



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting  
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 11 April 2023  
in the Council Chamber**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr G Conlon (A/District Manager), Mr D Reel (District Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin, Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Ms V Cooke (Administrative Officer), Mr J Shanahan (Administrative Officer Community Grants) Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and others.

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**NS01/0423**

**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 but the members indicated that they would declare interests when it came to the allocation of the Community, Festival and Heritage grants.

**NS02/0423**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Breen that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 14 March be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**NS03/0423**

**Matters Arising**

Councillor Moore requested that the redevelopment in Poplar Square be included in the progress report.



**NS04/0423**

**Municipal District Road works**

The Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works.

**Road Resurfacing**

**Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement (RI) Works 2023**

The following roads are included in the improvement works projects plan for 2023:

- R407 – Sallins to Clane Road – Tender Stage
- L3012 – Monread Road, Naas – Tender Stage
- L3012 – Millenium Park, Naas – Tender Stage
- L29975 – Sarto/Pacelli Rds, Naas – Tender Stage
- R410 – Blessington Road (Crab Lane) – Design Stage

**Surface Dressing Works**

The Naas Municipal District propose to commence the surface dressing works programme for 2023 in June. The roads to be improved include:

- L 2019 – Arthurstown
- L2011 – Fishery Lane
- L6027 – Cromwellstown
- L6035 – Tipper East
- L2019 – Tipper South
- L6038 – Redbog
- L6028 – Cupidstown
- L6032 – Newtown

**Footpaths**

A tender has been awarded for works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:



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- Roselawn (footpath improvements) - Complete
- St Brigid's Terrace, Kill (footpath improvements) - Complete
- River Lawns, Kill (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Mill lane raised table (footpath improvements) - Construction Stage
- Sundays Well (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Blessington Road (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Ballymore Eustace (uncontrolled crossings) - Tender Stage

### LPT/Carparks Funded Works

The Naas Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT)/Carparking works programme for 2023 will be developed in line with the 2023 allocation, as agreed with the Naas Municipal District Councillors.

### Drainage

The Naas Municipal District drainage programme for 2023 will be developed in line with the 2023 allocation from the Department of Transport.

### Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works

The Naas Municipal District have received funding from the Department of Transport for the following 2023 Safety Improvement Works. It is proposed to develop these projects with delivery by Q4 2023:

- R410 – Beggars End to Eadestown - Design Stage
- L2010 – Sherlockstown to Kileenbeg - Design Stage
- L6018/L6019 – CastleWarden Cross - Design Stage

## NS05/0423

### Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2023

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



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Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023						
Naas Municipal District						
	Project Details	KCC Central Funding €	Pay Parking Funding €	Total Agreed LPT	Spent/Transfer €	Unspent Budget €
		€ 1,727,215	€ 370,303	€ 977,132		
Roads	<b>Roads/Footpath Projects</b>			€ 420,000		
	Roads/Footpath programme		€ 370,303			
	Additional Rural Roads Projects					
	Local Road Maintenance (exc. pay parking)	€ 627,055		€ -		
	Footpaths	€ 68,335		€ -		
	Traffic Calming	€ 21,625		€ -		
	Signage	€ 21,625		€ -		
	Street Cleaning	€ 646,500		€ -		
	<b>Taking In-Charge</b>					
	Taking In-Charge of estates			€ 20,000		
	<b>Roads Sub Totals</b>	<b>€ 1,385,140</b>	<b>€ 370,303</b>	<b>€ 149,697</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>
	<b>Roads Sub Total Parking + LPT</b>			<b>€ 520,000</b>		
Economic, Community & Cultural Development	<b>Community</b>					
	Festival Grants	€ 25,500		€ 15,506		
	Community Grants	€ 89,316				
	Hurling on the Green					
	Residents Association Grants	€ 42,921		€ 70,000		
	Kildare Sports Partnership			€ 20,000		
	Christmas Lights - Naas			40,000		
	Christmas Lights - Sallins			3,000		
	Christmas Lights - Kill			2,000		
	Christmas Lights - Ballymore Eustace			2,000		
	Christmas Lights - Johnstown			1,500		
	Christmas Lights - Eadestown			1,500		
	Members Nominations			€ 70,000		
	<b>Community Sub Total</b>	<b>€ 157,737</b>		<b>€ 360,506</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>
	<b>Economic Development, Planning &amp; Heritage</b>					
	Capital Fund			€ 100,000		
	Public Realm URDF Match Funding			€ 170,000		
	Heritage Projects			€ 25,000		
	Kildare Access Network			€ 5,000		
	<b>Econ Dev, Planning &amp; Heritage Sub Total</b>	<b>€ -</b>		<b>€ 300,000</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>
				€ -		
	<b>Libraries &amp; Arts</b>					
	Music Generation			€ 15,000		
Brigid 1500			€ 50,000			
Decade of Commemoration (annual work program)			€ 9,375			
Coiste Gaelige			€ 1,000			
<b>Libraries &amp; Arts Sub Total</b>	<b>€ -</b>		<b>€ 75,375</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	
<b>Climate Action</b>						
Rainwater			€ 21,054			
Naas Climate Action			€ 10,000			
<b>Tidy Town Groups</b>						
Tidy Towns Competition	€ 22,728		€ -			
Sponsored Litter Bins	€ 12,110		€ -			
Naas			5,000			
Kill			2,000			
Sallins			2,000			
Ballymore Eustace			2,000			
Johnstown			1,000			
Eadestown			1,000			
<b>Environment Sub Total</b>	<b>€ 34,838</b>		<b>€ 44,054</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	
Recreation & Amenity	<b>Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>					
	Parks and Landscaping	€ 86,500		€ -		
	Playgrounds	€ 63,000		€ -		
	Tree Pruning			€ 25,000		
	Tree Planting			€ 10,000		
<b>Recreation &amp; Amenity Sub Total</b>	<b>€ 149,500</b>		<b>€ 47,500</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	
<b>TOTAL Spent</b>	<b>€ 1,727,215</b>	<b>€ 370,303</b>	<b>€ 977,132</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>	



