



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 14 November 2023
in the Council Chamber**

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Mr D Reel (District Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr S Deegan (Senior Engineer), Mr McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms E O'Brien (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms M O'Dwyer (Administrative Officer) Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary) and others.

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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.

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Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 10 October 2023 and the special meeting held on 26 October 2023 together with the progress report

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by members that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 10 October 2023 and the special meeting held on 26 October 2023 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



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Municipal District Road works

Mr D Reel updated the members on the municipal district road works. The report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

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 – Complete
- L3012 – Monread Road, Naas – Complete
- L3012 – Millenium Park, Naas – Complete
- L29975 – Sarto/Pacelli Road, Naas – Complete
- R410 – Blessington Road (Crab Lane) – Complete
- L2014 – Kill Village – Complete
- R445 – Dublin Road, Naas - Construction stage

Surface Dressing Works

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

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

Footpaths

Tenders have 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) - Complete
- Sundays Well (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Ballymore Eustace (uncontrolled crossings) - Complete
- Blessington Road (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Newbridge Road (well/green area) - Complete

LPT/Carparks funded works.

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

- Hillview to Sallins Park footpath - Complete
- Sherlockstown Road, Sallins (raised table) - Complete
- Ashfield Park - Complete
- Kilteel Lane (road surface) - Complete
- R407 Sallins Village (footpath improvements) - Complete
- R407 Sallins Road, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Roselawn, Naas - Tender Stage
- Mountain View, Naas - Tender Stage
- Rathasker Lane - Construction Stage
- St Patricks Park, Kill - Construction Stage

Drainage

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

- Monread Road Roundabout - Complete
- Whitechurch (Kill to Straffan Road) - Complete
- Cromwellstown - Complete



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Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works

The Naas Municipal District office have received funding from the Department of Transport for the following 2023 Safety Improvement Works. These projects are currently at construction stage.

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

The members made the following points:

- The District Engineer and his team were thanked on works completed including tarmac work completed at St Marys College and the gully works done to date.
- Questioned when works on the Blessington Road would be completed .
- Concerns raised regarding works outside church on Sallins Road and that bus bay is currently not accessible.
- What could be done regarding pole lighting on Rathasker Road and if additional bollards could be investigated in the area.
- Suggested that LPT projects be submitted as soon as possible. It was agreed for the members to come together in the next week, date and time to be confirmed.

The District Engineer informed the members that

- He could attend the meeting regarding LPT allocations also if they wished
- That Rathasker Road received some LPT allocation this year and that works were carried out along with the Parks Section on reducing trees and hedges and to maximise public lighting in the area. It was agreed for this to be reviewed again
- The works on Sallins Road was a Public Realm project
- That the Road Marking Works were running behind schedule due to recent wet weather, no exact time time frame available but he hoped it would be completed by the end of the year.



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LPT 2023 Allocations

The members considered the remaining LPT 2023 allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee.

The Mayor informed the members that 3 requests had been received for LPT funding to be allocated to the following project:

Councillor Carmel Kelly

- The Sunshine Club, Sallins €300
- Sallins Tidy Towns €1,000
- Elmwood Park €500

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that the above 3 requests received for LPT funding be approved.

NS05/1123

Roads Capital Projects

The members received a PowerPoint presentation with an update from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate on the Roads Capital Projects.

The members raised the following

- Issues regarding traffic at Firmount Cross raised, this included traffic going back and forth to Drehid
- Questioned if contractor had been approved for Canal Bridge, Sallins
- Questioned if gritting was promoting active travel by gritting footpaths and cycle lanes, reference made to the Modal Hierarchy
- Any update available with regards the Section 8 at St John's Lane which was covered in the October meeting and when it was expected to be initiated.
- Asked if presentation could be circulated to all members

Mr Deegan advised the members that

- Firmount Cross fell under the Junctions Programme and a junction design would be available in due course.
- Contractor was in place for Sallins Bridge



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- Roads maintenance generally was pivoting in relation to maintenance of pedestrian and cycle facilities. The members were directed to contact the District Office on this in relation to gritting programme.
- The section 38 for St.John's Lane did not fall under Mr Deegan section however Mr McLoughin agreed to take this back to Mr Hodgins
- The presentation was agreed to be distributed once it had been presented at all municipal district meetings.

