



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 14 May 2024
in Naas Library**

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

Officials Present: Mr D Creighton (A/District Manager), Mr D Reel (District
Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr S Wallace
(A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms P Pender
(A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms A Keaveney (A/Senior Executive
Engineer) Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer) Ms P
O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer) Mr C O'Toole (
A/Administrative Officer) Ms M Richardson (Meetings
Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (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.

NS02/0524

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 09 April 2024 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by members that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 09 April be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



NS03/0524

Municipal District Road works programme

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

The Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement (RI) and Restoration Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2024 has been developed in line with the 2024 allocation from the Department of Transport. The following projects are being delivered as part of this programme:

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| • R411 Ballymore Eustace village | Complete |
| • R413 Ballymore to Ardinode | Construction Stage |
| • R410 Baltracey (Beggars End) | Complete |
| • L2021 Rathmore | Construction Stage |
| • Craddockstown Road, Naas | Pre-Construction Stage |
| • Ballycane, Naas | Pre-Construction Stage |
| • Fishery Lane, Naas | Pre-Construction Stage |

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, Naas | Complete |
| • Mountain View, Naas | Complete |
| • Friary Road, Naas - Raised Table Crossing | Pre-Construction Stage |

LPT/Carparks Funded Works

The Naas Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT)/ Carparking works programme for 2024 has been developed in line with the 2024 allocation, as agreed with the Naas Municipal District Councillors.

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| • Ballymore Eustace Road to Ballykane - Raised Table Crossing | Construction Stage |
| • Poplar Square - Haydens – Footpath | Pre-Construction Stage |
| • Sallins Road - Raised Table Crossing | Construction Stage |
| • Gleann na Gréine – Footpath | Complete |



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| • Chapel Lane, Sallins – Footpath | Complete |
| • Sallins Park to St. Brigids Terrace – Footpath | Complete |
| • Johnstown Manor, Johnstown – Footpath | Construction Stage |
| • Glendara, Kill – Footpath | Complete |
| • Liffey Heights - Ballymore Eustace – Road | Pre-Construction Stage |
| • Kilheale, Kill | Design Stage |
| • Kerdiff Avenue, Naas | Design Stage |

(LPT Funded Road Projects)

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| • Hillview, Sallins | Complete |
| • St. Patricks Park, Kill | Complete |
| • Ashgrove, Naas | Pre-Construction Stage |

Drainage

The Naas Municipal District drainage programme for 2024 will be developed in line with the 2024 allocation from the Department of Transport.

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| • Wolfestown | Design Stage |
| • Naas Road, Ballymore | Design Stage |

Safety Improvement Works

The Naas Municipal District Safety Improvement Works is based on the 2024 allocation from the Department of Transport, as follows:

- R411 – Bends at Donode Little.

The members acknowledged and thanked Mr Reel and the Roads Department for the exceptional work they carried out in the Municipal District over the last five years.

NS04/0524

Capital Programme 2024-2026

Proposed by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by members to defer this item until the July meeting.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members to defer this item until the July meeting.

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Remaining LPT allocations

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

Discretionary Funds		
Woodlands Residents Associaton (Cllr Breen)	€	2,000.00
Roselawn Residents Association (Cllr Breen)	€	2,000.00
Sallins Sunshine Club (Cllr Brett)	€	1,000.00
Sonas agus Siamsa (Cllr Breen)	€	2,000.00
Naas Musical Society (Cllr Breen)	€	1,000.00
Sallins Mens Shed (Cllr Kelly)	€	1,500.00
Sallins GAA (Cllr Kelly)	€	1,500.00
Naas Musical Society (Cllr Clear)	€	3,000.00
Oldbridge Station Residents Association (Cllr Kelly)	€	1,000.00
Eadestown Community Café (Cllr Brett)	€	1,000.00
Johnstown Community Association (Cllr Brett)	€	1,000.00
Ballymore Bandhall (Cllr Sammon)	€	1,500.00
Ballymore CDA (Cllr Sammon)	€	2,000.00
Naas GAA Feile (Cllr Sammon)	€	5,000.00
Naas Cricket Club Transport and Ground Hiring (Cllr Moore)	€	1,500.00
Naas Men's Shed Front of House Sensory Garden (Cllr Moore)	€	1,500.00
Naas Tidy Towns Information Board Costs (Cllr Moore)	€	3,000.00
Naas Musical Society Feb Musical production (Cllr Moore)	€	1,000.00
Paddocks Residents Association (Cllr Breen)	€	3,000.00
Sallins Biodiversity Group (Cllr Breen)	€	2,000.00
Naas Tidy Towns PPE & Equipment (Cllr Clear)	€	2,500.00
McCauley Place Special Needs Group (Cllr Clear)	€	1,000.00
Naas GAA Feile Girls (Cllr Clear)	€	1,000.00
Naas History Group (Cllr Clear)	€	1,000.00
Naas Athletics Club 100 Yr Celebration (Cllr Clear)	€	1,000.00
Naas GAA Feile Girls (Cllr Kelly)	€	1,000.00
Naas Care of the Aged (Cllr Kelly)	€	1,000.00
Naas Care of the Aged (Cllr Brett)	€	4,000.00