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that the remaining LPT 2023 allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee be approved.

**NS06/0423**

**Nominee to the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum**

The members voted to approve a nominee to the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum (Sub-committee of Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee).

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by all the members that Councillor Moore be approved as the nominee to the Kildare Sustainable Transport Forum (Sub-committee of Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee)

**NS07/0423**

**More refuse bins to Sallins**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly  
That the council allocate more refuse bins to Sallins.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office will review the location of bins in Sallins with a view to optimising their function in line with the Kildare County Council Litter Bin Installation Policy and will consider proposals for new bins subject to resources to operate and maintain them.

Councillor Kelly gave a breakdown of the following from the Bin Survey carried out from the last census figures:



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Area:	Population:	Bins:
Ballymore	873	14 bins
Kill	3,348	27 bins
Sallins	5,849	13 bins
Naas	21,393	180 bins
Johnstown	1,005	8 bins

Councillor Kelly said it has been shown through the IBAL reports that have awarded Naas the tidiest town 2 years in a row, that having an active Tidy Towns and bins do work.

Councillor Kelly mentioned that Sallins also have the Grand Canal Greenway coming through. Sallins have twice the population of Kill and half the number of bins, 6 times the population of Ballymore and yet they have almost equal number of bins. She said the allocation of green bins during Covid worked well.

Councillor Kelly stated she would forward on an email from her predecessor to Mr Reel where locations had been identified.

The members made the following points:

- Councillor Brett had allocated 2K from his LPT for this and asked where is it gone?
- The number of bins in Naas is down to the work done by Councillor Moore and the awards received are a testament to all his hard work.

Mr Reel informed the members that the council were removing bins and relocating them from Naas. He said the council have ongoing consultations with the Tidy Towns. He would review Sallins with regards the Greenway, but he did not want to litter the place with bins either.

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

### NS08/0423

#### Illegal encampments on the Sallins Bypass

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

That the council outline the measures being taken to ensure that illegal encampments on the Sallins Bypass and Link Road cannot re-occur.



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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the most recent trespass was carried out by individuals breaking and entering through two sets of locked gates and moving a 6ft mound of material inside the gate. Usually, this level of intervention is enough to deter trespass however unfortunately this was not the case recently. The council has now taken additional steps to prevent further illegal encampments on the Sallins Bypass and Sallins Link Road as follows:

Regarding the lands at Sallins Roundabout (the Amenity lands), further works have been carried out to deter any re-entry. The entrance has been reduced in width and a new field gate has been installed, behind this gate, a mound of material has been placed and, within this mound, there are 6 large concrete blocks. A number of trenches have been excavated across the width of the access track between the gate at the road and at the attenuation pond itself. The access track to the attenuation pond is now no longer accessible by vehicles. The area can only now be accessed by foot which of course makes maintenance of the pond more difficult. The entrance from the Sallins Link Road and to the attenuation pond have been resecured with new gates.