NS06/1123

Rathasker Heights

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

That the council investigate and repair the road surface in Rathasker Heights, adjacent to (details provided).

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen and Seconded by Councillor Brett

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will review the location and undertake localised repairs where necessary.

Councillor Breen asked if there was an expected time frame available.

The District Engineer advised that he hoped for works to started in next couple of weeks.

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

NS07/1123

Leaves in Estates

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

That the council consider a programme to clean the leaves in estates in the town on a "one off" basis now that leaves are falling.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen and Seconded by Councillor Kelly



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A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office is currently working on drainage maintenance in the district and will include the sweeping of leaves in estates, subject to resources being available.

The members raised the following

- There had been a number of concerns received regarding leaves in estates.
- Suggested that estates with older residents should take priority.
- Suggested that the Tidy Towns would also be willing to assist with this matter also.

The District Engineer advised the members that some estates were cleared last week but following on from the recent storm more leaves had since fallen and that these works would be ongoing.

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

NS08/1123

Cycle Lanes

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

That the council paint directional arrows on the cycle lanes in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that there were no plans to install directional arrows on cycle tracks. The updated Cycle Design Manual, published by the National Transport Authority (NTA) in July 2023 states that – “Directional arrow markings are generally not required on links as the direction of the cycle logo indicates the direction of flow”.

The members raised the following

- Disagreed that – “Directional arrow markings were generally not required on links as the direction of the cycle logo indicated the direction of flow” reporting that cyclists and individuals on electric scooters travelling the wrong way on cycle paths were causing difficulties for people trying to cross roads in the municipal district.



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- Suggested that directional arrows be placed at the start of all cycle paths and 'look both ways' signage be investigated.
- There was a budget for promotion available as updated in the budget meeting with the Road Safety Officer
- Active travel needed to be promoted, could an educational piece be investigated to inform people of the correct use of cycle paths

Mr McLoughlin asked if particular locations could be highlighted and would discuss further with the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Team

Councillor Kelly agreed to forward on photos of the locations identified.

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

NS09/1123

The Gables Estate, Kill

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

That the council survey The Gables Estate, Kill with a view to providing two ramps in the estate.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Sammon.

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will carry out a traffic calming assessment in this housing estate in the coming weeks.

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

NS10/1123

Traffic Calming

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

That the council outline traffic calming plans for all approach roads into Ballymore Eustace Village.

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



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A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that

- Naas Road – Design Underway – drawing will be available in coming weeks.
- Blessington Road – Proposed raised platform at Barrack Street Gateway – Drawing will be available in coming weeks.
- Liffey Heights – traffic calming in place – no change
- Mountcashel – no change
- Coughlanstown – new footpath along the River Walk Housing Development
- Truce Road – part of Tinnycross / Masonbrook development - design to be agreed with developer.

Councillor Sammon raised the following

- The school had made contact regarding the Naas Road and were delighted
- Could a 'SLOW' sign be investigated at Mountcashel
- Could the 80km sign at Coughlanstown be repositioned.
- Asked when the Speed Limit Review was complete and it had been agreed to move the boundary in Ballymore Eustace. Would this also mean that the 80km speed limit was also extended to the boundary.

The District Engineer advised that

- Speed signs could not be altered until a speed review was completed and would then need to be adopted and byelaws amended. Currently there were no resources available to get to the adoption stage or complete the Speed Limit Review process
- That enforcement of speed was a matter for An Garda Síochána

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

NS11/1123

Green Infrastructure Corridor

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

That the council develop a Green Infrastructure Corridor which connects the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme to the Fairgreen, the Lakes and back up to the Kilcullen Road roundabout.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Breen.



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A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that measures to improve the green infrastructure could be examined however any work required would have to be considered in the context of progressing existing projects and commitments. Any initiatives to improve green infrastructure would also need the involvement of the Biodiversity and Heritage Officer.

Councillor Quinn described a possible triangular green infrastructure between the Killcullen roundabout, The Fairgreen and the Ballymore Road referring also to A Safe Routes Healthcare between the Vista, Naas General Hospital and Craddockstown Nursing home which he hoped to revisit.

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

The members agreed to take items 16,17,18 and 26 next from the agenda as they were for the Parks Section

NS12/1123

Pitches, Monread Park, Naas

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

That the council reline the GAA and soccer pitches in Monread Park, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the relining of the pitches in Monread Park is a matter for the clubs that use the pitches.