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

NS06/0524

LPT Schedule of Works 2024

The members considered the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2024.

Retained LPT Allocations			
Tidy Towns Top Up (€20,000 total) broken down as follows			
Naas Tidy Towns		€	8,000.00
Kill Tidy Towns		€	3,000.00
Sallins Tidy Towns		€	3,000.00
Ballymore Tidy Towns		€	3,000.00
Johnstown Tidy Towns		€	1,500.00
Eadestown Tidy Towns		€	1,500.00
Le Cheile Group Killeel - REAPPROVAL of Group Name		€	5,000.00
Naas MD D Reel additional works		€	40,000.00
Space to Be		€	20,000.00
Moat Theatre Drama Group		€	5,000.00
Naas Care of the Aged		€	10,000.00
Corbally Canal Feasibility Study		€	20,000.00

Councillor Kelly queried the LPT funding of €5,000 for the Book of Kildare that was originally approved at the February Meeting.

Ms A Gough advised that she would investigate this and respond to Councillor Kelly.

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

NS07/0524

Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994

The members considered the Roads Traffic Act, 1994 – Section 38- proposed Caragh Road and Newbridge Road Junction Safety Improvement 2024.



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A report had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The report was noted.

NS08/0524

Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994

The members considered the Roads Traffic Act, 1994 – Section 38- Proposed Traffic Calming, Naas Road (R411), Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare

A report had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The report was noted.

NS09/0524

Suspension of pay parking byelaws

The members considered the suspension of pay parking byelaws in three spaces at Fairgreen, Naas to accommodate recycle bins.

Councillor Moore sought confirmation it was recycle bins and bottle banks that were to be accommodated and not clothes banks.

Councillor Breen suggested that the recycle bins be located on the footpath where they originally were instead of taking up three parking spaces.

Mr K Kavanagh advised that the car park would be the best location for them but stated that it was up to the members to agree.

The Mayor asked the members to vote on this matter.

A vote was taken with four members voting in favour of the proposal, 1 voting against and 2 abstaining.

Resolved with four members voting in favour, 1 against and 2 abstaining that parking byelaws be suspended in three parking spaces at Fairgreen, Naas to accommodate recycle bins.



NS10/0524

Update from Local Link

The members received a presentation by Mr A Kerry from Local Link.

Points from the presentation were as follows:

- Route 880 Carlow to Naas. This service was enhanced in January 2024 whereby frequency increased to 102 trips a week Monday to Sunday.
- Peak time arrival and departures were provided into and from both Naas and Carlow
- Route 821 Caragh to Naas via Kildare Train Station. This service was established in October 2022 providing connectivity to Sallins Train Station for the first time for people living in Allenwood, Coill Dubh and Caragh.
- The test period for 892 Dunlavin to Newbridge service, commenced on 7 May 2024. This enhancement would see the route extended to include Dunlavin and Brannockstown.
- Timetabling had been expanded to deliver 8 trips a day and scheduling would increase to include evening and weekend services. As per the Connecting Ireland minimum standards, this service would be provided using low floor fully accessible vehicles.

