



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 14 June 2022 in the Council Chamber**

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), J Boland (Director of Services) Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) (Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty & Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0622

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.

NS02/0622

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Breen that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS03/0622

Matters Arising

Canal View Sallins

Councillor Kelly looked for a trial period of 8 weeks maybe in July and August to close off the turn at Canal View Sallins.

The Municipal District Engineer advised if there was an agreement to do the trial it could commence in the next 4-6 weeks and see how it operated.

The members agreed to commence the trial.



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Benches at Hillcrest

Councillor Sammon asked for benches to be put in at Hillcrest and if LPT funding can it be used for same.

The Municipal District Engineer advised it can be discussed in the 3rd or 4th Quarter 2022.

NS04/0622

Municipal District Road Works

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

Road Resurfacing

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2022

The first package of road improvement works (WP 1) is now at construction stage. It includes the following works locations:

- L2019 – Baysland - Complete
- L6051 – Bawnogue - Complete
- L6038 – Rathmore - Ongoing
- R407 – Sallins (North) - To commence

The second package of road improvement works (WP 2) is now at construction stage. It includes the following works locations:

- L2007 – Kill to Straffan – At construction stage
- R445 – Newbridge Road & Main Street, Naas
- R411 – Broadleas, Ballymore Eustace
- L4444 – Friary Road, Naas
- L6043 – Craddockstown Road, Naas
- L6010 – Chapel Avenue, Sallins

Surface Dressing Works

The Naas Municipal District propose to commence the surface dressing works programme for 2022 on the 13 June, subject to weather.

Footpaths

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



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- Friary Road, Naas 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 improvements) - To commence
- St Brigids Terrace, Sallins (new parking bay) Complete
- Sarto Road, Naas (footpath improvements) Complete
- Kingsfurze (ramp maintenance) - To commence
- Main Street, Naas footpath (Dunnes Stores) Ongoing
- Riverwalk, Ballymore Eustace – CDA Project - To commence
- Ashgrove, Naas Ongoing
- Cherry Grove, Naas - To commence
- Johnstown Gardens - To commence

2022 Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads

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

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

Plans would be developed for each of these junctions in the coming months.

2022 Local Property Tax (LPT) & carparking funded schemes

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

Drainage

Drainage improvement works at Johnstown were completed in January 2022.

Further works would be developed in line with the road improvement works for 2022.



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Councillor Clear stated he had an issue with Ashgrove Drive and questioned when Cherry Grove was to start?

The Municipal District Engineer advised contractors have another 10 days to complete Ashgrove before they moved to Cherry Grove and confirmed he would follow up on Councillor Clear's query.

NS05/0622

Capital Programme 2022-2024

The members considered the Capital Programme 2022- 2024. Councillor Moore thanked the members on their contribution. Councillor Clear welcomed the €45 million from Public Realm and highlighted that money was stretched very thin for such projects across the county and suggested that more focus on towns, with one good project per town and that project should be used as an exemplar.

NS06/0522

Date and venue for the Annual Meeting

The Meeting Administrator advised the members that in accordance with standing orders, it was proposed that the date and time for the Annual Meeting would be 3.00 pm Tuesday 12 July 2022. The monthly meeting would commence at 3.30pm.

Resolved with the agreement of the members.

NS07/0622

Mayors Business

Councillor Moore advised the members about the commencement of the annual audit for 2021 and that the auditor was available if members had issues that they wished to raise. Councillor Moore and Councillor Kenny stated they had attended the committee meeting at Monread Community Centre and noted it was a great facility to have.

Naas won the Cleanest Town in Ireland in the IBAL Award for Spring 2022.

Councillor Moore thanked all members and officials on the success of the Bealtaine festival.



NS08/0622

Remaining LPT Allocations 2022

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

- €1500 to Kill Parish for the Picnic in the Park
- €1500 to establish a community garden in Johnstown
- €3900 for Naas Tidy Towns
- €500 Oldbridge Residents Association

Councillor Clear declared that he was a member of the Naas Tidy Towns and left the meeting while it was being discussed.