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

NS13/1123

Millennium Park, Naas

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

That the council write to the owners of Millennium Park, Naas to determine if there is land suitable to purchase or lease for a dog park given that there are approximately 10,000 dogs in the Naas area and that the Councillors have set aside funding for such a park.



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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that if the members are in agreement a letter will issue to the owners of Millennium Park.

The members raised the following

- In the masterplan Monread was identified but prior to the masterplan Millennium Park could be investigated as a possibility. Noting that Millennium Park closed at certain times over the weekend
- Great to have a facility for dogs to be allowed off lead, asked how the dog park in Leixlip was managed
- Questioned what breed of dogs would be allowed in the park
- Clarification on Insurance issues sought
- To reduce car dependency could alternative locations also be looked into. Suggestions possibly of Millrace and potentially OakPark beside De Burgh.
- Could letters be written to Cairn Homes and the De Burgh family
- Concerns raised that if land should become available that there was a need for amenities for children rather than a dog park

Mr Wallace advised the members that

- A letter would be written to Millennium Park but costings and maintenance of such a dog park would need to be further investigated
- That the dog park in Leixlip was maintained by Fingal County Council and had permanent staff in place on site.
- Insurance would be a matter for the dog owners
- The dogs allowed on site would also be the responsibility of dog owners and would fall under the Control of Dog Act
- He had concerns about maintenance

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members that a letter be issued to Millennium Park and the report be noted



NS14/1123

Monread Playground

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon.
That the council address ongoing antisocial behaviour issues at Monread Playground.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that there had been no recent reports of antisocial behaviour in Monread Park. However, any issues would be discussed with local Gardai. The Council will also re-examine the maintenance of the playground and cleaning in relation to debris as a result of any antisocial behaviour. The relocation of the playground to provide more passive supervision would be considered as part of developing a masterplan for the park.

Councillor Sammon welcomed the report and looked forward to the master plan.

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

NS15/1123

All Weather Pitches at Kerdiffstown

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That the council recognise the massive doubling of the Naas population to 30,000, since 1995, the huge demand that now exists for Amenity and Sporting Lands, the spending by Kildare County Council of the Naas Community Development Fund on other projects and that not one acre of Amenity Sporting Land has been provided by Kildare County Council over those 30 years, by now providing a 50% reduction of its proposed charges on the All Weather Pitches at Kerdiffstown, to those local sporting clubs for a five year period or until sufficient new green amenity lands are provided in the municipal district.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Clear

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the proposed charges for the All-Weather pitches have been developed based on the running cost of the facility, estimated use and charges for other facilities in the area. Based on these the facility will run at a loss of €250k per annum. A reduced charge for local clubs will be discussed with



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the elected members and how it can be funded for a trial period over the current winter. In addition, we will work with the local clubs in relation to a match fee rather than an hourly cost for use of the pitches for competitive matches. No further commitment can be given beyond that until the facility can be run to establish the actual running costs and the level of use of the All-Weather Pitches.

The members are aware ongoing discussions are taking place and raised the following

- That currently the facility is not accessible to poorer clubs or for underage players due to costs.
- The aim is to encourage more children into sport could all of Naas Municipal District be given a reduced rate.
- Could it be investigated for a reduction of 50% for juveniles for teams from age 14 and under
- To promote active travel could an incentive for active travel and car-pooling be considered

Mr Wallace advised the members that

- This was a modern facility which would be able to incorporate both GAA, Soccer and Rugby matches all on the same pitch
- Commitment made to continue to discuss options, noting that currently the price was €120 per hour but there was the option to split pitch so two clubs could come together and split the costs
- Currently a reduced rate was available for schools
- That all factors raised would be considered and that any profit which may be made would be returning directly back to the facility

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

NS16/1123

Naas to Sallins Greenway

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

That the council, as part of the Part 8 public consultation process for the Naas to Sallins Greenway, include the provision of a bridge at the third lock, connecting Aylmer Park,



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Monread, Oldtown Demesne, Landen Park, The Orchard and the other residential estates east of the Canal.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Breen.

A report was received from Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the provision of a bridge across the canal at this location is not included in the plans for the Naas to Sallins Greenway. However, the location of a future link across the canal will be indicated as part of the project plans so that the public can comment on this potential new permeability link.

