

Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3:30 pm Tuesday, 08 April 2025
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Mr Y Khan (A/District Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Ms O Harvey (Administrative Officer), Ms E Donnelly (A/County Arts Officer), Mr L McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr P Lynch (Executive Engineer), Ms B Sweeney (Financial/Management Accountant), Mr B Leonard (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr C O'Toole (A/Administrative Officer), Ms M O'Brien (Administrative Officer), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms K Leslie (Meetings Secretary) and others.

On the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members present, standing orders were suspended to allow the meeting to commence at 3:45 p.m.

NS01/0425

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations from the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

NS02/0425

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 11 March 2025 along with the progress report.

Councillor Moore queried progress report item relating to McNerney Lands and asked if negotiations were taking place with a third party to sell part of these lands.

The District Manager advised that no negotiations were taking place.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Moore that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 11 March 2025 be confirmed and taken as read.

The progress report was noted.

NS03/0425

Municipal Districts Works Programme

Road Resurfacing

The Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement (RI) and Restoration Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2025 has been developed in line with the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport. The following projects are being delivered as part of this programme:

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| • R410 Blessington Road (Glending) | Tender Stage |
| • L2007 Straffan Road Blue Door to Ponsonby Canal Bridge | Design Stage |
| • L2018 Killeel Road Killeel Pub to 4 Cross Junction | Design Stage |
| • R410 Blessington Road Beggars End to Naas | Design Stage |

The Naas Municipal District Restoration Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2025 will be developed in line with the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport.
2024 projects are complete.

Footpaths

Local Property TAX (LPT) Funded Works

The LPT / Paid Parking funded road and footpath works programme for 2025 is to be agreed by the Naas Municipal District Councillors.



Drainage

The Naas Municipal District drainage programme for 2025 will be developed in line with the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport.

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works

The Naas Municipal District Safety Improvement works is based on the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport, as follows:

- L2010 – Painstown, Kill
- Ponsonby Bridge, Baronrath, Kill
- Sallins Bypass, Castlesize, Sallins

Councillor Kelly queried where exactly works are taking place on the R410.

Mr Y Khan advised that works would take place from the Craddockstown Golf Club to Beggars End.

Councillor Kelly requested that the District Engineer meet with members regarding the works list prior to the May meeting.

The report was noted.

NS04/0425

Section 38 Installation of New Bus Shelter on the Dublin Road, Naas

The members noted the commencement of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 – proposed installation of a New Bus Shelter at Bus Stop 103791, Dublin Road, Naas, Co. Kildare (Southbound).

NS05/0425

New Crossings on the Dublin Road, Naas

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillors Sammon, Brett, Kelly and Dunne that Kildare County Council installs three crossings on the Dublin Road - one pedestrian crossing located at Meadows and Byrne, one pedestrian crossing located at Roseville Estate and an integrated crossing from Barker and Jones to PTSB.



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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the elected members have allocated €50,000 in 2025 for the provision of a new signalised pedestrian crossing and ancillary works in this municipal district.

The Traffic Management Section can progress the design of one new signalized crossing and other crossings can be provided subject to funding being available.

It should be noted that any intervention at the Poplar Square Junction has significant complications due to the presence of underground culverts close to the surface of the carriageway and a need to review the width of the existing crossings and the number of approach lanes to the junction to mitigate against the current practice of drivers exiting the junction when the pedestrian “green man” phase is running.

The members raised the following:

- Whether the new pedestrian crossing at Meadows and Byrne would be delivered by the Municipal District Office or the Active Travel Team.
- Whether the work would be completed this year.
- Could national funding be secured or LPT be allocated to progress second crossing at Roseville Estate?
- Happy to fund if it was allocated to the Municipal District Office.
- Acknowledged complications surrounding intervention at the Poplar Square Junction due to sequence of works needed in the area.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that the funding had been allocated to the Active Travel Team. At present, the council could only commit to one Active Travel Scheme in this municipal district for 2025.

Councillor Sammon queried why other Municipal District Offices in Kildare were delivering pedestrian crossings but Naas Municipal District Office was not. She expressed doubts that the Active Travel Team would deliver the crossing in 2025.



Mr Y Khan advised that the Municipal District Office did not have the resources to deliver these crossings. Mr M McLoughlin noted that works were expected to be completed in 2025 and that this was an executive matter.