The Meetings Administrator reminded members that a grant of 20k for the Bealtaine festival had previously been approved and would be paid by the community department when the required documentation was received.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all the members that €1,500 be allocated to Kill Parish, €1,500 be allocated to Johnstown Community Centre, €3,900 be allocated to Naas Tidy Towns and €500 be allocated to the Oldbridge Residents Association.

NS09/0622

Section 38 Double Yellow lines

The Committee agreed to consider items 7 and item 8 of the agenda together.

Item 7: To consider the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Esmondale, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Item 8: To consider the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Oakglade Close, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by all the members that the Section 38 proposed double yellow lines/parking restrictions at Esmondale and at Oakglade Close, Naas, Co. Kildare were approved.



NS10/0622

Millbrook Villas

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

That the council investigate the river at Millbrook Villas with regard to high water levels and its overgrown state and clean where appropriate.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District inspects this location on a regular basis and cleans the drains and grates when required. The grates at this location have recently been cleaned by the Naas Municipal District crew.

Councillor Breen raised the following points:

- She had inspected the area herself and green growth under the bridge was evident.
- She received an email from the residents stating the floods were damaging their gardens.
- She would like a plan where it's cleaned every September and October.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that the council clean and inspect these drains and grates on a regular basis but would check them again.

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

NS11/0622

Crossing at the junction of Mill Lane and Sallins Road

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

That the council place a raised table uncontrolled crossing across the junction of Mill Lane and Sallins Road now that funding is being allocated, to make it safer for children walking to school on this road.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District would liaise with the Sustainable Transport Team to assess the viability of design options at this location. Due to the ongoing works programme in the Naas Municipal District, this would not be considered until Q3/Q4 2022.

Councillor Clear raised the following points:

- There was a lot of activity on the road with only a footpath on one side.
- Could a footpath be installed before the children return to school in September?

The Municipal District Engineer advised that the council were in the middle of their roads programme and a project like that would have to wait until Q3/Q4 2022. The members requested that this item remain on the progress report.

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

NS12/0622

Broken signs on the Slip Road

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

That the council upgrade the broken signs on the Slip Road (from Roundabout at J7 to the Roundabout at J6 Castlewarden) north of Kill Village and to the rear of the Circle K service station at Junction 7 Kill.

The motion was proposed by Councillors 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 would assess the locations in question and arrange for the replacement of signs.

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



NS13/0622

Update on the installation of a ramp

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council provide an update on the installation of a ramp or other specific traffic calming measures adjacent to the entrance to Whitwell Estate, Naas following on from the completion of the councils review of signs, yellow boxes and ramps?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a traffic/speed survey be carried out at this location. Please note that this road was upgraded in recent years with new footpaths, off-road cycle tracks and a narrowing of the road carriageway. The Naas Municipal District would also consider the accident history as part of this assessment, this would determine what is required on this road.

The report was noted.

NS14/0622

Installation of a ramp at Toberton

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council provide an update on the installation of a ramp or other specific traffic calming measures at Toberton, Johnstown adjacent to the Toberton Woods Estate following on from the completion of the councils review of signs, yellow boxes and ramps?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a traffic/speed survey be carried out at this location. Please note that there are ramps and road markings recently placed at this location. The Naas Municipal District would also consider accident history as part of this assessment this would determine what is required on this road.

Councillor Brett queried if it would be possible to have a ramp on the east side of the junction.

The Municipal District Engineer advised that a traffic survey would be required to establish if a ramp could be put in, but that there would be limitations.

The report was noted.



NS15/0622

Installing traffic counters

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

Can the council confirm if it is considering installing traffic counters at the Millicent/Sallins to Clane Road Junction?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that traffic counts are usually carried out from September when schools are active, giving a better reading of the traffic movements. The request to install traffic counters at this location can be considered for later this year.

The report was noted.

NS16/0622

Millennium Road/Western Link Road

The members considered the following question in the name Councillor Clear

Now that the council is considering taking in charge the Millennium Road/Western Link Road from Sallins Road to the Newbridge Road, can the council confirm that all junctions would be accessible to the disabled, to pedestrians and cyclists?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that here are no plans currently to modify the junctions on this road as part of the Taking-in-charge process.

Councillor Clear sought clarification on the following points:

- Some roundabouts are incomplete
- Trees are all dying, and the timber bollards are rotten
- What are the Council taking in charge?

