Castlesize all of which are alongside and adjacent to the Sallins Bypass.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Council had various legislative powers (Housing, Sanitary Services, Planning, Roads) to prohibit the parking of temporary dwellings within its functional area.

The use of an order to prohibit the erection or retention of temporary dwellings on any land or water under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948 (Section 31) could be considered where the structure would be prejudicial to public health or the amenities of the locality or would interfere to an unreasonable extent with traffic on any road. The Housing Department issues abatement notices on owners/ occupiers of such dwellings under this Act (Section 32) where structures were causing nuisance, obstruction and creating a public health risk at a location. These notices request the removal of the structure within a specified time period (48 hours/24 hours). The Council seeks the advice of its legal advisor where non compliance with notices occurs and is guided on the appropriate follow up (inc. court action) on a case by case basis. Housing support services (incl. homeless and social work teams) are available to occupants of such structures (where required).

A report was also received from the Planning Department informing the members that where significant unauthorised development was being carried out on privately owned lands, a planning injunction may be sought against the owners and occupiers of the lands under Section 160 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) seeking the cessation of the unauthorised development. It should be noted that where a S160 Planning Injunction was sought, proceedings must be brought against **both the owners and occupiers** of the lands in question.

### **Item 18 - Question – Councillor Carmel Kelly**

Can the council confirm how much the clean-up of the Community Land in Sallins (Link Road/Liffey side) is going to cost as a result of the recent encampment?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a contractor had been engaged with the assistance of our Environment Department and was currently on site. A clean up of the area at the Sallins Bypass Roundabout that was recently occupied by an encampment was underway and would be completed early next week. The clean-up would cost approximately €4000.

The members made the following points:

- Whose budget did the cost of the clean-up come out of?
- There had been multiple illegal encampments in the county.
- There were a number of other things that money spent on cleaning up illegal encampments could be spent on.
- A prohibition order should be applied across the municipal district.
- The same groups were moving around and had set up illegal encampments in the Curragh, Kill, on the Millennium Road and many other areas.
- Money was being wasted because of the illegal encampments.
- Litter fines should be issued to all illegal encampments who litter the area and burn rubbish.
- Kerry County Council brought in a Prohibition Order for the same problem, caravans were moved by An Garda Síochána immediately and the process was successful.

Ms Pender confirmed that the NRO and TII funded the clean ups depending on who owned the site. If it was a car park, the Council would fund it.

Mc Cooke made the following points:

- She suggested caution with regards to prohibition orders.
- 24 and 48 hours notices had been served and were effective, they were also less costly.
- If a prohibition order was placed on an area and was ignored, then a case must be taken by the Council's Solicitors who then had to seek a circuit court date where a decision on whether the prohibition order was breached would

be made and a fine issued. If the fine was then ignored, the case would need to go back to the court and therefore a lot of money was being spent on the process.

- A prohibition order was only effective when everyone abided by it.
- A prohibition order may not resolve all the issues.

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

### **NS18/0522**

#### **Funding from the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage**

The members considered the following motions in the name of Councillor Clear.

That the council seek funding from the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage to renovate the 21 council owned properties that I have identified as being empty or derelict (details supplied) in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that costs associated with the re-letting of council stock were funded from council resources, this formed part of the annual budgetary process, the exceptions were fire damaged properties for which insurance compensation may be due or there was a specific voids programme. Of the list of 18 addresses supplied, works were either complete or ongoing on 12 of the properties with works on 4 planned for the near future. Tendering was ongoing on the remaining 2 properties.

Councillor Clear made the following points:

- An audit of vacant buildings had been carried out and 21 properties were found in the municipal district.
- It appeared that there was not sufficient funding from the Council's own resources to refurbish these properties.
- He was asking that a letter be issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Ms Cooke made the following points:

- The Housing Department were working as quickly as they could through the vacant houses with over 330 properties allocated up to the end of March.
- There had been a hold up on the supply of some materials.
- On some occasions people were reluctant to accept properties that someone else had previously occupied therefore slowing the process down.
- There were four properties ready to be allocated in one particular estate that there had been specific queries on.

In response to a question from Councillor Clear in relation to if the Council had enough money to refurbish the vacant properties, Ms Cooke stated that the council had enough money at present to refurbish the vacant properties, but she could not foresee to the end of the year.

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

### **NS19/0522**

#### **Housing Project on the old Ambassador Hotel site, Kill**

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

Can the council update members on when the housing project on the old Ambassador Hotel site, Kill will commence?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that a Part 8 for the development of 33 social housing units at the former Ambassador site in Kill was expected to launch in the coming weeks. The Part 8 process should conclude in Quarter 3 2022. Subject to a successful outcome and Departmental approval to proceed through Stages 3 and 4 the project should commence on site in Quarter 2 2023.

The report was noted.