Councillor Quinn raised concerns that if no additional bridge that much of Naas Town would not be able to connect to the canal. Questioning would this be outlined in the part 8.

Councillor Moore informed Councillor Quinn that another bridge was already planned and that lands had already been purchased adjacent to the 3rd Lock and that provisions were already in place for a permeability route at this location.

Mr McLoughlin advised the members that funding was coming from the NTA and if there were to be any significant changes that this could possibly cause delays. Confirming that there would be a full briefing prior to the Part 8, followed by public consultation

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

NS17/1123

Lighting Along the Canal Towpath

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to install new lighting along the canal towpath as part of the Naas to Sallins Greenway, particularly from Leinster Mill to Sallins which is a busy spot at the moment for anyone walking or running at night.

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the existing public lighting will be renewed and improved along the portion of the canal that is lit at the moment. Public lighting is also proposed along the canal for the portion of the scheme between Osberstown Bridge and Sallins.

The report was noted.



NS18/1123

Millicent/Bodenstown Crossroads

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

Can the council confirm if the results of the traffic count at Millicent/Bodenstown Crossroads have been released?

A report was received from the Roads Section informing the members that the last traffic count was completed at this location on 22 May:

- L2010-2 Sherlockstown-Bodenstown 3,082 (Annual Average Daily Traffic)
- L2002-4 Firmount-Millicent 4,249 (AADT)
- R407-20 Sallins-Clane 14,930 (AADT)

Councillor Kelly noted that the area experienced high volumes of cars and could the installation of a yellow box be considered

The District Engineer advised that a box junction would not work at this location as there would be no vehicles stopping. The issue was down to high volumes of traffic so it was a capacity issue and no safety issues were present. Mr Deegan was currently working on junctions with safety related issues.

The report was noted

NS19/1123

Safe Routes to School Projects

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

Can the council provide an update on the Safe Routes to School projects in the Naas Municipal District.

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the designs for the Ballycane Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project are with the National Transport Authority (NTA) for approval. The next step is to start a public consultation process. With regard to the Craddockstown SRTS Project, the plans are ready for construction, however, insufficient funding has been allocated to this project to allow it to proceed in 2023.

The report was noted.



NS20/1123

Social Housing in Naas

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

Can the council outline the current demand level of unmet Social Housing in Naas and what is the council Programmed Housing Plan to overcome that shortfall?

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that the social housing delivery pipeline as outlined in the Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 estimates delivery of 2,105 units, in the period 2022-2026. This represents 87% of the target received, 2,416. The balance outstanding will be delivered through the leasing programme. The following extract from the Housing Delivery Action Plan summarizes the alignment between demand and delivery in the Naas Municipal District.

Municipal District	Demand	Delivery
Naas	18.16%	24%

The Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 includes tables for the Geographical distribution of Social Housing demand and current approved delivery and The Future Programme Master Summary (Social Housing).

The extract below details the demand, approved delivery and future programme for the Naas Municipal District.

Table 1 - Geographical distribution of Social Housing demand and current approved delivery

Area / Municipal District/ Division	Settlement	No. of Households on SSHA	No. of Households on HNDA	% of Demand by Settlement	2022-2026 Target Distributed by Demand	Approved Delivery	Outstanding Delivery per MD	Proposed Delivery by MD/Division/Settlement
Naas	Other	31		0.48%	10		10	
	Kill	42		0.65%	13	57	-44	
	Naas	954		14.77%	305	76	229	1
	Sallins	146		2.26%	47	29	18	
Municipal District 4 Total		1173		18.16%	376	162	214	



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Table 2 - Future Programme Master Summary (Social Housing)

Settlement	Estimated Part V (Private & LDA)	Existing LA Landbank	Future land Purchases	LA Turnkey	LA Buy & Renew	AHB CAL F	AHB CAS	Social Homes via Mixed Tenure	Total Social Homes to be delivered	Comments
Other						8			8	
Kill	15	33				31			79	
Naas	75	145	50	30	3	6	10		319	
Sallins	15					78			93	
Naas Municipal District Total	105	178	50	30	3	123	10	0	499	

The total delivery in the Naas Municipal District for leasing, acquisitions and build in 2021 and 2022 is 502.