The Municipal District Engineer explained the taking in charge process and that the road was opened to the public in 2007. The next stage was to declare that the council was taking it in charge. It would then get a road number once it was taken in charge.

He also stated that it was previously agreed by the members as bollards were damaged, they would be removed and not replaced.



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The report was noted.

NS17/0622

Bus Shelters

The members considered the following question in the name Councillor Kenny
Can the council confirm if it plans to liaise with the NTA to provide shelters equipped with real-time travel information and timetable displays powered by solar or wind energy, at all bus stops exposed to the weather in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council would contact Transport for Ireland/National Transport Authority to discuss the possible inclusion of these facilities at bus shelter installations.

The report was noted.

NS18/0622

Sculpture in Main Street

The members considered the following question in the name Councillor Moore.
Can the council and the municipal district manager confirm what progress has been made on providing a sculpture in Main Street, Naas to mark the occasion of Naas winning the Cleanest Town in Ireland IBAL Award?

A report was received from Corporate Services informing the members that no application has been received to date. The district manager informed the members that he would be discussing this with Ms Russell the Arts Officer and would keep the members informed of progress.

The report was noted

NS19/0622

Building Levies 2019, 2020, 2021

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



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That a summary of the Building Levies received from developments in Naas Municipal District be now presented to members for the full years 2019, 2020, 2021 and up to 31 March for 2022.

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

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members as per the 2004 scheme, development contributions are charged and collected on a county-wide basis (with the exception of Recreation & Amenity levies and Community levies which are collected on a municipal district basis). This enables Council to prioritise projects as required, and more particularly ensures that more rural areas are apportioned funds towards projects that may alternatively have been focussed in the urban areas.

The development levies for the areas of Recreation & Amenity levies and Community levies are the only ones that can be reported on by Municipal Districts.

The actual monies received for Naas Municipal District for these two categories of levies are shown below:

NAAS Municipal District ACTUAL LEVIES RECEIVED				
Levies Type	2019 €	2020 €	2021 €	Q1 2022 €
Recreation & Amenities	1,314,216	1,037,526	1,246,368	316,889
Community	252,855	193,260	228,855	59,629
Total	1,567,071	1,230,786	1,475,223	376,518

Councillor Moore welcomed the report.

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

NS20/0622

Parklet North Main Street

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



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Can the council confirm if the provision of the parklet installed in North Main Street was put out for tender and what were the results?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the public parklet installed on North Main Street was put out to tender in accordance with public procurement guidelines. Two tender returns were received, and the lowest tender sum was accepted.

Please note that the public parklet costs are comparable with those installed by other local authorities and is in the same price range as the parklet manufactured by publicspaces.eu and installed by Kildare County Council at Captains Hill in Leixlip.

The report was noted.

NS21/0622

Status of the Naas Shopping Centre

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

Can the council update the members on the status of the Naas Shopping Centre development?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that there was a live planning application on the site, and it would not be appropriate to discuss the matter until the process is complete.

The report was noted.

NS22/0622

Tree Preservation Order

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to advance a tree preservation order on all of the woodland within the De Burgh Demense?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that there are currently no plans to advance a tree preservation order on all of the woodland within the De Burgh Demense.

The report was noted.



NS23/0622

Kerdiffstown Update

The members received a presentation from Ultan Downes and Noel Beggan on the current status of the rehabilitation of the Kerdiffstown development. The members were shown drone footage of the development, advised on the up-to-date sports and play facilities, carpark facilities, walkways, wildlife features and the viewing platform. They advised works were ahead of schedule and when the facility was complete, it would be a major benefit to the local communities.

The members made the following enquiries:

- How far ahead of schedule was it?
- Would it be accessible from Sallins for walkers and cyclists?
- Is there flood lighting on the pathways?
- Would the council manage the park?
- What were the fencing heights around the sports facilities?
- Councillor Clear advised that having fences around sports grounds interfered with the visibility for spectators.
- Was it wheelchair accessible given that parts of the site were quite high?
- How wide were the paths?
- In the wildlife area would there be room for a dog park?
- Cost of it and how much would it cost to maintain it?
- What were the chances of the water being contaminated?
- Would the sport facilities be privatised?