**NS20/0522**

**Strategic Housing Development at Devoy Quarter, Naas**

The members considered the Strategic Housing Development at Devoy Quarter, Naas (An Bord Pleanála ref.: 22/313276 Land Development Agency).

Ms Donohue updated the members on changes to the application that had previously been submitted to and rejected by An Bord Pleanála.

The members raised concerns in relation to the following:

- There appeared to be a high density.
- Permeability was an issue.
- The number of parking spaces for apartments was still low.
- When was the closing date for written submissions?
- Was there a sufficient number of EV Charging points?
- Planting pollinator friendly shrubbery was required.
- Cycling Facilities
- There was a lot of highrise developments in the area all along John Devoy Road.
- Green spaces provided were not suitable for sports recreational purposes.

Ms Donohue made the following points:

- The deadline for submissions was 16 May 2022.
- A presentation was available to send to the members outlining the main change to the application.

The report was noted.

**NS21/0522**

**Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022**

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 allocation for the Naas Municipal District

Table 2 Allocation to Naas MD

No	File ref	MD	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	1	Naas	Kill History Group	History Talks	€360
2	23	Naas	Oldtown Walk Residents Ass, Naas	Planting for pollinators.	€970
3	26	Naas	Naas Access Group	Flowers/ pollinatorsat Fariry Flax	1200
4	32	Naas	Eadestown Village Tidy Towns	Stone wall restoration	€1,250
5	36	Naas	Rathmore Graveyard Restoration Committee	Graveyard conservation	€1,200
6	38	Naas	Annie Gough	Upkeep of Captain Tickle monument	€500
7	41	Naas	Naas Local History Group	Digitisation & archiving photos relating to Naas Local History group	€850
<b>Total</b>					<b>€6,330</b>

Table 3 Allocation to projects the cover the whole county or more than one MD

No	File ref	MD	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	1	County	Kildare Bat Groups	Identify new brown long eared roost. The group hope to identify new brown long eared roosts within the county through a social media campaign and check each site using a thermal scope, as well as at a dusk emergence count bat survey.	€1,200
2	27	County	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare branch	Thermal Imaging equipment	€1,200
3	35	County	North Kildare Beekeepers' Association	Beekeeping education for members	€1,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>€3,400</b>

The Mayor informed the members that when considering the grants they must declare if they had any conflicts of interest and remove themselves from the meeting if they had while the grants were being considered.

Councillor Clear declared that he was the Vice Chairperson of the Naas Access Group and removed himself from the meeting while the grants were being considered.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 allocation for the Naas Municipal District be approved.

**NS22/0522**

**Retail Premises on Fair Green Street, Naas**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That in view of a recent 'For Rent' sign appearing on an unsuitable retail premises on Fair Green Street, Naas, can the Town Manager clarify the Planning Sections role, if any, in allowing this premises which is a single story building with galvanise and asbestos roofing to be allowed to come on the 'Rental market without having the same Health & Safety and workplace standards of other retail outlets in Naas, and clarify if the owners can be requested to completely demolish the unfit premises or if the Planning Authority will advance a CPO to prevent said premises being offered for rent.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Planning Department does not have any role in the oversight of workplace safety on private sites. The redevelopment of this premises was a matter for the landowner, subject to the appropriate planning permission being in place. The Municipal District Manager would discuss the matter with the Director for Environment with a view to having the site considered for inclusion on the Derelict Sites Register.

The members made the following points:

- It was believed that the owners would be able to get back into the premises.
- The premises could not be designated as a derelict site.

- Could anything be done to remove the building and something else such as a town house be built in its place.

The Municipal District Manager made the following points:

- The Planning Department had no role or oversight on private sites.
- He accepted that the building was in very poor condition.
- He had met with the previous people who had it to rent and had asked the Environment Department to follow up with them to assess it in terms of putting it on the derelict sites register.

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

### **NS23/0522**

#### **Cemex Factory Site**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.  
Can the council confirm if Applegreen, the owners of the Cemex factory on the Dublin Road have engaged with the council to develop a masterplan for the site as was agreed in the Naas Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that URD 1.13 of the Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027 clearly stated that the masterplan required under URD 1.14 (of the LAP) shall not be finalised until such time as the Council had completed and agreed the traffic modelling with the relevant stakeholders. Only on completion of the Traffic Modelling and Access Strategy should the masterplan for the area be prepared by the landowners, or by Kildare County Council if landowners cannot agree the Masterplan. In March (2022), Kildare County Council procured consultants to prepare a Traffic Modelling and Access Strategy for the Key Development Area at Junction 9 Maudlins, as required by Objective URD 1.13 of the Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027. The LAP stipulates that this Strategy would be prepared within 12 months of the adoption of the LAP (adopted in December 2021). To inform this strategy, traffic counts have recently been carried out (April 2022), the preliminary

results of this will be available shortly. Once same are available, Kildare County Council will consult with the owners of the KDA lands (as well as NTA and TII) in the preparation and finalisation of this Strategy which it is envisaged will take place in Quarter 3 of this year.