Year	Leasing/MTR	Acquisitions	Build
2022	83	23	138
2021	186	25	47
	269	48	185

The monthly Chief Executive report provides an update on the capital schemes.

Councillor Moore remarked on a well-presented report containing lots of information. Some clarification was sought, and Ms O'Dwyer agreed to revert back to the Councillor on these details

The report was noted.

NS21/1123

Osberstown Court

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

Can the council confirm if the work on the new pumping station and foul infrastructure at Osberstown Court is on schedule?

A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that works to the new pumping station are progressing well. There had been some minor delays owing to adverse weather and some ongoing resource issues of a third-party Contactor in



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relation to machinery. These issues are being managed and to date have not impacted the overall project program. Works to the pumping station are due to be completed by the 1 December, subject to weather. The pumping station is expected to be live by mid-December, subject to ESB connection. No delays are currently anticipated.

Councillor Kelly was very happy with the report.

The report was noted

NS22/1123

North-West Quadrant

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

Can the council provide an update on the tender process to draft a masterplan for the North-West Quadrant, and the timelines involved in presenting this plan for public consultation?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the tender for the North-West Quadrant Masterplan was published on the Etenders platform in September 2023. NWQ 1.1 of the adopted Naas Local Area Plan (LAP) 2021-2027 requires that the NWQ masterplan is integrated into the LAP by way of a statutory amendment, pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The public consultation will be carried out in accordance with same.

Councillor Quinn questioned where the council were regarding the tender and whether it had been awarded yet

The District manager advised that there had been 7 companies interested and it was now with the new tender evaluation committee who had just had their first meeting. He expected a review in the next 2-3 weeks

The report was noted.

NS23/1123

Projects Nearing Completion

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

Can the council confirm the opening dates of all projects nearing completion in the municipal district?

A report was received from Environment and Water Section the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section and the Library Section informing the members that:



- The construction of Kerdiffstown Park commenced in November 2020. The construction contract was set for a period of 54 months with a completion date of May 2025. The contractor anticipates completion in the very near future, currently estimated to Q1 2024 which is more than 1 year ahead of schedule.
- That the construction of the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme is continuing and will be complete in Q2 2024.
- The new Naas Library and Cultural Centre is in the last few weeks of construction. We expect handover later this month, following which the Library Service will begin working on the installation of furniture, IT systems, the book collection, art works etc. We expect this work to take a minimum of 4 weeks including time for snagging. We will invite the Naas Municipal District members to visit the library in advance of opening to the public.

The report was noted.

NS24/1123

Time Capsule

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

Can the council confirm that the Time Capsule at the Town Hall is still intact and in place and will be protected in light of the current renovations that are taking place?

A report was received from the Library Section informing the members that the Time Capsule is intact in its original location and was untouched during the capital works.

The report was noted.

NS25/1123

Secret Window

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

Can the council update the members on the status of the “Secret Window” in the Town Hall in light of the current renovations?

A report was received from the Library Section informing the members that the “Secret Window” was rediscovered during the conservation works on the original gaol entrance. The window had been bricked up during previous renovation projects in the 1990s and was in poor condition when uncovered.



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The window has undergone conservation work including restoring the original glass that remained and matching it with suitable replacement glass under the supervision of the Design Team Conservation Architect Michael Lysaght.

The window could not remain in its original location because of the restoration of the gaol archway which precedes it and is of more historic significance.

The decision was taken to move the window to the 2nd floor of the building to the Chamber where it is located for everyone to see and will be a significant feature of the new Library and Cultural Centre.

The District manager advised that the window was positioned at the end of the chamber in a prominent location.

The report was noted.

NS26/1123

Naas Community Development Fund

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

That the council provide the per annum and project details on where the Naas Community Development Fund, selectively ring-fenced from Naas Housing and non-Housing Development Levies for the Acquisition of Amenity Lands, Open Spaces, Sporting and Recreational Grounds, Community Infrastructure or Lands for Children's Playgrounds, was spent during each of the years of 2018-2019-2020-2021 and 2022.