Mr Downes and Mr Beggan responded to the queries raised as follows:

- The project should be completed by end of 2023 / beginning of 2024
- Accessibility would fall under a different remit
- Low level Solar bollards were in place to provide lighting
- The contractor in charge while it's in construction stage
- Fencing was 2.4 metres in height that can be extended if needed, paths are 1.5 metres wide



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- A particular type of low maintenance surface would be used on the paths and is wheelchair friendly
- Water Quality would be monitored continuously. A report has shown that capping has had a positive impact
- The sports pitches are not privatised
- It was being looked at to connect with the greenway, but this was challenging

The members thanked them for their work and were delighted with the progress.

NS24/0622

Contamination in Killeel

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillors Carmel Kelly, Anne Breen, Fintan Brett, Evie Sammon, Colm Kenny and Bill Clear.

That the council update members on steps being taken or proposed to be taken to alleviate the arsenic contamination on the Killeel Group Water Scheme (GWS) and a time frame for same.

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

A report was received from the Environment, Water Services and Climate Action department informing the members that this is a private water scheme with a private source and the onus is on the Trustees to determine an alternative water supply considering that the Department would not fund the water treatment option.

The Rural Water Section (RWS) made a pre connection enquiry on behalf of the GWS to Irish Water (IW). However, there is a substantial capital cost in laying a new 3.5km watermain and it is not currently on IW's capital investment programme. IW made it clear in their response that the applicant would be required to fund these local network upgrades. The fee would be calculated at a Connection Application stage.

On the 4 May 2022, the RWS submitted a Connection Application to IW, at the request of and on behalf of Killeel GWS (this forms part of a "long term measure" and possible resolution).

The RWS continue to work with both the management of Killeel GWS and the National Federation of Group Water Scheme's to progress proposals for Killeel GWS to engage and



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appoint a suitable Consultant/Hydrogeologist (as part of the “medium term measure”) and so as to carry out investigational works into the feasibility of establishing an alternative source that has no Arsenic, within the area of Killeel GWS’s catchment, while also examining/analysing what existing data is currently available. It is expected that letters and Requested for Quotations would be issued to prospective Consultants/Hydrogeologist in the coming week.

The RWS would continue to liaise with the Rural Water Unit within the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding this matter and seek funds to cover costs of Consultants/Hydrogeologist and investigational works conducted.

The RWS would continue to liaise with Irish Water to seek a response to the Connection Application submitted.

The RWS would continue with the planned water quality monitoring of this private supply.

The members made the following points:

- The council has a duty of care to the residents of the area as there were about 70 homes affected
- Families cannot sustain the cost of buying pallets of bottled water
- Could a meeting with Irish Water be arranged?
- Poor water quality damages people’s health
- Tankered water had to be boiled
- The distance of the scheme from mains supply was 3.5 Kilometres
- There was a need to support the locals with getting a report from a geologist, the cost was approx. €25k funding from the Department needed to be secured

Mr Boland, Director of Services made the following points:

- It was not an issue for Irish Water it’s a private scheme, but council are supportive and have a duty of care.
- A treatment process was not ruled out
- There were substantial costs involved
- All would work together to find solution.

The members requested that this item remain on the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillors Carmel Kelly seconded by Councillor Brett, with all members agreeing that the report be noted and that this item remain on the progress report.



NS25/0622

Bins in Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council roll out the provision of four extra bins along the canal in Sallins again this summer, starting from this month.

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

A report was received by Environment, Water Services and Climate Action informing the members that additional (wheelie) bins were provided by the council in Sallins last summer. The council would facilitate the continued provision and servicing of these bins again this summer.

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

NS26/0622

Bodenstown Graveyard

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if the tender for the removal of trees in Bodenstown Graveyard has been issued?

A report was received by Environment, Water Services and Climate Action informing the members that tenders had been received for the removal of a significant number of trees in Bodenstown Cemetery and an application for permission to carry out said works had been made to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Works would proceed as soon as the Bird Nesting Season closes, subject to Departmental approval.

The report be noted.



NS27/0622

The Cannonball Run

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore
That members of Naas Municipal District agree to support and welcome The Cannonball Run and its overnight stay and restart from Naas in June 2022 that would bring commercial, festive and profile benefit to the town of Naas.