The report was noted.

### **NS24/0522**

#### **Arch, Clock Tower, Weather Vane and Lantern Building in Áras Chill Dara**

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

Can the council confirm if the Arch, Clock Tower, Weather Vane and Lantern Building in Áras Chill Dara, is listed by Kildare County Council as a protected structure?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Developments Department informing the members that PPS18 Clock Tower (part of Former Devoy Barrack) was listed as a Proposed Protected Structure on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) in the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. PPS18 was described on the RPS as *2 storey U-plan detached gatehouse with central pedimented breakfront and archway, and clock tower with cupola. Constructed in 1813 as part of the now demolished Naas Devoy Military Barracks, the building is a prominent feature within the grounds of Aras Chill Dara* and is proposed to be listed on the RPS for its Architectural, Artistic, Social, Historical importance. The proposed protection includes the Arch, Clock Tower, Weather Vane and Lantern Building. The report was noted.

### **NS25/0522**

#### **Tidy Towns Grants 2022**

The members considered the Tidy Towns Grants 2022

	<b>TT Group (6)</b>	<b>Population Category (from TT report)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Naas MD</b>	Naas	G (15,001 to 25,000)	€ 17,728
	Kill	D (2,501 to 5,000)	€ 4,955
	Sallins	D (2,501 to 5,000)	€ 4,955
	Ballymore Eustace	C (1,001 to 2,500)	€ 3,818
	Johnstown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 2,136
	Eadestown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 2,136
	<b>Total</b>		€ 35,728

The Mayor informed the members that when considering the grants they must declare if they had any conflicts of interest and remove themselves from the meeting if they had while the grants were being considered.

Councillor Clear declared that he was involved in Naas Tidy Towns and removed himself from the meeting while the grants were being considered.

Mr Kavanagh confirmed that the LTP allocation had already been agreed and it was the budget allocation that was being considered today.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Tidy Towns Grant 2022 allocation for the Naas Municipal District be approved.

#### **NS26/0522**

#### **St Corban's Cemetery**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That the council install a path between the graves at (location provided), in St. Corbans Cemetery for wheelchair access.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that

Kildare County Council would look at overall access issues within St. Corban's Cemetery, including the area highlighted by Councillor Clear and plan for footpath improvement works as deemed appropriate.

The members made the following points:

- The grass track between the graves was muddy during the winter.
- Elderly people were finding it difficult to visit family plots due to the condition of the grass between the graves.
- St Corban's was a great Cemetery and access to burial plots needed to be made more accessible for people.

Mr Kavanagh made the following points:

- The cemetery looked well and was well kept in general.
- The Environment Department would examine the specific area and any overall issues in the cemetery.
- The Council needed to be conscious of drainage.
- Councillor Clear and Mr Flynn should meet on site to discuss the issues.
- Graves in the new part of the Cemetery were back to back or side by side.
- A small amount of water gathered anytime an area was tarmacked.
- The Cemetery had a sloped area and became slippery in winter

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

### **NS27/0522**

#### **Installation of new bins**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.  
Can the council confirm what the policy is regarding installation of new bins, particularly for dog waste, on the Millenium ring road?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that a draft policy for the provision/installation of street litter bins was currently with the Environment and Water Services Strategic Policy committee for consideration. Bins

would only be installed on sites which were safe and where there was a genuine need for a bin. The council would not install bins on private land or in a location which may encourage the disposal of trade or household waste. Locations that were not considered suitable for litter bins as they tend to attract dumping, vandalism etc include out-of-town locations and ring roads. No dedicated dog waste bins would be installed going forward as the policy was to maximise efficiency by collecting dog waste as mixed waste within litter bins. The members would also be aware of the principles of the national “Leave No Trace” programme where the public were requested to take everything, they brought with them home again and dispose of it properly when they get there. Dog waste should be collected into bags and disposed of in an appropriate bin or brought home for disposal.

Mr Kavanagh made the following points:

- Councillor Breen was the representative at the Environment SPC meeting which would be taking place the following day and the item was on the agenda for consideration.
- The Naas Municipal District had three times the amount of bins than any other municipal district.

The report was noted.

### **NS28/0522**

#### **Upcycling Cafes**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny. Can the council confirm if it plans to promote repair and upcycling cafes for all goods, especially electric & electronic goods and bicycles as part of a community project like the Farmers market in the potato market?

A report was received from the Municipal District Manager informing the members that the priority for the Potato Market in Naas at this time was to establish the Farmer’s Market, once this was achieved a public consultation process would take place to consider the further development/use of the market. The above should be considered at this stage.

The report was noted.