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

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Section informing the member that



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Recreation & Amenities Development Levies		Cumulative 2004 - 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Levies Received		6,002,211	1,270,279	1,319,862	885,057	1,427,710	1,038,982	11,944,101
Expenditure		Cumulative 2004 - 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Committed 2022	Total
Burial Grounds Provision 5.11%				200,677	170,947	112,672	126,048	610,344
Caragh Playground				-	-	62,315	-	62,315
Caragh Parish Field				-	-	-	25,000	25,000
De Burgh Demense				-	-	236,572	13,833	1,675,000
Eadestown Playground				-	43,790	-	-	43,790
Kilcullen Library Accessibility Works	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000
Kilcullen Playground	145,628	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,628
Library Improvements			65,000	5,267	-	5,267	300,000	365,000
Moat Theatre		150,000	-	385	-	-	155,000	305,385
Monread Park Improvements			-	3,662	-	-	19,158	485,890
Municipal Fund	50,000	12,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	72,000
Naas Area Recreational and Play Amenities	450,187	68,848	190,249	41,513	29,913	5,107	455,720	1,241,537
Naas Landscaping Roundabouts	42,390	1,704	33,839	20,321	12,882	-	151,849	262,985
Naas Library Refurbishment Works	46,591	-	3,409	-	-	-	-	50,000
Naas Town Hall Library						1,500,000	1,000,000	2,500,000
Naas Pool	2,433,230	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,433,230
Open Space Strategy		10,850	3,484	-	7,751	-	100,352	99,967
Playground Development							286,128	286,128
Lakes							50,000	50,000
Sallins Amenity Lands			218,195	27,665	45,369	86,688	732,083	1,110,000
Sallins Playground				34,902	-	-	-	34,902
Swimming Pool Energy Efficiency	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000
Total Expenditure		3,253,026	243,402	707,885	337,918	501,972	1,630,053	11,944,101

Community and Economic Development Development Levies		Cumulative 2004 - 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Levies Received		1,149,259	245,054	253,043	166,462	264,243	195,679	2,273,740
Expenditure		Cumulative 2004 - 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Committed 2022	Total
Broadband		3,240	-	-	-	-	-	3,240
Naas Area Community Project		136,930	-	-	-	-	-	136,930
Johnstown Garden Centre Land			65,000	-	-	-	-	65,000
Mauldins Avenue Community Centre		26,106	-	-	-	-	-	26,106
Johnstown Community Centre			-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000
Naas Public Lighting		22,358	-	-	-	-	-	22,358
Naas Community Facilities			-	-	-	-	526,808	526,808
Monread Community Centre			-	-	-	-	93,298	93,298
Economic Hub - MERITS			-	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000
Total		188,634	65,000	-	-	-	1,200,000	2,273,740

Councillor Moore noted a very extensive report containing lots of useful information.

The members raised the following

- Happy to see there were lots of projects on the way, noting that some had yet to start, needed to get all projects moving in the next few months.
- Were not aware that €2.5 million of the development levies contributed to this.
- Questioned why Caragh playground was on the break down sheet as it was not in the municipal district.
- Economic growth was never included until 2023 and would prefer to see the allocations of €1.2 million being used for sports facilities for children.
- Disappointed to see no projects for Ballymore Eustace.



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- Update sought on resources for De Burgh's Estate.
- Dissatisfied that the Merits Building fell just to the Naas Municipal District for funding and should have gained funding from all five municipal districts as it was a county project.

Mr Wallace advised the members that

- With regards to De Burghs Estate the members were aware of commitment regarding De Burgh's Estate and that its hoped to open in Q2/Q3 2024. The €2000,000 value on this project was for seating, signage and footpaths. Delays due to staff shortages but tenders are currently being worked on and then would be the conservation master plan
- That Sallins Amenity was at tender and detailed design stage. Phase 1 would include paths, pitches and entrances
- Caragh playground came under the Naas Municipal District previously which was why it was included on this spreadsheet
- In Ballymore there had been no site available upto now. Site has now been identified so would hope this will be in the next programme

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

NS27/1123

Morell Flood Relief Scheme.

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

That the council provide an update on the Morell Flood Relief Scheme.

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

A report was received from the Flood Risk Management Section informing the members that the Morell Flood Management Scheme, which was designed to protect households, businesses, the N7 junction at Castlewarden as well as local roads in the catchment area at risk from flooding, is currently under construction.

The scheme involves the construction of approximately 7,423 metres of new flood embankments, remediation of up to 1,842 metres of existing embankments and construction



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of approximately 474 metres of flood walls in the catchment of the Morell River and its tributaries, the Slane, Kill and Painestown rivers.

