



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 10 January 2023
in the Council Chamber**

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Mr D Reel (District Engineer), Mr K Kavanagh, Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officers) Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer, Roads), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Ms O McGee (Meetings Administrator), Mr S Higgins (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 meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday 13 December 2022 together with the progress report.

Councillor Moore stated that Councillor Clear previously raised a motion that looked for a pelican or pedestrian crossing to be installed on Main Street Naas as it was Councillor Clear's opinion that the crossing was unsafe for pedestrians and children. Councillor Moore highlighted that there had been no data or Garda report to say that the Main Street was unsafe. Councillor Moore requested that the minutes be modified to reflect this. This was agreed by the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 13 December be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



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Councillor Sammon advised the meeting that she will be going through the progress report in detail with corporate services team and will identify what items require attention in the short/medium and long term so that items don't get overlooked and others don't remain on the progress report without reaching a conclusion. This was welcomed by the members.

Councillor Sammon took the opportunity to congratulate Naas on their recent IBAL win and stated what a great honour it was to receive. The mayor also thanked the Naas Tidy Towns Committee, Environment & Roads section and all that were involved in this great achievement. Councillor Brett and others present concurred with these sentiments and Councillor Brett also paid tribute to Maynooth on their recent award too.

NS03/0123

Municipal District Road works

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

Road Resurfacing

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2022

The following road improvement works projects have been completed:

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

Surface Dressing Works

The following road surface dressing works have been completed:



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

Footpaths

The following footpath projects have commenced construction:

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



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- Sundays Well (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- St Brigids Terrace, Kill (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- River Lawns, Kill (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Mill lane raised table (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Blessington Road (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Ballymore Eustace (uncontrolled crossings) - Tender Stage

2022 Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads

The following 2022 Safety Improvement Works have been completed:

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

2022 Local Property Tax (LPT) & carparking funded schemes

The Naas MD are continuing to deliver the LPT funded projects programme, following the approval of funding by the Naas MD Councillors at the March 2022 meeting.

Drainage

Drainage improvement works at Johnstown have been completed. Drainage works were also completed as part of the road improvement works programme for 2022. Gully cleaning and associated works have been completed in the Naas MD.

Councillor Kelly asked what the timeframe was for the tender for Sunday's Well.

The District Engineer advised that the same contractor who had been working on Roselawn had won the contract for Sunday's Well and would be starting work there in five to six weeks. Mill Lane would also be addressed as part of the same work in the first part of this year.

Councillor Clear asked what the status of the works was on the Kilcullen Road and which end would the works commence at?



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The District Engineer advised that the current indications from the Roads Design team was that it would be the end of the month or early next month. He advised the works would begin at the Garda Station.

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LPT Schedule of Works 2023

The Mayor suggested to the members that the item to agree and approve the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2023 be deferred to the February meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that the item to agree and approve the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2023 be deferred to the February meeting.

NS05/0123

Update on the taking in Charge of Estates in Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council provide an update on the taking in charge of estates in Sallins.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in October 2022 that a site resolution plan was agreed with Irish Water. A new pumping station is to be constructed and the existing pumping station decommissioned. In November 2022 a tender package for the works to the pumping station and foul infrastructure at Osberstown Court was developed between the Council and IW. In December 2022 the tender package went live on eTenders and is due to close at the end of January 2023. The Council, on behalf of IW, will then appoint the preferred tenderer. It is anticipated that works to the pumping station will commence Q2/Q3 of 2023. IW are to finance all works associated with the pumping station and foul infrastructure.

Councillor Kelly raised the following points:

- Thanks to the Building and Development Control team for their work. Osberstown Court and Osberstown Drive were waiting around 30 years to be taken in charge.
- Hopefully other estates in Sallins such as Sallins Pier and Wharf would be next.



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- It was greatly appreciated that the council carried out some works, maintaining public lights and footpaths in these estates.
- Jake's Law would hopefully be included in these estates.

Ms S Walsh said that the tender would close at the end of the month and that Sallins Pier and Wharf were in the works.

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

NS06/0123

Deer Crossing Signs

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

That the council position sufficient "Deer Crossing" signs in the more rural areas of Naas Municipal District, particularly in the Ballymore and Coughlanstown area.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the appropriate signage for when wild animals are likely to be encountered on a road is the W153 sign (Deer or Wild Animals). Naas Municipal District Office will review these locations and provide signage where it is deemed appropriate.