Furthermore, there are three other attenuation ponds located along the Sallins Bypass and the Sallins Link Road. New locks have been fitted to all gates and four large concrete blocks placed at the entrance to each pond in order to deter entry.

Preventing re-entry cannot be entirely guaranteed, however the amount of work carried out is significantly over and above what is normally required for such attenuation ponds to the extent that it is also affecting council staff entering onto the lands so should deter others from accessing the area. This level of intervention has been deemed necessary at this location in order to deter further illegal trespass.

Councillor Kelly thanked the Roads department for the report. She asked could the grass verges be reinforced.

The members raised the following points:



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- It's very frustrating the amount of money being spent removing illegal encampments.
- Could the council look at bringing in Byelaws to stop illegal encampments like Listowel did.
- Concrete bollards are unsightly.

Councillor Moore said the council can't bring in Byelaws unless an alternative is given like a site. He said maybe the CPG could remove this clause.

Mr McLoughlin advised he would bring the comments back to the NRO.

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

### **NS09/0423**

#### **Pedestrian crossing at Basin Street**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear  
That the council review the junction at Basin Street and Main Street with a view to installing a pedestrian crossing at this busy junction.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is considering restricting traffic from Main Street into Abbey Street via Basin Street. This would significantly improve the environment for vulnerable road users in the area. The Public Realm Team are examining improvements to Basin Street and this street could be an excellent link between the proposed Naas to Sallins Greenway and the Main Street, should funding and approval be obtained for its development.

Councillor Clear said something needed to be done in the area. He said a one-way system, or a stop sign by the Bank should be looked at for a short-term solution. He asked for this to be put on the progress report.





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The meetings administrator advised that Mr Hodgins would have an informal discussion with the members to discuss where the council are at with the current works.

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

### NS10/0423

#### **Enforcement contractors monitor areas around schools**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear  
That Kildare County Council parking enforcement contractors monitor areas around schools in this municipal district to penalise people who park on footpaths forcing pedestrians, particularly school children, to walk onto the road.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Department would request the enforcement contractor to fully regulate the schools during drop off and pick up times once this is agreed by all members. It should be noted by members, that if this regulation proceeds, it would be done on an adhoc basis, as there are a number of schools, drop off and pick up times which, if the wardens were to constantly regulate these areas, would leave the rest of the town unregulated for a significant period of time.

The members made the following points:

- It was a small number of people parking on the footpaths, this was not acceptable.
- There were plenty of options for people to park.
- Children are encouraged to walk to school, so this type of behaviour needed to be stopped.

Mr McLoughlin said the council would increase the presence of enforcement contractors at schools.



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

### **NS11/0423**

#### **Junction at Ballymore and Kilcullen Roads**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore  
That the public road leading from the junction of the Ballymore and Kilcullen Roads to the Fair Green, be properly identified and signposted as a route to school and public car parks and that warning signs be placed advising shoppers leaving the adjoining Supermarket of cross traffic dangers.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that junction in question is currently undergoing an upgrade as part of the Kilcullen Road Improvement Scheme. Signage at this location could be reviewed as the scheme is progressed through construction stage.

Mr Reel said the council would have a look at the road as part of the improvement scheme.

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

### **NS12/0423**

#### **Pedestrian crossing at Roseville and Maudlins Cemetery bus stops**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny  
That the council install a controlled pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Roseville and Maudlins Cemetery bus stops on the Dublin Road in Naas.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Council has engaged a service provider to prepare the detailed design



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and contract documentation for the Dublin Road Active Travel Scheme in Naas. The designers are examining the layout of the existing bus stops at the Roseville Estate, the entrance to the residential street and a suitable location for a signalised pedestrian crossing. The designs, when prepared in Q2 of 2023, would be submitted to the National Transport Authority for approval and a request for funding would be made for the construction of the scheme.

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

### **NS13/0423**

#### **Traffic lights at the entrance to Kingsfurze Avenue**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen  
That the council look at the design of the traffic lights at the entrance to Kingsfurze Avenue, Dublin Road, Naas as there are two sets of lights in a very short area with lights only on one pole. Drivers could think that if it is green on the first it is also green on the second. There should be two lights at each location (photos attached).