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

NS06/0425

Redesign of School/Church Environment on Sallins Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear that the council redesigns the area in front of the Church of Our Lady and St David, Mercy Convent Primary School, and McAuley Place, with consideration given to the installation of a pedestrian crossing to Chapel Lane.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council has outlined plans to transform the outside of school/church environment on Sallins Road. The main objective of such plans is to significantly improve facilities for vulnerable road users and primarily to address issues of accessibility and ease of movement for pedestrians.

However, there are significant constraints including the camber of the carriageway, existing drainage, public lighting provision, the standard of footpath surfaces, safety concerns regarding the existing perpendicular car parking, the lack of accessibility at the bus stop etc. All these issues need to be resolved as part of a solution for this area and a design would need to be sensitively designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and would require a cross-departmental multi-disciplinary team.

Any plans would require significant consultation with relevant stakeholders. A design to rebalance provisions for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users would be most effective with a complete reimagining of the streetscape from the junction at Poplar Square to the junction of Wolfe Tone Street with an emphasis on reducing the attractiveness for motorised traffic to drive outside this sensitive area.



This is not an insignificant project and would require central government funding and there are no known significant funding opportunities available for such improvements.

Councillor Clear informed the members that there had been a number of incidents in this area. It saw a high volume of vulnerable road users, including elderly people going to Mass and primary and secondary school students. Councillor Clear noted that he would be happy to allocate LPT to this. He asked that work to create a preliminary design for the area be added to the Progress Report.

The members raised the following:

- Had a feasibility study been carried out?
- Pedestrian crossing at Poplar Square was promised when the members voted to remove parking spaces there.
- Whether any preplanning was done on this project when funding was approved through the Pathfinder Programme before this was revoked.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that he was unsure a feasibility study would be the way to go and that the council could not spend money on designs without guaranteed funding, but that he would investigate if it was viable. The District Manager noted that he would look into the matter but that he was unaware of any significant preplanning having been done for the Pathfinder Programme.

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

NS07/0425

Volume of Traffic on the L2019

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly that the council carries out an assessment on the volumes of traffic using the L2019 Arthurstown to Beggars End Crossroads.

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



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the L2019 from the R410 to Arthurstown is on the programme for traffic counting in 2025.

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

NS08/0425

Pedestrian Crossing at Entrance to Dunnes Stores, Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen that the council provides a pedestrian crossing across the entrance to Dunnes Stores from North Main Street, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that improvements to the streetscape at this location on North Main Street would involve a holistic approach to improving the environment for pedestrians and vulnerable road users. There are a number of concerns regarding the traffic movements using this vehicular entry/exit at this private development.

Interventions available to the local authority, which would increase and improve the space available for pedestrians to cross, include reducing the number of traffic lanes on North Main Street and increasing the width of footpaths connecting to the Poplar Square Junction and along Naas Main Street.

Councillor Breen advised that new markings were needed at this entrance as the current ones were not visible to drivers.

The members raised the following:

- Two people had been knocked down at this entrance.
- There was no delineation between road and footpath.
- Would all Naas Town Centre crossings discussed in this meeting be incorporated into the Masterplan?
- Removal of outside lane could cause gridlock.



The District Manager advised that he would consult the Planning Department regarding the Masterplan but noted that reference to these crossings would probably not be very detailed as these tended to contain higher level plans.

Mr M McLoughlin suggested that the parking operation in Dunnes Stores may need to be looked at and that he would revert to the members after speaking with the Senior Engineer. He acknowledged that items 05, 06 and 08 on the agenda would require a lot of work.

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

NS09/0425

Traffic Calming Measures in Kilteel Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon that the council introduces traffic calming measures in Kilteel Village similar to the traffic calming in Eadestown.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that these works are not on any of Transport Department Work Programmes and no funding source has been identified. This can be reviewed in 2026.

Mr Y Khan agreed to a request by Councillor Sammon that he meet with her at the location in question to review.

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



NS10/0425

Installation of Pedestrian Crossings without Warning Lighting

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear. Can the council confirm what is causing the delay in the installation of pedestrian crossings without warning lighting in this municipal district, particularly in light of the recent changes to regulations which no longer require the use of Belisha beacons?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Department of Transport Advice Note (TSAN-2024-01) sets out the options for two new zebra crossing configurations which are additional options for local authorities to consider when planning new infrastructure installations. The document includes one option that does not use Belisha (flashing) beacons and another that does not use both Belisha (flashing) beacons and signage. These alternative layouts have not been developed to eliminate the use of flashing beacons and each of the new crossing types have their own specific set of criteria which must be completely satisfied to facilitate implementation.