The members raised the following points:

- A number of constituents had raised this issue regarding a need for more "Deer Crossing" or signage for animals crossing.
- Areas near Ballymore such as the KTK sandpit or the Brook of Donode would be examples of places that would be in need of these signs.

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



NS07/0123

Vista primary care underground parking

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny
That the council liaise with the owners of Vista primary care to promote the use of the rear and underground parking thereby discouraging the frequent double parking that occurs in the evenings on the Ballymore Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the car park to the rear of the Vista Primary Care centre is a private car park. There is signage available at the entrance to the car park and is visible from both approach roads. The parking is also well advertised on their website confirming there is ample pay and display on-street parking and underground pay parking facilities. The on-street parking, provided by Kildare County Council, is managed by our traffic wardens. The current spike in winter related illnesses over the Christmas period generated an increase in traffic in the area with people attending both the pharmacy and the KDOC out of hours service.

The members raised the following points:

- This issue arose during the Christmas time while GPs and Medical Centres were closed. The only available clinic was that of KDoc at Vista primary care.
- Parents taking their children or elderly people crossing the road at this location were at risk as they could be struck by a car which did not see them.
- Dark evenings added to the issues here as visibility was reduced. A lighting review of the area might be considered.
- Warning signs to highlight pedestrians to traffic that was passing KDoc or the primary care centre might also be an option.
- Healthcare had enough state funding that they could provide free car parking for customers.



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- Councillor Sammon suggested that Kildare County Council write to the Vista primary care to enquire about the possibility of free parking.

Mr McLoughlin advised that he would ask the Public Lighting team to review this area and he will revert with a response.

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

NS08/0123

Public lighting on the Rathasker Road

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

That the council investigate the provision of additional public lighting on the Rathasker Road, Naas in the interests of public safety.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section do not have funding for additional lighting in the budget. Your request has been added to KLIPS (Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule) register and will be reviewed and ranked once funds become available.

The members raised the following points:

- This was highlighted by the residents in the area. This was an old dark road in Naas town where speeding occurred from time to time. A “slow road” or “slow down” sign could be beneficial.
- The public lighting on the road was behind trees and lighting was only covering a third of the length of the road.
- Councillor Breen queried why the money for additional lighting cannot come from the development levies in this area? Councillor Moore concurred that the developments were significant. It was agreed that a review of the site was needed. Could a costing for an additional one or two more lights on this road be provided and reviewed again next year?



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- Councillor Sammon suggested that development contributions and possibly LPT could be identified, and it would be prudent to get this suggestion on a list.

The District Engineer stated that development levies were already ringfenced and therefore can't utilise them, but he did agree to consult with the public lighting team and revert.

Councillor Sammon asked for the costings to be provided too.

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

NS09/0123

John's Lane, Naas a one-way system

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

That the council consider making John's Lane, Naas a one-way system in the interests of pedestrian safety and to improved traffic flow.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a feasibility study will be carried out to consider making John's Lane a one-way system.

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

NS10/0123

Gritting of main footpaths

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

That the council commence gritting of main footpaths in towns in this municipal district given the reported increase in slips resulting in hospital treatment and the priority being given to pedestrians in the active travel hierarchy.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council currently operate 10 routes within its Winter Maintenance Programme, treating approximately 680km of roads in the county. This requires a significant input of resources, including 25 drivers, vehicles, equipment, technical and administrative staff and operates at a considerable cost (2022 Budget - €670,000). Due to limited resources, it is not possible to facilitate this request.

The members raised the following points:

- In some areas the gritters were able to reach footpaths alongside the roads they covered, cars parked along roads affected this possibility.
- More grit could be used to cover more areas/footpaths.
- The hierarchy of road users was inverted during cold weather spells.
- There used to be grit boxes in areas that weren't available anymore. Why can't this be provided again?
- Shop owners previously had their own boxes/reserves of grit.

The District Engineer advised that any changes regarding grit would have to be made countywide and not just in the Naas Municipal District. This suggestion could be brought forward to the Transportation SPC or to Full Council.