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the junction of Dublin Road and Kingsfurze in Naas is a signalised junction. The signal poles and heads are consistent with this arrangement and the signals circled are the primary and secondary signal heads. Both signals change at the same time. These are in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual and additional signal heads would confuse motorists.

Councillor Breen read out an email she received from a resident highlighting the issues at this junction.

Mr M McLoughlin advised he would speak with the Naas municipal engineer about the concerns of the residents.



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

### **NS14/0423**

#### **Bollards at Sycamores, Naas.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon  
That the council explore providing bollards to protect the green area in the Sycamores, Naas.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office would review the double yellow lines in the Sycamores to mitigate against unauthorised parking in the estate.

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

### **NS15/0423**

#### **Signage identifying Cupidstown Hill**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett  
That the council erect directional signage identifying Cupidstown Hill entrance due to the continued interest shown in reaching its summit following its lighting up on St Brigid's day.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office would review the proposed location for finger post signage to identify this area.

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



**NS16/0423**

**Millennium Park Town Ring Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore  
Can the council confirm when Millennium Park Town Ring Road will be taken in charge?  
A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the following was advertised in 2022: PROPOSAL TO DECLARE A PUBLIC ROAD Western Link Road from Ploopluck to R407 Sallins Roundabout Kildare County Council, in pursuance of Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, intends to declare the Western Link Road from Ploopluck to R407 Sallins Roundabout to be a public road - 17 May 2022. The Council is currently working with the owners on the declaration process – which is a reserved function and would come to the members in due course.  
Kildare County Council is also working through the related Taking in Charge process. To ensure a joined-up approach, Kildare County Council is liaising with Irish Water on infrastructure that is to be taken in charge i.e., Roads and Water Services Infrastructure.  
The report was noted.

**NS17/0423**

**Pathfinder Project for Naas**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny  
Can the council give an update on the Pathfinder Project for Naas?  
A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Council is continuing its discussions with the Department of Transport to progress the Pathfinder Project and options to secure funding from the Climate Action Fund are the subject of inter-departmental correspondence at present.  
The report was noted.

**NS18/0423**

**Letter to An Garda Síochána**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon  
Can the council confirm if a response has been received from An Garda Síochána in relation to the right of way at New Row, Naas?



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A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that no reply has been received from An Garda Síochána.

The report was noted.

### **NS19/0423**

#### **Upgrade the public lighting in Kilteel Village**

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

Can the council confirm when it plans to upgrade the public lighting in Kilteel Village to LED?

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the lighting at this location would be upgraded as part of the PLEEP (Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project). PLEEP is an LED retrofitting project in which Kildare County Council is participating with 8 other local authorities. Under the project all the remaining non -LED lights would be replaced with LEDs. The expected commencement of installation in County Kildare is Q1 2024.

The report was noted.

### **NS20/0423**

#### **Renovation works on St Ita's Estate**

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

Can the council provide an update on when renovation works on St Ita's Estate, Naas will commence?

A report was received by the Housing Department informing the members that the units in St. Ita's Estate, Naas are owned by St. Vincent De Paul, with financial funding provided under the Capital Loan & Subsidy Scheme (CLSS). Upgrade works are a matter for St. Vincent De Paul, and the Housing Department would contact them for an update on this estate.

The report was noted.

### **NS21/0423**

#### **Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023**

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023 allocation for the Naas Municipal District.



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Councillor Clear declared that he had a conflicting interest in relation to the Tidy Towns and left the room.

18	Naas	Naas Local History Group	Ongoing project involves archiving and digitising a large collection of slides/photographs in the possession of NLHG.	€1,500.00
19	Naas	Caragh Tidy Towns	To commission a non-intrusive geophysical survey of the "Chapel Field" in Yeomanstown Stud, Caragh	€1,500.00
20	Naas	Naas Tidy Towns	Install an information plaque at the Famine Graveyard in Naas	€1,500.00
21	Naas	Naas Access Group	Erection of information signs at Fruit Garden to the side of Naas Hospital	€1,500.00
22	Naas	Rathmore Graveyard Restoration	Create Biodiversity Action Plan. Preserving Iron Works.	€1,400.00
23	Naas	Fairy Flax Residents Association	Erection of biodiversity information signs	€1,500.00
24	Naas	Oldtown Walk residents Association	Create a new pocket forest in the Oldtown Walk housing estate	€1,424.00
25	Naas	Jigginstown Green Residents Association	Seeking an ecological survey that captures the range and level of wildlife in our estate area. We would be then display, in appropriate signage, the wildlife in our area. This would be part of promotional activities for the wider community, in particular visitors to the canal greenway	€1,500.00
26	Naas	Captain Tickle Monument (Annie Gough)	To continue to maintain and look after the upkeep of the fountain where there is significant wear and tear	€500.00

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members present that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2023 allocation for the Naas Municipal District be accepted.