The Morell catchment includes the townlands of Killeenmore, Turnings, Ballyhays, Sherlockstown, Tuckmilltown, Blackchurch and Killeen, which in recent years have been subject to significant flooding resulting in damages to property and businesses.

Approval for the scheme was granted to Kildare County Council from An Bord Pleanála on 27 April 2018 and the OPW, who are constructing the works, mobilised to site in July 2020. 55% of the scheme is completed, with the remaining works programmed to be complete by end of 2025.

Construction of the scheme is carried out in a sequenced order so as not to cause increased flood risk to adjoining upstream or downstream areas.

Further information on the scheme can be found on the scheme's website morellfms.ie

The members raised the following

- Extensive report received, clarification on time frame sought
- Photos had been sent on previously following on from huge flood, noting this was the worse than what had previously been seen
- Local residents asking for OPW to be available on site. Councillor Kelly read from a letter received from a local residents about the impact of recent flooding events.
- Concerns raised that wet weather and flooding was increasing

Ms O'Brien advised the members

- 2015 saw last significant floods.
- This year saw a very wet July
- It was hoped works would be completed by the end of 2025

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

NS28/1123

Cleaning on the Morell River

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



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That the council carryout culvert cleaning on the Morell River in Johnstown village.

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

A report was received from the Flood Risk Management Section informing the members that the Drainage Maintenance is carried out on an annual basis, following inspection of areas within Drainage Districts or where the Council has carried out works to provide flood protection. This includes the Morell River in Johnstown. The river will be inspected and maintained if required.

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

NS29/1123

Flooding

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore
Can the council detail how the lower ends of Naas Town Centre and its Environs will be protected from future unexpected levels of flooding following very severe rainfalls resulting in land saturation, in view of the 'almost surface level' silt infilling of the protective attenuation ponds at the Lakes Area and the total silt infilling of De Burghs Lakes?

A report was received from Flood Risk Management Section informing the members that the Naas Flood Relief Scheme is currently reviewing the existing hydrology in Naas and completing a hydraulic model which will identify areas of potential flood risk. This model will take into account areas of attenuation, such as the Lakes and their current condition, and areas of potential blockage (e.g., culverts, undersized pipes etc.). Once completed, a programme of flood relief works (if required) will be developed.

Councillor Moore raised the following concerns

- Mud levels had risen in local lakes and that remedial works would need to be investigated as no current system in place to collect the mud deposits, and no method of silt removal.
- That the lakes in question would be too big for machinery, so suggestion of a smaller compound could possibly be an option to collect deposits before the water reached the lakes



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- Preliminary report received in January/February identified minimal risk, asked could a report be given twice yearly to the members especially with current climate related issues.
- Report of culverts getting blocked in Millbrook and Newbridge Road areas

Ms O'Brien advised the members that

- The first phase looked at direct rainfall and how water fell on the town of Naas, looking then at how it flows in the network. River flow and capacity was then measured. If this became overwhelmed, then measurements were investigated and were put in place.
- Agreed to talk to the Area Engineer re concerns raised in Millbrook and Newbridge Road.

The report was noted.

NS30/1123

Morell River Flood Management Scheme

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

Can the council provide an update on the Morell River Flood Management Scheme, the progress achieved, and the timelines for completion?

A report was received from the Flood Risk Management Section informing the members that the Morell Flood Management Scheme, which was designed to protect households, businesses, the N7 junction at Castlewarden as well as local roads in the catchment area at risk from flooding, is currently under construction.

The scheme involves the construction of approximately 7,423 metres of new flood embankments, remediation of up to 1,842 metres of existing embankments and construction of approximately 474 metres of flood walls in the catchment of the Morell River and its tributaries, the Slane, Kill and Painestown rivers.

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Councillor Quinn welcomed the report asking if the non return valves were working at Green Lane and if there was any footage available from the drones

Ms O'Brien advised that

- The valves in question were working
- The drone footage was currently at risk assessment stage and the area of GDPR being investigated. Photographs and videos had also been taken from ground level

The report was noted

NS31/1123

Community facility in Johnstown

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

Can the council update members on the acquisition of the community facility in Johnstown?

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development

Section informing the members that Kildare County Council has been in contact with the owner of the community facility in Johnstown and ongoing discussions are taking place regarding the site.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.