To date, the Traffic Management Section has not identified locations that fulfil the criteria set out in the attached document and it is not expected that further safety reviews of locations will take place in the short term. However, when suitable locations are identified, consultation will be undertaken with elected members and stakeholder groups before a decision would be made to implement the crossings. It should be noted that the provision of zebra crossings is not universally acceptable to all stakeholders and their provision is not without its challenges.

In the meantime, the Traffic Management Section will continue to install zebra crossings (with Belisha beacons) and signalised pedestrian crossings as normal, subject to suitability and resource considerations.

Councillor Clear queried why these crossings were not being installed when there were plenty of locations that met the criteria.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that he would revert to the Senior Engineer.

The report was noted.



NS11/0425

Traffic Situation at the Primary School in Kill

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear. Can the council confirm if it has conducted any surveys or investigations regarding the traffic situation at the primary school in Kill where current conditions are particularly difficult for children walking or cycling to school, and immediate action is needed to address these safety concerns?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas to Kill Active Travel Scheme progressed through the public consultation stage a number of years ago. Kildare County Council is awaiting sufficient funding from the National Transport Authority to enable the detailed design to progress for this scheme. The scheme includes changes to the outside of the school environment in Kill.

Councillor Clear suggested that plastic bollards be installed to prevent cars parking up on the footpath. He acknowledged the work the school was doing to encourage students to walk or cycle to school.

The report was noted.

NS12/0425

Bus Shelter at Sallins Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly. Can the council confirm that the Bus Stop at Sallins Park, Main Street, Sallins is on the list for the installation of a bus shelter?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there are over 500 existing bus stop locations in County Kildare. Kildare County Council is working with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to review and prioritise improvements to bus stop infrastructure. When this review is complete a list of potential bus shelter and other improvements for locations will be prepared and appropriate public consultation undertaken.



Councillor Kelly thanked the Transport Department for the report and queried when the review was expected to be completed and what criteria needed to be met for a bus shelter to be installed at a stop.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that the review was expected to be completed in Quarter 3 of 2025. He noted that the determination of bus stops fell under the remit of the National Transport Authority and that there was not enough funding to cover shelters for all of the stops in the municipal district, but that there were a number of Section 38s coming down the line.

The report was noted.

NS13/0425

Congestion at Bodentown Cross

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly. Can the council confirm that Bodentown Cross is on its list for upgrade to help relieve the congestion and traffic build up at this crossroads?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council is currently progressing a junction improvement project that focuses on locations of interest identified by the Collision Analysis for Regional Road Network.

This junction has not been identified in the most recent analysis and will not be considered for future phases of the project.

There are no resources or funding available to progress an upgrade at this location at the present time as the Roads Project Teams are delivering several key projects as outlined in the recent Roads Capital Projects update.

Councillor Kelly queried whether there was a list of high-volume crossroads that required work, who collected the Collision Analysis information, and could they be invited to give a presentation to the members?



Mr M McLoughlin advised that the Department of Transport Support Office collected the Collision Analysis information and that they were planning to give a presentation to the Strategic Policy Committee.

The report was noted.

NS14/0425

Improvements on Green Avenue, Two Mile House

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the council confirm where the Naas Municipal District 2019 LPT Grant of €25,000, allocated to complete the improvements on Green Avenue, Two Mile House, was spent?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the question was referred to the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District for comment as this area is now in this municipal district. A certain amount of work was carried out at this location under a restoration improvement grant. This funding is still available and will be utilised in the future once additional funding is available to complete the works. Where Local Property Tax (LPT) is allocated to a specific project, it will not be allocated to a different project without the agreement of the municipal district members.

Councillor Moore expressed frustration that this project had been in limbo and that the work had not been carried out to date. With the support of the other members, he advised that he planned to request a transfer of these funds back to the Naas Municipal District.

The report was noted.

NS15/0425

'No E-Scooters' Signs for Pedestrian Areas in Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the council confirm if it plans to install 'No E-Scooters' signs on Naas amenity footpaths and Naas areas used by pedestrians where there is the availability of a public road?



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the use of e-scooters is regulated in accordance with the Road Traffic (Electric Scooters) Regulations 2024. E-scooter users are required to obey the rules of the road and familiarise themselves with relevant traffic laws and regulations which includes a prohibition from using footpaths, pedestrianised areas or motorways. Improper or dangerous use of an e-scooter is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

The Transport Department have no plans to add additional signage, however, it may be appropriate to refer the matter to the Local Community Safety Partnership for discussion.

Councillor Moore informed the members that he was made aware of another pedestrian being knocked down by an E-scooter in the area recently. He referred to the breaking of regulations by E-scooter users as a new form of joyriding and emphasised that these signs were necessary.