The members raised the following points:

- Issues being raised by the public was that there were not enough buses.
- With a population of 42K a town bus service was needed. There was no service to pipers Hill and nothing joining one side of Naas to the other.
- Was there a route planned for Kilcullen and Killeel?
- A request from residents regarding route R885 to stop at Eadestown.
- Motion put in before regarding an orbital route but not in existence under Local Link.
- Could Local Link engage with the TFI regarding an orbital route?
- How could the members encourage a modal shift

Mr A Kerry said the following:

- An increase of additional stops was planned, 3-4 nationally.



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- The first steps were to get Naas onto the works for a town bus service. He would be happy to advocate for this and start discussions.
- There were no plans for a Killeel link at the minute but it was worth investigating interest.
- To identify a needs basis, you must ensure that the service that is already provided is maximised.
- To encourage people to use public transport you need to make it more attractive by making it more accessible and reliable for people.

NS11/0524

Yellow Box on the Craddockstown Road

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

That the council installs a yellow box on the Craddockstown Road, Naas at its junction with Cleevaun.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will assess the provision of a yellow box junction at this location in line with the relevant technical guidance document.

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

NS12/0524

Red epoxy coating to cycle lanes

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

That the council applies a red epoxy coating to cycle lanes at all junctions on the Kilcullen Road, Naas to help motorists identify the newly installed cycle lanes and act as an additional safety measure.

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



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit is due to be completed in the coming weeks following the substantial completion of the works. Should the issue be raised at that time, remedial action will be considered then. Kildare County Council will also monitor how the scheme is being used and assess whether there is a requirement for further road markings.

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

NS13/0524

Calming ramps and speed control notices on the Ballymore Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen
That the council installs traffic calming ramps and speed control notices on the Ballymore Road, Naas, on the stretch of road between the roundabout at the ring road and Swans Corner, in the interests of pedestrian and road safety.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District office have previously arranged for the provision of a speed control sign on this road, which is in operation. The average speed was recorded as 46kph, with the 85-percentile speed recorded at 56kph during a period in April 2024. Due to limited resources, there are no current plans to install traffic calming at this location.

Councillor Breen stated that she was disappointed with the report given the speed and volume of traffic in the area. She said that An Garda Síochána were not in the area enough to monitor the speeding and suggested that the council install a speed bump there.

The members made the following points:

- Speed bumps were very loud in residential areas
- With Vista and other clinics in the area there was also a high volume of vulnerable pedestrians
- Speed limits review may solve the issue



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- There was merit to the motion and a commitment to pedestrian safety needed to be prioritised.

Mr D Reel said that the report stated that there is no significant speeding there, but the issue could be reviewed.

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

NS14/0524

Traffic congestion Piper's Hill area

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Quinn
To alleviate traffic congestion for anyone interacting with the Piper's Hill area and to encourage modal shift, that Kildare County Council invites the educational campuses, ETB, residents' association and other impacted parties in the vicinity of Piper's Hill to collaborate in drafting and implementing a traffic management plan for the area. The plan should pay particular attention to permeability measures (for walkers and cyclists) in the vicinity of Piper's Hill, and the public transport servicing the area. Local Link, Bus Eireann and other relevant parties should be invited to participate in the drafting of this traffic management plan.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had engaged extensively with the consultants working on behalf of the Kildare Wicklow Education and Training (KWETB) in respect of traffic management at Piper's Hill. The KWETB are examining the implementation of measures agreed with Kildare County Council with a view to improving the situation at this location to facilitate all interested parties.

Councillor Quinn stated that this issue was raised constantly. He said that the KWETB did not have remit of the entire area. He said that children needed to dismount their bikes and walk the rest of the way up to the school and that there had been no consultation with any



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children that use this route. He said that the council needed to take the lead and work with the various parties, if not this issue would remain.

Councillor Clear said that he agrees with councillor Quinn and that the KWETB were dragging their feet on this issue, he said to expect children to dismount their bikes and walk the rest of the way into school was unreasonable. He said that the second entrance should be for buses with a safe walking and cycling route.