The members agreed to refer the proposal of increasing the grit available to cover footpaths to the Transportation SPC and then to Full Council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members that the proposal be referred to the Transportation SPC and then to Full Council and the report be noted.

NS11/0123

Bins at Corbans Lane

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



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That the council write to the businesses at Corbans Lane who are leaving their bins on the footpath on a permanent basis which is causing a dangerous situation whereby the children attending the local school have to walk on the busy road in order to avoid the obstruction.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that under current waste management byelaws, waste containers should be removed from roadways / footpaths no later than 8am on the day after collection and be held within the premises where the waste is generated. A recent grant of planning permission to a development in this area included an undertaking by the business owners to store waste bins internally to ensure no negative impact on the street. This is a positive step and welcomed by the Municipal District Office.

Where it appears business owners are not removing waste containers from roadways/footpaths in accordance with the byelaws, the Council can write to those businesses, once identified, informing them of their obligations. The removal of obstructions on footpaths contributes to the safety of pedestrians using the footpath, particularly the children who attend both schools at this location.

The members raised the following points:

- The bins that were being left outside 24/7. The owners had complained that there was nowhere to put them.
- The bins being placed on the road was unsafe for vehicles, but they were also unsafe on the path for kids walking by.
- Ask the council to write to the business to find a solution.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by the members that a letter be issued to the businesses at Corbans Lane and that the report be noted.



NS12/0123

Road surface problem at Furness, Johnstown

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

That the council report on the road surface problem at Furness, Johnstown where several accidents occurred during the recent cold snap.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that during the recent cold spell there was a rainfall event followed by sub-zero road temperatures causing ice to form on the road. The section of road in question is not on a salting route which caused very difficult driving conditions. Drivers are advised to drive with care on untreated routes and to use the treated roads, where possible.

Councillor Brett asked if a high friction surface could be installed. He said that there was a stretch of road next to a forest beside Johnstown on the way to Beggars End, a 70 to 80 yards stretch which was particularly bad.

Councillor Sammon noted that this might be possible through LPT funding.

The District Engineer advised that this would have to be looked at. He noted that the high friction surface was an expensive option to use, and that frozen rainfall would still affect that surface, resulting in the same outcome.

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

NS13/0123

Footpath repairs in Kill Village

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

That the council carry out footpath repairs in Kill Village where a section has sunk creating a trip hazard.

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



A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department Street informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office will assess this location and carry out repairs, where necessary.

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

NS14/0123

Parking fines issued in the last 5 years

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore
Can the council confirm how many parking fines, other than fines for failing to display car tax or car insurance were issued in each of the past five years in the Naas Area, known as Cill Corbain?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety team that there were 81 parking fines issued in Cill Corbain in the last five years.

Breakdown as follows:

- 46 parking fines issued for parking a vehicle on a double yellow line.
- 33 parking fines issued for parking a vehicle on a footway.
- 2 parking fines issued for parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic.

The report was noted.

NS15/0123

Junction intersection marking bollards

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny
Can the council confirm if it plans to reposition a full complement of junction intersection marking bollards (green and luminous white) at Sherlockstown crossroads?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety team that the Naas Municipal District Office will be assessing this location.

The report was noted.



NS16/0123

Missing section of stairs at the Johnstown overbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett
Can the council provide an update on the missing section of stairs at the Johnstown overbridge – almost four months after its removal?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety team that the Leinster Regional Bridge Management are currently considering options for addressing the structural issues at the steps on the northern side of Johnstown Village Footbridge. One of the options being considered (most cost effective) is the complete removal of steps.
The report was noted.

NS17/0123

Accumulated Community Fund

The members considered the following deferred motion in the name of Councillor Moore
That the Municipal Manager indicate his reasons for allowing the accumulated Community Fund of €2.30 million collected from the construction levies in Naas Municipal District over many years, for the purposes of Community and Amenities Development to keep pace with its huge population increase, has now been emptied to finance the construction of an Enterprise Ireland/Kildare CC Economic Development Building, when such money is so badly needed for the purchase of sporting, cultural and community amenities in the area.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that three-Year Capital Programmes are presented to the elected members each year as part of the Budget Review and these Capital Programmes provide a breakdown as to what funding is provided, for each capital project, under various headings including – development levies, loans, grants, revenue, funding/other income. There were no issues raised by the elected members in relation to any proposed funding arrangements for the MERITS building as part of those budget reviews.