The report was noted.

NS16/0425

White Line Markings in Kill Village

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett. Can the council confirm when the white line markings in Kill Village will be completed?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Engineer has requested line marking in Kill Village be included in the next package of road markings within the Naas Municipal District. Line marking works will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Councillor Brett thanked the District Engineer for the report and noted that it was good to see these works being carried out.

The report was noted.



NS17/0425

Traffic Calming Measures at Barrack Street, Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon. Can the council confirm the status of traffic calming measures that were to be delivered at Barrack Street in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that some preliminary works have been completed on this scheme. However, works were paused due to resources constraints. It is hoped to revisit this scheme when additional resources have been recruited later in the year.

Councillor Sammon noted that this scheme was meant to be delivered following the school works and that she hoped it would be revisited.

The report was noted.

NS18/0425

Installing a Natural Playground at the Fairgreen in Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear that the council explores the feasibility of installing a natural playground at the Fairgreen in Naas, given the substantial increase in population in the town centre and the lack of a playground in this central area where such a facility is urgently needed to meet the needs of local families and children.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there is no objection in principle to providing a natural play area on the Fairgreen. However, it would need to be considered as part of an overall plan for the space and intended future uses of it. Any work required will have to be considered for a future works programme as we have already set out a works programme for the year. Regarding the delivery of playgrounds, we are already committed to progressing a playground in Ballymore and there is also a need to upgrade the playground in Monread Park. These works will take precedence to the proposal for the Fairgreen.



Councillor Clear informed the members that there had been an increase in residential building in Naas Town Centre and yet there was no playground to facilitate the 40 housing estates, two schools and two creches in the area. He acknowledged the great amenities in the area including the lakes, the outdoor gym and the vista at Fairgreen as well as the significant Public Realm improvements but that it would be great to have a play area. He also noted that not having a playground in the vicinity encouraged more people to drive.

The members raised the following:

- Concern over removal of existing carnival and circus facilities if a playground were to be installed in the area proposed by Councillor Clear.
- Other areas a bit further from the centre might be more suitable.
- Whether a portion of Residents Associations' funding could go towards creating smaller play areas within estates.

Councillor Clear advised that he was happy to consider other areas in the centre of the town.

Councillor Brett asked that this item be added to the Progress Report.

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

NS19/0425

Skate Park in Ballymore Eustace

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

Can the council confirm what are the approximate costings for a Skate Park in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the cost of a skatepark would be approximately €200,000.

Councillor Sammon asked that this item be considered in the Capital Programme discussion later in the year.

The report was noted.

NS20/0425

Trespassing on Lands Containing Animals in Naas Town

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett that the council engages with the residents associations and responsible adults in housing estates in Naas Town adjoining farmland with bovine, equine and/or ovine stock, to remind them of the dangers to children in trespassing on lands containing animals.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that this is not a motion for the council however, if the member wishes to engage with the Housing Department, we may be able to advise with further information.

Councillor Brett informed members of a recent incident where damage was caused to a local farm. He also advised of dangers to children from animals if trespassing on farms.

Councillor Clear advised that rules needed to be laid out for local authority tenants in order to raise awareness of this danger.

Councillor Brett advised that local authority housing was not being targeted but the council had no remit in private estates.

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



NS21/0425

Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2025

The members considered the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2025 for the Naas Municipal District which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Ms E Donnelly informed the members of the embargo in relation to the details of the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2025 for the Naas Municipal District. The details of these awards should not be publicised until the end of the month. This was to allow time to present at each municipal district meeting and also to allow time for the applicants to receive their individual responses.

The members were all in agreement that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2025 for the Naas Municipal District be approved.