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

NS15/0524

Pedestrian Crossings on the Dublin Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon
That the council delivers the promised pedestrian crossings on the Dublin Road and budgets for the works or applies to the Department for funding regardless of when the Dublin Road scheme is to be delivered.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that as the delivery of new pedestrian crossings on the Dublin Road between the Blessington Road and the Sallins Road junction are not part of a National Transport Authority (NTA) scheme, there is no allocation for these works in 2024. Kildare County Council is engaging with the NTA to maximise the drawdown of the allocated monies and will include the provision of new signalised crossings in our discussions.

Councillor Sammon said that the members had been promised 4 crossings and that none had been delivered so far. She asked for confirmation that discussions were being had on the matter and suggested that a crossing at Meadow and Byrnes be prioritised.

Mr D Hodgins said that there had been a meeting with the NTA around the reallocation of funding and that the council would prioritise the crossing at Meadow and Byrnes.



Councillor Quinn said that there had been no improvement in this area over the last 5 years. He said that children could not walk safely to school and asked for a commitment from the council for the safety of the citizens.

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

NS16/0524

Drainage issues on Barrack Street and Truce Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon
That the council addresses the drainage issues on Barrack Street and Truce Road, Ballymore Eustace with extra gullies ahead of traffic calming measures that are planned.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will review the drainage at both locations.

Councillor Sammon stated that she was happy with the report and advised that she would send the Municipal District Office on some video footage she had received from residents of the flooding in their back gardens.

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

NS17/0524

Installs traffic lights at the junction Elm Wood/Chestnut Hill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen
That the council installs traffic lights at the exit/entrance junction from Elm Wood/Chestnut Hill on to the Blessington Road, Naas in the interests of road safety and proper traffic control.

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



A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the location will be examined by Traffic Management section staff when resources permit. However, it should be noted that the junction is located in a 50kph zone, is a mature cul-de-sac estate, with adequate sightlines at the entrance.

Councillor Breen said that she was not happy with the report stating it was a very busy road and that people cannot get out of their estate. She said that the traffic light request came from the residents of the estate.

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

NS18/0524

A crossing on the Blessington Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett
Can the council examine the possibility of providing a crossing on the Blessington Road, Naas adjacent the exit from Elmwood (near Friary Rd) to facilitate wheelchair users, children and other pedestrians in the estate?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this location will be examined by the Traffic Management section staff when resources permit.

Councillor Brett advised that wheelchair users could not safely cross the road to access Friary Road and suggested that it would be ideal to put a pedestrian crossing on the Blessington Road at the exit from Elmwood, stating that this would help with traffic calming. Councillor Kelly said that it was a very busy road that a lot of children used to access CBS and St Corbans and that she fully supported a pedestrian crossing there as there was currently no safe route.

Mr D Hodgins said that there were two reports for the same location but two different requests. He said that priority was given to signalised crossings and that a suite of measures needed to be undertaken.

The report was noted.



NS19/0524

Feasibility of installing a yellow box on Monread Avenue

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

Can the council examine the feasibility of installing a yellow box on Monread Avenue, Naas at the junction with Aylmer Park?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District office have assessed this housing estates entrance in accordance with the technical guidance document and determined that a yellow box junction is not required at this entrance.

The report was noted.

NS20/0524

Yellow box at Railway Cottages in Sallins

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

Can the council provide an update and timeline for the installation of a yellow box at Railway Cottages in Sallins?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District office have ordered the placement road markings associated with the yellow box junction at this location. It is expected that this will be delivered in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

NS21/0524

Welcome to Kildare

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to install a 'Welcome to Kildare' and/or 'You Are Entering Kildare' at the border in Killeel?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District office is currently in the process of procuring a sign on the L2018, north of Killeel, in line with the Traffic Signs manual.

The report was noted.



NS22/0524

Widen the pathway along the Sallins Road

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to widen the pathway along the Sallins Road on the Naas side from the Morell Road Junction to the Traffic Lights at Naas GAA/Scoil Bhríde?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District office is delivering a significant works programme in 2024, including several local property tax (LPT) funded projects. Due to limited resources, there are no plans to widen this footpath currently.

Councillor Kelly asked if the next council could put this on their priority list for 2025.

The report was noted.