### NS22/0423

#### Public Realm projects

An update on Public Realm Projects in the Naas Municipal District was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. Ms P Pender asked the members if they had any questions.

The members had no questions and welcomed the report.

### NS23/0423

#### Shopping centre communication

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



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Can the council confirm if the owners of the shopping centre in Naas have communicated with the council in relation to any future planning applications they intend to submit?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that A pre-planning meeting has been scheduled with the developer for week commencing 10 April 2023 to discuss proposals.

The report was noted.

### **NS24/0423**

#### **Provision of a stone or sculpture for Naas Tidy Towns**

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

Can the council confirm the most up to date information on the provision of a stone or sculpture to mark the achievement of the men, women and children volunteers of Naas Tidy Towns and the local Kildare County Council services in winning the IBAL Cleanest Town in Ireland Competition in 2021 and 2022?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that The District Manager has raised the issue with the Arts Officer who is committed to a busy work programme but has indicated that she would consider this proposal with a view to progression in Q2/Q3 of 2023.

Councillor Moore stated he is not happy with the report, he said there is no drawing or tendering process started yet.

The report was noted.

### **NS25/0423**

#### **Historic Monuments Advisory Committee**

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

Can the members be informed on when the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee will be back in place?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee (HMAC) was established in 2019 however, due to unforeseen circumstances at that time, the HMAC did not convene. It is now intended to re-establish the HMAC (through the Kildare County Council Heritage, Conservation and Biodiversity Office), with the first meeting expected to take place in June 2023. It is anticipated that a total of 3 meetings would be held by the end of 2023.





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An email was circulated (on 22 March 2023) to those who were to be nominated onto the committee in 2019 asking for an indication as to whether those persons would still be interested in taking part in the HMAC. This correspondence requested that replies be submitted to the Heritage Section of Kildare County Council no later than close of business on 31 March 2023.

All those who have replied to date have indicated that they are interested in reconvening the HMAC committee. Over the next few weeks, a meeting date would be agreed, and the first meeting would be held in Aras Chill Dara, no later than June 2023. It is anticipated that the HMAC would take the following format for 2023.

- Meeting no. 1 – introductions of committee members/ establish and agree work programme for 2023/ agree remaining dates for 2023/ elect a chairperson.
- Meeting no. 2 – update on projects
- Meeting no. 3 – overview of projects in 2023/ agree work programme for 2024.

A further update would be provided to members of the Naas Municipal District following the first meeting.

The report was noted.

### **NS26/0423**

#### **Letter to Uisce Éireann**

The members agreed to take item 25 and 26 together.

#### **Item 25:**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore  
That this council writes to Uisce Éireann as the Water and Wastewater Authority for Naas Town requesting a) that a ground infrastructure survey be undertaken in the housing areas bordering Lakelands and Sunday's Well, to establish what fault lines exist that are the cause of consistent blockages over the years and b) because the main wastewater infrastructure was laid along the back gardens, the cost of clearance of blocked infrastructure from the householders of that area should be borne by Uisce Éireann until the problem is rectified.

#### **Item 26:**



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The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett  
That the council engage with Uisce Éireann on the sewage problems in Lakelands Estate, Naas where a main sewer is located on multiple private properties.

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

It was agreed by the members that a letter would issue to Uisce Éireann.

The members made the following points:

- Worrying for residents at the Lakelands, every time there is a blockage in someone's back garden, Uisce Éireann say it is not their issue.
- This problem has been ongoing for years.
- Residents need a survey carried out so they can bring it to Uisce Éireann.
- Uisce Éireann are the authority responsible for sewage.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by the members that a letter is to be issued to Uisce Éireann.

### NS27/0423

#### Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon  
That the Naas Municipal District writes to the Environmental Protection Agency and objects to any increase in the Discharge License for Blessington Wastewater Treatment Plant into Golden Falls.