The members raised the following points:



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- The official answer was unhelpful, it suggested that the councillors did not read the small print of the Capital Budget of the past few years.
- Councillor Clear previously raised an issue about the transferring of funds and there had been no discussions around Capital Projects since.
- Previously, the division of levies did not have an Economic Development heading, Economic Development does not have a capital heading. There had been no inclusion of Economic Development in Development Levies funding, this had changed last month.
- Community Development was a category that assists the council and the community to address the demands for facilities, sports grounds, playgrounds and social development.
- Until 1998 Community Development was not included in the share-out of Development Levies. The Manager agreed to the proposal that Community Development should be considered as essential development. The Manager proposed that 20% of development levies should be allocated to Community development. Over the following decade, Naas Council members allocated more than €12m to land purchases, Moat Theatre, a number of Naas sports clubs and to smaller projects. That Community Development Fund was the advantage given to Naas through the town's development years. As a result of the expansion of Naas, the town required lands for community, social, sports facilities, and social integration supports.
- Community Development Levies were to be spent in the area of its collection. Naas would benefit from the accumulative collection of its own town development levies. There had been a fund of €2.4m which was now gone. This money could have bought 200 acres of sports grounds or developed and provided facilities for half that.
- Until a few weeks ago there was no allocation of development levies to Economic or Enterprise Development. That was the expenditure area to which the €2.4 has gone.
- Economic Development or Enterprise Development was different to Community Development. It was not right to take the money from one expenditure heading of a Budget Plan to fund another area. This should be reviewed by the Internal Auditor or the Auditing Committee.
- There were three Kildare County Council Capital Expenditure Programmes from 2019 to 2025. In these cases, the expenditure of €3.4m was noted to be covered by income from Enterprise Ireland €2.0m, Development Levies of €414k and other sources of €1.0m.



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- Since then, the County Development Levies have changed to become the Naas Municipal District Community Fund, the Enterprise Ireland grant remained the same and the balance of funding had been taken from the Naas only Community Development Fund. This left the Naas Municipal District Community Levies Fund empty.
- The members were asked to support the motion for a proper explanation.

The District Manager asked Councillor Moore to circulate the report that he had read from for today's meeting to the members and advised that he would refer the entire matter to the internal auditor and the audit committee for review.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members that the report be noted and the report by Councillor Moore be referred to internal Auditor and the Audit committee for review.

NS18/0123

Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore
Now that the adopted Naas LAP is in place, please supply detailed data to members, including ownerships, land quantity, and location of all residentially zoned lands, with or without planning approval, but still outstanding as undeveloped sites from Naas LAPs 2005-2011 and 2012-2017.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the adopted Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027 identifies undeveloped lands identified for residential development within the local area plan boundary and also identifies the quantum of same required to accord with the population allocation and housing supply targets set out in Government Policy. Details with respect to the extant permissions are available on the Kildare County Council Planning Register. The Planning Department do not have a composite list of landowners for lands within any plan boundary area, this information is available from Land Registry Ireland who are the agency responsible for maintaining a fully computerised record of all registered digitised land parcels.



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The members raised the following points:

- The answer provided was discourteous and unhelpful.
- There was land zoned in Ireland but without any houses built on those lands. Naas has such lands.
- It was unfair to planners, elected members, community development and to those who want to build but can't get a zoning.
- Planners have not listened to elected members who advise de-zoning so as to achieve development expectations in town development.
- Councillors also have limited access to the Land Registry system which makes it more difficult to provide help during the zoning and LAP processes.
- Were zoned lands to be taxed safe if there were drawings/plans for the lands made by the owners?

The District Manager advised that the Planning Department had cleared all the applications it had before the year end. He noted that if there were people sitting on land which was residentially zoned that they would incur a land tax and that it would be driven by Revenue. He was unsure if drawings/plans would prevent the owners being taxed. If more context was provided to the council, then a more detailed report could be provided.