NS23/0524

Number of parking fines issued to motorists

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

Can Kildare County Council confirm the number of parking fines issued to motorists for on-street parking in Naas, on a monthly basis over the course of 2023, with the most common reasons cited for the fines?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members:

Report: 2023 – No of fines issued in Naas per month on street:

January	145
February	237
March	179
April	308
May	336
June	274
July	333
August	382
September	402
October	470
November	529
December	610



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Total: 4205

Main offences:

Non-display of current road tax

Pay and Display/permit parking area offence.

Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line

Parking a vehicle in a prohibited space.

Councillor Quinn asked how do the members form policies around Byelaws?

The report was noted.

NS24/0524

CCTV operational for the purpose of monitoring motorists

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

Can Kildare County Council confirm if CCTV is operational for the purpose of monitoring motorists' behaviour and compliance with the rules of the road throughout the Municipal District? In the instance that CCTV is not operational, the council confirms what's required for this to become a reality.

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that there is no legal basis for any local authority to use traffic management CCTV to monitor behaviour and compliance of motorists and other road users.

The enactment of Section 46 of the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 would be required to grant powers to a local authority to carry out activities as set out in primary legislation.

Councillor Quinn asked for the details on how to enact Section 46?

Mr D Hodgins explained that the enactment would come from the minister.

The report was noted.

NS25/0524

Traffic calming on Barrack Street

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

Can the council confirm what the delay is to planned traffic calming on Barrack Street, Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that it is anticipated that the Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 process



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will be advertised by Quarter 3 2024 with works to commence as soon as possible thereafter.

The report was noted.

NS26/0524

Monread Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Quinn
In light of the obligations placed on Kildare County Council to 'Avoid, Shift, improve' in reducing carbon emissions linked to transport, the council prioritises bringing Monread Park and its playground up to a comparable standard of the parks and playgrounds in areas such as Kildare Town, Eadestown and Caragh.

In doing so, it will significantly reduce car-based journeys currently being made by people living within the catchment area of Monread Park to parks and playgrounds elsewhere.

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

A report was received from Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informing the members that upgrade works to the playground in Monread Park were carried out last year. A complete upgrade to the playground is proposed as part of developing a masterplan for the park. However, work on this will not commence on this process until next year once works on Sallins Amenity Land and De Burghs Woodland Garden have been completed as these have already been identified as priorities by the Municipal District members.

Councillor Quinn said that much of Monread Park served a huge community, but a lot of people tended to drive to other parks as the playground at Monread was of a lesser grade than the other parks.

Councillor Clear stated that all the members agreed that the park needed to be improved.

Councillor Moore said that the members had to accept the report and get on with the other priorities, stating plans were there for when the other two projects were completed.



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Mr S Wallace stated that there were 3 major projects in the works and that there was only so much the council could do. He said that the parks department had improved plenty at the park and they were still improving it.

Councillor Quinn said notwithstanding what had already been done a lot more needed to be done. He asked if the funds were granted how long would it take to have the Sallins Amenities completed and if funding was not granted, what then?

Mr S Wallace stated that he had sat down with all the members the previous year and it was the members who decided on what projects were to be prioritised.

Mr D Creighton stated that the Parks Department gave a reasonable response, and this needed to be acknowledged.

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

NS27/0524

Part 8 Report for the Proposed Sallins Grand Canal Greenway Link

Ms A Keaveney gave a presentation to the members on the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report for the Proposed Sallins Grand Canal Greenway Link.

Councillor Kelly stated that she was in favour of the Part 8, but she had issues with some of it, as follows:

- Why was the ramp on the Kerdiffstown side being closed?
- Concerns over the removal of 20 car park spaces, no provisions for this
- Have a review for the parking Bylaws at the Gala as soon as possible
- Residents needed somewhere to park.
- Sallins was a victim of its own success.
- People came from all over the county to use the Greenway, they would need somewhere to park.
- The closure of the ramp was premature.



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Councillor Quinn stated that he fully supported the Part 8 saying it was a tipping point, that the Greenway was of international significance. He described the ramp as a dangerous spot stated that motorists speed down the bridge. He said the issued being raised was enforcement and suggested that Apcoa should have a bigger presence in the area. He said the council needed to decrease car dependency putting pedestrian safety first.

Councillor Sammon stated that she supported the decision of the councillors who lived in the area.

Councillor Clear stated that closing the two ramps at the same time was too much on the residents of Sallins.