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

It was agreed by the members that a letter would issue to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the increase in the Discharge License for Blessington Wastewater Treatment Plant into Golden Falls.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Sammon seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members, that a letter would issue the Environmental Protection Agency



**NS28/0423**

**Discharge License for Blessington Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon  
Can the council confirm if Planning Permission is required by Kildare County Council for increase in the Discharge License for Blessington Wastewater Treatment Plant into Golden Falls and if not under what specific legislation are they exempt given the outfall pipe runs through the County twice and discharges directly into County Kildare?

The meetings administrator advised that a report would issue shortly after the meeting.  
The report was noted.

**NS29/0423**

**Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards**

A report on the Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department for 2023 was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting (see appendix ??? attached).

Councillor Sammon and Councillor Kelly declared that they had conflicting interest and left the room.

<b>Festival Grants 2023 for approval Naas M.D.</b>			
<b>No</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Proposed Grant</b>
1	Ballymore Community Group Xmas	Market Day in Ballymore Eustace	1100
2	Castlefen Community Association Committee	Castlefen Summer fest	1000
3	Feile Liam O'Flynn	Feile Liam O'Flynn 3 day event	2000
4	Johnstown Community Association	Annual village festival day	700
5	Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland	Easter , Halloween and Christmas events	1000
6	Kilteel/Eadestown Comhaltas	Celebration of Liam O Flynn	2000
7	Mcauley place	Halloween and Gingerbread workshops	750
8	Naas Bealtaine Festival Committee	Naas Bealtaine Festival in May	8000
9	Naas Wild Food Festival	11th Annual Naas Wild Food Festival	2000
10	Sallins Business Association	Day event in Summer	1000
11	Sallins Dramatic Society	3 nights of one act plays	1000
12	Sallins GAA	Annual outdoor movie. Free event .	2000
13	Sult Na Sollájn	Feile Na Sollájn	2000
14	Toberton Wood Residents Association	Summer Fun BBQ sports day	750
			€25,300
			€25,500
			€200



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No	Group	Project	Proposed Grant
1	23rd Kildare (Sallins) Scout Group	Upgrade of den facilities	€2,100
2	Abbey Bridge and Canal Bank Residents	Cut the grass and plant up 5 large pots	€310
3	Ballymore Amateur Dramatic Society	Production of The Lonesome West	€900
4	Ballymore Community Group	Christmas lights	€1,625
5	Ballymore Eustace Community Development Assoc	Upgrade Tidy Towns stores and small meeting room	€1,500
6	Castletfen Community Committee	Phase 2 of Castletfen Community Garden	€2,100
7	Cuidiu Kildare and Naas	Playgroup in the Moat Theatre	€250
8	ICA Guild Ballymore Eustace	Repairs to ICA Cottage	€800
9	Johnstown Community Association	Update signage in the village	€900
10	Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland	Promotional signage to raise awareness	€1,200
11	Kill ARA	Visit cultural, educational and historical areas	€1,200
12	Kill Village Fundraisers	Christmas lights	€1,625
13	Kilteel Eadestown Comhaltas	Build on last years success with Kildare Youth Folk Or	€2,100
14	Lilywhite Wheelers	4 adult sports wheelchairs	€2,500
15	McAuley Place	Plastering & painting the exterior walls at the entrance to our Luisne Garden .	€2,100
16	Monread Indoor Bowls Club	Indoor Bowls Carpet Mat and indoor carpet mat bowls	€2,100
17	NAAS ACCESS GROUP	Accessible, picnic bench and seating on the hospital entrance side of Naas lakes.	€2,250
18	Naas Arch Club	Day or weekend outing	€1,000
19	Naas Art Group	Art event will be in Donadea forest park or another amenity area.	€1,350
20	Naas Biodiversity Group	Naas Hedge Laying Project	€2,400
21	Naas Christmas Lights Committee	Christmas Lights	€25,000
22	Naas Community Men's Shed	Sawdust extraction system in workshop	€2,000
23	Naas Country Market	70th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Naas Country Market	€1,280
24	Naas garden club	Tools and seeds to finish off harbour garden	€1,615
25	Naas Musical Society	Show 'Anything Goes'	€2,250
26	Naas photography group	Members' photographs in 2024 calendar	€950
27	Naas Probus Club	Social and educational/historical interest events	€600
28	Naas Rotary Club	Just 1 Life Road Safety Programme	€900
29	Naas Tidy Towns	Community Memorial Garden Project	€2,500
30	Naas Youth Project	12 week programme on gender based violence	€1,750
31	No Planet B club	Community workshops	€1,350
32	Sallins Biodiversity Group	Biodiversity Community Outreach/Demonstration Programme	€1,000
33	Sallins Business Association	Christmas experience for the community	€2,250
34	Sallins Dramatic Society	3 one act plays	€2,750
35	Sallins Senior Citizens	Renovate the kitchen at Sallins community centre	€2,750
36	Sallins Tidy Towns	Willow craft festival in Sallins	€900
37	Suit Na Solláin	Events in Irish during Seachtain na Gaeilge	€2,100
38	In Sync Youth & Family Services	Barista Training Programme for young people	€2,100
39	Toberton Wood Residents Association	Day out to Dublin Zoo Halloween and Easter decorations, sports equipment	€2,460
40	White Well View Residents Association	Day out for residents	€2,500
			€89,315
			€89,316
			€1