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

NS19/0123

Application for URDF Funding

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore
That the council provide the members with the full details of the Application for URDF Funding for the Naas Castle Quarter, including the areas of cost outlay, land acquisition, reconstruction, consultancy fees etc. that will draw down a €3.49 million grant and explain where the €1,165,000 of local funding to support the acquisition of that grant, will be sourced.

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



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A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Overall Project Cost is €4,662,000 of which Department funding of €3,496,400 has been approved, leaving a balance of €1,165,600. LPT funding of €120,000 and €200,000 from development levies 2023-2025 has been allocated to this project as outlined in the Capital Programme agreed by the Elected Members in December 2022. The balance of €845,600 is subject to a revised business case which has been submitted to the URDF and is awaiting approval.

The members raised the following points:

- The motion was to highlight the need for improved co-operation between the District Manager and the members in pre-planning strategic developments where support funding with the assistance of the members would be required to enable successful applications.
- The motion was also to provide more information to the members and to the public on what benefits the successful application would provide.
- The Castle Quarter Development would not mean much until it was identified. The public would think that was a development of St Davids Castle being undertaken by the council.
- This motion for 'Further Information' failed to gain any proper detail. Government had received an application supported by proposals, but the Naas Municipal District members had not been allowed to see the proposal. A grant of €3.49m had been secured but a further €1.2m was still required. The Capital Expenditure Budget about which much was made, indicates that €4.662m would come in the form of a massive grant from Central Government. This report stated that the LPT Fund would supply €120,000.
- The Public Realm team supplied a report before Christmas on the issue. The report indicated that there was an expectation that the LPT Fund would contribute €1.2m over four years. That was ten times the level indicated by this report. This was a big expectation that had not been agreed and if it did come from the LPT it would leave a deflated budget for the rest of the municipal district over the years. The two reports were not telling the same story and the members want some clarity and need the development piece teased out. An overspend was now expected on the projects but the grant levels may remain the same.
- Could the members be given the full details of what is involved?



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The District Manager suggested that this matter be discussed “in committee” in tandem with other projects as he wants to prepare a “master plan” re: securing sites and possibly consolidating the land bank in order to have proper planning in place going forward.

The members agreed to meet and discuss this in committee.

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

NS20/0123

Letter to ESB

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon
That the Naas Municipal District Committee writes to the ESB and asks what the current wait time is for connecting new estates in the Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the District Manager for Naas Municipal District informing the members that this is a matter for the Elected Members to decide and if agreed, the Council can write to ESB’.

Councillor Sammon informed the meeting that she would draft the letter to be issued.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members that a letter be issued to the ESB and that the report be noted.

NS21/0123

It was suggested that items 21 and 22 on the agenda be taken together. It was agreed by all members present.

Item 21:

Masterplan for the Dublin Road site

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly
Can the council confirm if a masterplan for the Dublin Road sites has been submitted?



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A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that no Master Plan has been submitted to date.

The report was noted.

Item 22:

Cemex/Applegreen site

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
What is the current planning situation regarding the Cemex/Applegreen site that is on the Dublin Road approaching Naas. Given the extreme dereliction on this site can the members be updated on the current situation.

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that no Master Plan has been submitted to date.

The District Manager mentioned that as soon as the traffic master plan has been completed and then they would be able to deliver the master plan for this site.

The report was noted.

NS22/0123

Councillor Clear asked if item 26 could be taken next as he had to leave the meeting. It was agreed by all members present.

Item 26:

Legal situation with the former McInerney Lands

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council confirm what the current legal situation is concerning the former McInerney Lands at the end of Mill Lane where the land has now been fenced off and horses have been put on it by a private individual?

A report was received from the Roads Transportation and Public Safety team informing the members that this matter is with our legal team; the Council have requested an update.

The report was noted.

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Naas Town Team

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



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Can the council confirm if there are any official reasons or requirements to prolong the existence of the 'Naas Town Team' now that the 'Urbact' Programme and the Naas Local Area Plan have been officially declared as 'Closed' and 'Completed'?

A report was received by Mr E Ryan the District Manager informing the members that Yes, 'Town Teams' are advocated in 'A Framework for Town Centre Renewal' prepared by the Retail and Town Centre Renewal Working Group for the Retail Consultation Forum, which was Chaired by the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. The working group was made up of Chambers Ireland; Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht; Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Employment; DIT School of Retail and Services Management; Dublin Town Business Improvement District; Irish Pharmacy Union; ISME; Musgrave Group; Retail Excellence Ireland; Retail Ireland; RGDATA; Dolmen Catering and two County Councils (Donegal and Limerick).