Councillor Breen said that the members and the council needed to listen to the people who live in Sallins.

Councillor Kelly proposed that the members accept the Part 8 with a delay of the Kerdiffstown ramp being closed. This was seconded by Councillor Sammon
The members all voted in favour of accepting the Part 8 with amendment, delaying the closure of the Kerdiffstown Ramp until management of traffic in the surrounding area was addressed.

Mr D Hodgins stated to the members that from an executive point of view they felt strongly that the ramp needed to be closed. He said that terms of this portion would have to be moved to a Section 38 and this then would become an executive decision.

Councillor Kelly asked why it was included in phase one and two?

Councillor Sammon suggested that the Executive look at Chapel Avenue regarding the Section 38 instead.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by the members to accept the Part 8 with amendment delaying the closure of the Kerdiffistown Ramp until management of traffic in the surrounding area was addressed.

NS28/0524

Dog waste bins

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

That the council installs dog waste bins along the path at the greenway in Sallins to facilitate the large numbers using this amenity.

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

A report was received from the Public Realm Section informing the members that the 'Leave no Trace' principles apply to all outdoor areas, including the Greenways. Users of the Greenway are responsible for the management of dogs and preventing litter. To ensure everyone enjoys the experience and enjoy the outdoor amenity, users are required to play their part and dispose of their waste by bringing it to the nearest bin or bringing it home.

The members made the following points:

- People had no issue walking their dogs and not picking up after them, there was a cohort of people who did not pick up after their dogs regardless.
- Some small dog bins along the canal would be helpful.
- Suggested that the Dog Warden budget be increased under the Capital Programme.
- It was not reasonable to expect people to carry dog bags for an entire walk, bins were needed.

Councillor Kelly stated that council employees had been out that day doing the 'leave no trace' and 'Any Bag Any Bin' stencils. She advised that there were currently five waste bins in the area and funding had been given to Sallins Tidy Towns.

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



NS29/0524

Sallins Health Check

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council provides a date for the delivery of the Sallins Health Check Report.

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

A report was received from the Public Realm Section informing the members that a delivery date for the Sallins Town Renewal Plan cannot be determined at this stage, with some elements still to be completed. The SEA/AA screenings for the project proposals have commenced and should be completed in the next few weeks. A draft plan outlining the project proposals is with the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team for review. Several changes in Sallins have positively impacted the Draft Plan with the installation of the pedestrian bridge and the proposed Part 8 for the Grand Canal Greenway Phase 1 and 2 Tie In.

Councillor Kelly asked why was the delivery of the Sallins Health Check taking so long?

Ms P Pender advised that the new bridge and other projects had caused the delay, she said that a revised draft would be done in the coming weeks.

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

NS30/0524

Five derelict houses on Basin Street

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council confirm when the refurbishment of the five derelict houses on Basin Street, Naas that were purchased as derelict properties last year, will commence.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the survey work had commenced. Design development will progress during the coming months. The intention is to submit a funding application during Q3 2024.

The report was noted.



NS31/0524

Increased Cost of Business Grant

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon
Can the council outline the percentage of businesses in the Naas Municipal District that applied for the Increased Cost of Business Grant?

A report was received from Ms E Hanlon, Director of Service, Finance Section informing the members that In March 2024, information on the Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) grant issued to all Kildare County Council rates customers with a rates charge of less than €30k per annum (customers with a charge exceeding €30k are not eligible). A reminder letter also issued in mid-April to customers who had not registered for the grant at that stage. The scheme was also advertised both nationally and in local papers and social media.

In Naas Municipal District, 1144 ICOB grant letters issued. It is important to note that as per the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE) criteria, not all of these customers would have been eligible for the grant and hence did not apply (e.g. landlords, vacant properties etc).

A total of 661 (58% of 1144) ICOB grant submissions have been received from Naas Municipal District rates customers. Grant submissions received are currently being processed for payment.

The report was noted.

NS32/0524

Material Contravention of the Sallins Local Area Plan

The members considered the proposed Material Contravention of the Sallins Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022, Planning Reference 24/60106 Oliver Reilly Funeral Directors Ltd., Block 2 Railway House, The Waterways, Sallins.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by the members to accept the proposed Material Contravention of the Sallins Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022, Planning Reference 24/60106 Oliver Reilly Funeral Directors Ltd., Block 2 Railway House, The Waterways, Sallins.