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

A report was received by Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the Cannonball Run is a registered company specialising in event management activities, once members agree, the Community Department would work with any local community groups who wish to organise events to coincide with this event in Naas.
Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members that the report be noted.

NS28/0622

Sallins Bypass

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny.
That under the percent for art scheme for the Sallins Bypass and M7 upgrade, the council commission an art piece to complement “Perpetual Motion”, also known as the “Naas ball”, which reflects and highlights more environmentally sustainable “active travel” modes of transport especially Cycling and Walking.

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

A report was received by Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members that the Arts Service is currently working with colleagues in the Roads Department to secure additional funding to augment the existing Per Cent for Art funding allocation for the Sallins Bypass and M7 upgrade before issuing an invitation to artists to apply for a commission. The tender brief can include an environmental theme. However, the interpretation of the theme would be at the discretion of the artists.

The members made the following points:



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- Consideration be given to increased focus on active travel in any such commission
- Can we have a complementary sculpture included

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

NS29/0622

Naas Library Building

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

That the council consider changing the Naas Library building to a Family Resource Centre after the library moves to Naas Town Hall.

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

A report was received by Economic Community, and Cultural Development informing the members that they expect the Naas Library service to continue operating from the building at the Canal Harbour until Spring 2023. An option being considered by Kildare Library Service is that the County Archive and Local Studies Collection and the staff who deliver the service would relocate to the current Naas library building on a temporary basis.

The service and the collection had to be moved from the old County Library building in Newbridge last year to a temporary storage facility due to the deterioration of the building and to guarantee the safety of the collection. The current location we are using to house the collection as an emergency measure is not suitable for the service. While it has room to sort, conserve, catalogue and digitise the collections it is not ideal. It is vitally important that the temporary location of the service provides appropriate conditions and allows for public access. This is an extensively used service that provides researchers and students access to the unique collection and space for study and research. Naas Library offers a suitable temporary location that would enable the service to resume public access.

The Kildare County Library, Archives and Local Studies capital project would shortly be submitted for Part 8 Planning and the hope is that it would be successful in attaining Stage 2 URDF funding in the next call out. While the County Library capital project is underway in



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Newbridge, we also expect to relocate some staff working in Library HQ, Riverbank to the Naas building for the duration of the work.

The County Archives and Local Studies Service would return to Newbridge upon completion of the County Library Project which would house the service and collection in conditions that would preserve and ensure the integrity of the collection for future generations.

It is expected at that stage the former library building would become available for community use.

The members made the following points:

- A family support centre would be great to have
- There was a crisis in available childcare facilities in Kildare
- A building like this would be very useful for mother and baby groups
- The council needed to be ready for population increases
- The council should look at the model from Athy and Kildare that was approved in 2019 and implement it here
- That consideration be given to looking at this as part of the canal quarter redevelopment project

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

NS30/0622

New Library in Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council confirm what the timeline is for the completion and the opening of the new Library in Naas?

A report was received by Economic Community, and Cultural Development Department informing the members that unfortunately like most other capital works the Naas Library and Cultural Centre has been affected by the impact of Covid closures, the backlog because of supply chain issues due to Brexit and more recently the War in Ukraine in addition to the shortages of skilled workers that are being experienced by the construction industry nationally.



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As a result of all this the contractor has informed us that the project is running behind schedule, and he has issued a revised programme of works giving the end of January 2023 as the new date for handover of the building. Allowing for snagging, time for IT installation and the stocking of shelves we expect the earliest the library would be open to the public would be late February 2023.

I would keep the Municipal District informed if there is any change to this date. While the delay is disappointing it is beyond our control and I am sure the new library would be worth the wait.

The report was noted.

NS31/0622

De Burgh Gardens

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

Can the council and the municipal district manager confirm what initial progress has been made, given that €50K has been allocated by members, for surveys of the De Burgh Gardens to bring them into Public Use?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that an ecologist had been engaged to undertake a study of the area. This would be carried out over the current year. It is also planned to undertake a topographical survey before the end of the year. Both of these would be used to inform the development of a brief and tender to engage a consultant to prepare a conservation report for the site.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.