More recently, Circular Letter: NRUP 01/2022 launched the Town Centre First Policy which also advocates local Town Teams '*drawn from local community and business representatives, with the support of the local government sector*'. In 2022, the Government published 'Town Centre First – A Policy Approach for Irish Towns' – co-signed by Minister Heather Humphrey's, T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development and Mr. Peter Burke, T.D., - Minister of State with responsibility for Local Governance and Planning. The key priorities in establishing and growing this framework includes the '*capacity building programmes for Town Teams to increase the skills and capabilities of Town Teams and enable them to deliver effectively*'. Section 4.1. of that document outlines the importance of 'Local Capacity' and 'Town Teams' and Appendix 7 expands on the role of TCF Town Teams.

Councillor Moore asked for formality, clarification, and openness with respect to the agendas, minutes of recommendations.

The District Manager advised that to provide visibility and to increase transparency in relation to the Committee etc. he would circulate the notes and minutes of the last two meetings, together with the Committee's Terms of Reference and that he would also organise for the Naas members to be included in future meetings.

The report was noted.



NS24/0123

Section of wall at the Potato Market

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen
Can the council confirm if it has any plans to complete and make good the remaining section of wall at the Potato Market?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that all sections of the wall of the Potato Market site that fall under the lease of the property have been made good and are appropriately conserved. The walls along Church Lane in the ownership of separate landowners do require attention and the Council is proposing to undertake a Structural Condition Survey in 2023 to inform the future conservation and repair. The Council recently met with the representative of the Vestry for St David's Church and discussed potential grant opportunities for urgent repair works to the boundary wall to Sexton's House adjoining St. David's Castle.

The report was noted.

NS25/0123

Update on the renovation of St David's Castle

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen
Can the council provide an update on progress with regard to the renovation of St David's Castle including a timeline for completion?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that as the Castle is in private ownership, this is a matter for the owner and the Council have not been provided with the information requested.

The report was noted.

NS26/0123

Water supply in Bishopshill, Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon
Can the council confirm if it has been made aware of on-going issues with the water supply in Bishopshill, Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the members queries should be directed to The Local Representative Support



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Desk at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at 1800 178 178. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

The report was noted.

NS27/0123

Caragh Road Roundabout

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council provide an update on when the works to upgrade the Caragh Road Roundabout will begin.

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

A report was received by the Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members that it is planned to tender the works for the landscaping of the roundabout in the first quarter of 2023 and it is hoped to have the landscaping in place by June-July 2023. However, a meeting as previously highlighted is needed with the Naas Municipal District members to decide on project priority given the number and sequence of projects which may affect the timeframe indicated.

Councillor Kelly said that she was unhappy with the report that was supplied. She suggested that the work might have to be included with another job.

Mr S Wallace advised that this work was one of many projects which the Parks team would be working on this year and that a list of priorities was needed so the most important jobs were addressed first.

Councillor Kelly suggested that the members meet with Mr. Wallace before the next Municipal District meeting in relation to small and larger projects and to compile a list of priorities for the parks team to consider.

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



NS28/0123

Promote the Naas Ball as a visitor attraction.

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny
Can the council confirm if it plans to liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and other national bodies to promote and leverage the tourism potential of Perpetual Motion aka “Naas Ball” as a visitor attraction site?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that questions shall, as far as possible, be answered at the Meeting for which they are submitted; and in any case where the requested information is not available, the reply will be conveyed in writing to the Member concerned as quickly as possible after the Meeting.

The report was noted.

NS29/0123

Kerdiffstown Recreational Amenity to open

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon
Can the council confirm in what quarter of 2023 Kerdiffstown Recreational Amenity Lands will be opened to the public?

A report was received from Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the main construction works on the Kerdiffstown Remediation Project are expected to be complete in Q1 2023. There will however be time required to rectify snags and allow for the landscaping to establish and mature, all of this will be weather dependent. There is no confirmed date for the park to open but at this stage it is expected to be Q3 2023.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.