NS33/0524

Planning permissions provided

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

That the council outlines what planning permissions have been provided, sought, and are required to open Naas Shopping Centre fully to the public, given the significant position this building holds within the town.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the below is a list of the relevant permissions pertaining to the Naas Shopping Centre. The Planning Department are not in a position to determine if any further permissions are required, as this land is in private ownership.

Planning permission (24-60311) is now being sought for a three glazed stairwell extension to the front of granted lift lobby, between the Forge Inn gable.

2023, (23/839) Permission granted for independent operation of the car park separately from the shopping centre.

2023, (23/579) Permission granted for former Bank of Ireland structure to create new openings to a new plaza at the rear, including security gates and two signs (front and rear). Provision of new public house internal layout for The Forge Inn over four floors including basement, along with minor works to north facade and provision of new three storey lift lobby extension. Provision of retail use in existing vacant unit to the rear of The Forge Inn including new glazing. Provision of new plaza including hard and soft landscaping, seating and lighting. Erection of two ATM machines on south facade of Bank of Ireland building and provision of new entrance doors and three. signs. All associated site works including drainage.

2021, (21/397) Permission granted to Central Tower Ltd for installation of glazing as previously permitted under Reg. Ref. 04/500037 (An Bord Pleanála Ref. PL 73.213031) enclosing the stair lobby to the southeast corner of the existing building.



2004, (04/500037) Permission granted to Marshalsea Property Co. for a town centre retail/commercial development, with subsequent amendments and alterations approved.

Councillor Clear said that he was being asked constantly by people about when the Naas Shopping Centre would be open to the public.

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

NS34/0524

Applegreen/Cemex site

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council outline for the members what progress has being made to the Applegreen/Cemex site to enable it to be either demolished or progress to a planning application by the owners. This derelict site is a serious blight of the town of Naas.
A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the the Housing Regeneration and Vacant Homes team have received correspondence from Apple Green indicating that they are at a very advanced stage of preparation of a planning application, they aim to lodge a planning application for the site within the next month.
The report was noted.

NS35/0524

Feasibility Study of the Corbally Canal Corridor

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore
Can the council confirm when the public will be asked to contribute to the Feasibility Study of the Corbally Canal Corridor.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the this project is at very early stages and therefore a public consultation strategy had not yet been formulated. In this regard, the Elected Members will be provided with an update once the project progresses.

The report was noted.



NS36/0524

Grant allocations and Cemetery Maintenance for 2024

The members considered the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2024.

Tidy Towns

Naas MD	TT Group	Grant 2024
	Naas	€14,500
	Sallins	€10,213
	Kill	€ 2,955
	Johnstown	€ 1,818
	Ballymore Eustace	€ 1,136
	Eadestown	€ 1,136
	Total	€31,758

Cemetries

Naas MD	Cemetery/Graveyard	Total Grant 2024
	Bodenstown	€1,070
	Oughterard Cemetery	€535
	St. Columcille, Rathmore	€595
	St. Johns, Kill	€595
	Maudlins Burial Ground	€335
	St. David's Naas	€335
	Eadestown	€860
	Total	€4,320

Mr K Kavanagh advised the members that the Tidy Town grants were already agreed last year.

Councillor Moore requested that a grant of €4,000 be given to the Naas Rugby Club to write a book. The members agreed the approval of €4,000 to the Naas Rugby Club to write a book.

NS37/0524



Any Bag Any Bin

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council apply 'Any Bag Any Bin' stencils around the entrance/exit to the New Sallins Greenway as a matter of priority please.

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

A report was received by the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that this area is on the schedule of sites to be stencilled. Stencilling needs to be done during a spell of warm dry weather otherwise the stencils take too long to apply and do not last very long. As the route is very well used it will be prioritised ahead of other sites.

Mr K Kavanagh informed the members that Mr D Wyer had moved from the Environment Section to the Climate Action Department.