**NS29/0522**

**GDPR Compliant Technologies**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon. Can the council confirm if it is ready to use, when enacted, the new legislation empowering the council to use GDPR-compliant technologies such as CCTV to detect and prevent unsightly and illegal dumping and littering, in this municipal district, among other measures?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Environment Department had used CCTV in the past to monitor and enforce instances of littering and illegal dumping. CCTV was typically used, often as a last resort, where there was continued illegal dumping of household or commercial waste at litter blackspots. It had also been used at select bottle bank locations. Any usage of CCTV was, and would continue to be, considered in the light of obligations imposed by data protection legislation and other relevant legislative requirements. The report was noted.

**NS30/0522**

**Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on the Sallins Amenity Land**

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on the Sallins Amenity Land.

Mr Wallace recommended to the Mayor and members that the proposed Part 8 be proceeded with, subject to the following modifications:

1. The All-weather pitch to be redesignated from a full size all weather soccer pitch to a multi-use all weather pitch.
2. One No. full size GAA pitch to be redesignated as a full size multi-use pitch to accommodate other sports and organisations in using the park.

3. A mechanism to maximise the use of the pitches in the park to be examined as part of the details design stage, in order to accommodate local clubs and organisations in Sallins primarily and surrounding areas.
4. The proposed location for the playground shall be revised in consultation with the Planning Department, to provide a more visible/supervised location, compatible with adjacent uses, in the vicinity of the proposed Community & Sports Hall Building. Exact location to be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority at detailed design stage.
5. The detailed design considerations outlined in the responses to the submissions for the public in relation to circulation, parking, lighting, furniture signs, interpretation, accessibility, allotments and Community Garden, Biodiversity, Recycling, Active Recreation, playground, facilities for teenagers, playing pitches and old farm buildings shall be included as part of the detailed design stage.
6. The relationship of the amenity lands with the Grand Canal Greenway and Naas/Sallins Greenway, and the compatibility of the masterplan with greenway infrastructure, in particular any proposed bridge crossing near Soldiers Island, shall be fully considered and incorporated at detailed design stage.
7. The detail design considerations as outlines by the HSE, Inland Fisheries Ireland, The National Roads Design Office and Irish Water shall be included as part of the detailed design stage.
8. The requirements as outlined in response to submissions from Naas Municipal District Engineer, Roads/Transportation Section, Environment Section, Strategic Projects & Public Realm Section, Water Services Section and the Architectural Conservation Officer shall be complied with as part of the detailed design stage.
9. The proposed Community and Sports Hall Building, and any proposed Dog Park shall be subject to separate Part 8 process(es).

The members made the following points:

- When would a detailed design stage be ready?

- Delighted with recommendation to repurpose pitches to be used by other groups/codes and the moving of the playground.
- How soon could clubs start using the pitches?
- Would a proper gate be installed?
- A lot of things needed to be determined at detail design stage.
- The absence of a dog park was a concern.
- Was a dog park proposed for Kerdiffstown Park?
- They commended the people of Sallins for their submissions

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

- It was hoped that detailed design would be in place in 2022.
- A budget was available to get to detail design stage however an exact timeframe could not be given as funding had yet to be identified, an approximate timeframe of 3-4 years was anticipated.
- A Dog Park could be accommodated on the Northern side of the lands however there could be environmental issues as it was close to the Liffey. If the Dog Park could not be situated near the Liffey it would have to be situated on the Southern side however this would mean a reduction in the size of the pitch.
- It was great to see 180 submissions.
- A dog park was not proposed for Kerdiffstown Park and would also have to be a separate Part 8 if being considered on Sallins Amenity Lands but was not possible at present.
- Sallins Mens Shed would be considered in context of the building on the lands, a Community Centre also needed to be considered.
- The development of a detail design was contingent on Public Realm concluding the Town Renewal Plan Health Check as it tied in with it.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all the members that the Chief Executive's Part 8 report on the Sallins Amenity Land be adopted.

**NS31/0522**

**Naas Shopping Centre**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
That the council update members on the progress with the Naas Shopping Centre development.

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

The Municipal District Manager stated that there was a live planning application on the site and it would not be appropriate to discuss the matter until the process was complete, the members accepted this.

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

**NS32/0522**

**Community Garden**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.  
Can the council confirm if it plans to develop a community garden in the northwest quadrant at the canal harbour given the increased need to produce homegrown fruit and vegetables due, for example, to the Ukrainian war?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that it was an objective of the recently adopted Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027 (LAP) to prepare a masterplan for the Northwest Quadrant, as provided for in NWQ 1.1 of the Plan. A draft masterplan would be prepared for the area having regard to the overarching principles contained within the LAP, which would be subject to public consultation as part of the statutory amendment process to the Local Area Plan.

A report was also received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there were no resources within the Parks Section to develop a Community Garden at this location.

The reports were noted.

The meeting concluded.