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by the members present that the Community, Festival and Resident Association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department for 2023 be approved.

**NS30/0423**

**Delay the onset of grass cutting**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny  
That the council write to residents' associations in this municipal district to ask them to delay the onset of grass cutting so as to allow the pollinators to have time to do their valuable work.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that as part of the residents' associations grant award letters, each year the community section refers applicants to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and to the pollinators.ie website.

The PPN routinely reminds subscribed residents' associations of the pollinator plan also and will do so again this year.

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

**NS31/0423**

**Water Buoy**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen  
That the council install a safety water buoy at the lake area adjacent to the Lakelands Estate in Naas, in the interest of Public Safety.

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



A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that an assessment would be carried out on the area and the necessary ring buoys would be erected before the end of April.

Councillor Breen said that there is a lot of activity there, so a ring buoy is needed.

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

### **NS32/0423**

#### **Responsibility for the running of Kerdiffistown Park**

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

Can the council confirm if an agreement has been reached on who is going to have the responsibility for the running of Kerdiffistown Park?

A report was received by the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that work is ongoing on putting in place arrangements for the running of Kerdiffistown Park. Expressions of Interest for use of the All-Weather Pitches would be advertised shortly.

Councillor Kelly said further clarification was needed.

The report was noted.

### **NS33/0423**

#### **Plans for the old Library**

The members agreed to take item 33 and 34 together.

#### **Item 33:**

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

Can the council outline plans for the old Library at the harbour in Naas, bearing in mind the need for community buildings in the town?

#### **Item 34:**

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



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Can the council inform members what plans there are for the old library, Naas and have there been any enquiries from interested groups?

A report was received by Ms G Allen Acting County Librarian informing the members that the current location of Naas Library at the Harbour has been identified as the interim location for the Local Studies and Archive collection and service.

We plan to move the Local Studies service into the building after the library service relocates to the Town Hall in the summer.

The LS and Archives service had to leave the old County Library Newbridge building back in 2020 under emergency conditions due to the deterioration of the building and to avoid damage to the collection.

Since then, they have relocated to rented accommodation in Kildare Town.

The current location in a business park is not a suitable location for the public to visit and is not ideal storage for the precious collection.

The plan agreed with Kildare County Council senior management is that the LS and Archives service would move into the Naas Library building on an interim basis until the new capital project for the County Library and Archives Capital Project is completed.

The service would operate from the old Naas Library location providing access to the public and tourists to the Kildare Local Studies Collections, the Archives and Genealogy service.

Operating from a central, accessible location would also allow the Local Studies Librarian and Archivist to host programmed events, talks and exhibitions for the public and tourists.

The Local Studies team would also be able to facilitate school visits for both primary and secondary schools throughout the school year.

She was unaware of any recent requests from community groups regarding the building – if there are requests, they will be responding that the Library Service require the use of the building for the next few years.

The report was noted.

### **NS34/0423**

#### **Completion of the De Burgh Demesne**

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

Can the council provide an update on the timelines for the completion of the De Burgh Demesne conservation masterplan and its opening to the public?



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A report was received by the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that It is proposed as part of the current years works programme to tender for the preparation of a conservation plan for the Demense and to have this completed by the end of the year. This will inform the preparation of a masterplan in 2024. A tender to resurface paths in the gardens will also be a be prepared this year with aim of have an accessible perimeter route of the garden and facilitate opening the garden on a trial basis to the public next year. This may involve having to also provide a new or temporary bridge over the stream running through the garden. In the interim it is proposed to continue the guided tours of the garden over the Summer. The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.