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

NS38/0524

Review of Community Grant conditions

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore
That a review of Community Grant conditions that require three quotations for expenditures of €1000 be reviewed in the light of the difficulties in obtaining specialist service providers at local level for community events.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that in line with the current procurement policy, applicants to community grant schemes must seek relevant quotations for items or services. Public funds should only be used by a group who have gone through the procurement process to ensure value for money.



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Kildare County Council must ensure that public funds are managed and spent correctly, and it is not proposed to remove this requirement for groups applying for public funding, however, staff from the Community Department are available to meet and advise any groups on this requirement.

The members made the following points:

- There was a difficulty in the procurement process especially regarding rights to use music, written work or theatre
- Groups could not always get 2-3 quotes, as sometimes they were not available.
- Could this be referred to the SPC?

Mr C O'Toole advised the members that groups only needed to seek 3 quotes not actually obtain 3 quotes and if there was only one place to get a quote from the group just needed to show proof of this. He said that the community department would work with all groups to help them with the requirements.

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

NS39/0524

Resident Association Grants

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore
That a full review of Resident Association Grants in Naas Municipal District be undertaken with comparison data to pre-2014 levels and additional changes in numbers, Kildare County Council's financial allocations and new judgements around eligibility since then.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a review of the Private Residents Association Grants commended in February 2022. A sub-committee of the Community and Cultural SPC was formed to review the scheme in existence at the time and prepare a report for SPC on improvements to the scheme.



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The members of the subcommittee met on numerous occasions and held consultations with several groups. Items considered by the subcommittee included the extent and costs of grass-cutting generally and the level to which Kildare County Council cuts grass in certain areas. It was agreed to recommend that the calculation of resident's grants be simplified to take account of the open space(s) only, and to disregard both the age of the estate and the number of houses, as these factors did not in practice noticeably affect the maintenance costs of the open spaces. It was further recommended that only professionally certified details of the areas in the estates be accepted for accuracy. Based on representations from elected members, the requirement for professionally certified areas was not pursued given the additional cost that this would put on groups.

These recommendations were considered by the SPC at their meeting on July 07 2022 with a final policy proposal being agreed by the full council in September 2022.

The policy came into effect in January 2023. Some initial issues occurred in relation to the measuring of the Open Spaces, however, these issues were addressed with support of the staff from the Community Department.

Community staff are available to assist groups who may be experiencing difficulties, the department has produced content to show groups how to apply for the grants and what is required and runs an information evening every year to assist groups.

A further exercise was undertaken by the Community Department to determine the level of additional funding required to equalise the rate per hectare for each municipal district. The allocation of funding for residents' associations grants is a matter for the members to decide.

As the existing policy only came into effect in January 2023 and is still in the early stages of implementation, the Community Department will include a review the policy on the agenda of the SPC early in 2025 and this motion will be considered as part of the review.

The members made the following points:

- The more grass, the more funds were given, this should not be what determined the amount.
- Skips were no longer provided.
- Landscaping needed to be maintained.
- The number of estates had been increased, the LPT needed to be doubled.



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- Council Houses in estates did not qualify for top ups.
- There were two options, public procurement or increase the budget.
- Events for children and other concerns were not being considered.

Councillor Moore thanked the members for their support on the issue, adding that while there were more housing estates the budget had not changed.

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

NS40/0524

Discharge of Effluent at Naas Harbour

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

Can the council update the members on the recent issue with respect to discharge of effluent at Naas Harbour?

A report was received by the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that Sewage overflowed from a manhole on the banks of the Rathasker Feeder which flows into the Naas Branch of the Grand Canal at Naas Harbour/Basin.

The blockage was in a foul sewer line and Uisce Éireann attended the site. The impact of the sewage overflow on the Rathasker Stream and the Grand Canal is being assessed.

Councillor Breen asked if there was a health impact on people?

Mr K Kavanagh advised that the area had been assessed by Uisce Éireann. A blockage had forced a manhole cover open.

Councillor Clear stated that people were advised to not swim in the canal until this issue was resolved.

The report was noted.

NS41/0524

Old Naas Swimming Pool

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

Can the council confirm to whom (the Local School Management or to the Department of Education) and when the site of the old Naas Swimming Pool was transferred?



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A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the old Naas Swimming Pool site was transferred to the Department of Education in 2010.

The report was noted.