Arts Act Grant 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Clive	Henry	Naas	<i>Why Don't Hummingbirds Get Diabetes?</i> is a memoir of navigating diabetes, spine disease, and shock diagnosis of a rare cancer gene. As the conditions entwine, Clive embarks on an odyssey of the soul to bring meaning to his life. Written in a humorous tone, the project edits the book's third draft.	€ 1,800
Jane	Gormley	Naas	CRAICLY is a storytelling project, founded in Kildare, which aims to re-connect people with the places they live in, through the art of storytelling. Community building is central to CRAICLY and this project has been created as a direct response to a rapid increase in loneliness and social isolation in our heavily digitised lifestyles.	€ 500
joanne	Duggan	Naas	A solo exhibition at Fráma Gallery, Naas May–July 2025, exploring, connection and perception through abstract painting. It will expand on the previous Grupa Exhibition work for Fráma and will showcase a refined creative process. Curated by Micheal Hennigan it will include and a limited-edition print exclusively during the show.	€ 1,318
John	Geoghegan	Naas	To publish a poetry anthology and to continue with a creative writing group with Craddock House Nursing Home residents; inviting guest speakers; broadening knowledge and understanding of literature and collaborating with other local creative writing groups.	€ 750
Lianne	O'Shea	Naas	Towards developing a rehearsal room ready draft of Ibsen's <i>A Dolls House</i> (working from literal and well as literary translations). Hold a rehearsed reading of this draft with 5 professional actors at the Riverbank Arts Centre. Engage with dramaturg Tanya Deane to inform the development of the draft.	€ 1,575
Mags	Harper	Naas	Towards the purchase of a keyboard which is essential for performances and rehearsals to improve the quality of the Aria Choir choral work and performances - next scheduled concert is Ballycane church with Ballycane children's choir in June 2025.	€ 699
Martina	O'Brien	Naas	To embark on a pivotal new strand of research, to undertake experimentation, and to develop and produce new artworks for exhibition.	€ 1,500
Paul	Hallahan	Naas	A solo exhibition of abstracted paintings at Fráma Gallery, Naas in early 2026, exploring Kildare's landscapes as a starting point. Created over a number of months, 12–15 new works will be a record of the landscape here and now, referencing the past but engaging with the present.	€ 2,500
Rosemary	Noonan	Naas	With mentorship from Donal Murray, to develop a new body of artworks expanding on themes from the previous show <i>Whispers of Resilience</i> , exploring female identity and motherhood. This project will refine the portraiture technique, enhance practice, and expand <i>A Rosie View</i> .	€ 500
Tara	Carroll	Naas	To work with video and sound producer Sal Stapleton and photographer Niamh Barry to professionally document the artist's solo exhibition 'Resonances Ripples' in Sirius Arts Centre, Cork. This will result in an accessible creative video work of the exhibition. It will include animated closed captioning of experiential audio description / sound piece.	€ 1,200
Total				€ 12,342



Arts, Health & Wellbeing Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Gearóid	Ó hAllmhuráin	Naas	Tanya Turner, a professional dancer and leg amputee will conduct research for a transformative dance performance exploring the emotional journey of disability. Through storytelling, dance, burlesque, and aerial arts, the show will challenge stereotypes and celebrate beauty, strength, and resilience, culminating in a joyous finale.	€ 4,000
Kathrina	Hughes	Naas	"Every Picture Tells a Story" is a participatory art project, engaging clients of Naas Day Care Centre in a creative process combining storytelling and embroidery. Participants are invited to share meaningful photographs, recounting the stories behind each image. The copied photos are embellished with embroidery stitch, resulting in embellished memories.	€ 4,000
Marta	Golubowska	Naas / Newbridge	A series of clay workshops in collaboration with the Kildare branch of Down Syndrome Ireland. The group of adults will avail of this courtesy of Kare Newbridge, who will provide the space each week. The workshop could lead to an exhibition on Down Syndrome Day, 21 March 2026.	€ 4,000
Total				€ 12,000

Artistic Entrepreneur Bursary Award 2025, in association with Kildare Local Enterprise Office (LEO)				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Jane	Gormley	Naas	CRAICLY is a storytelling project, operating from Allenwood, Kildare who work on creative storytelling projects that aim to reconnect people and places through the art of storytelling. In an era of increasingly digitised communication, CRAICLY works to address the social implications and isolation created by this.	€ 1,200
Total				€ 1,200

Emerging Artist Solo Exhibition Award, in Partnership with Riverbank Arts Centre				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Benjamin	Morrison	Naas	To showcase ongoing interdisciplinary artistic work, <i>When it Rains</i> . <i>When it Rains</i> is an intergenerational voyage of written memoir and embodied perception.	€ 3,000
Total				€ 3,000

Executive Coaching for Creative Professionals Bursary Award				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Rosemary	Noonan	Naas	Guidance to integrate movement therapy into a multidisciplinary visual artist practice that focuses on female mental health and facilitated art workshops at Craddockstown House.	€ 600
Total				€ 600



Platform 4 Recording Studio Bursary Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Sarah	McGinn	Naas	The next series of <i>Life's Too Short</i> podcast will feature in-studio guest interviews for the first time, enhancing audio and video quality. Set for mid-2025, it will include diverse guests, deeper discussions on grief and mental health, and a stronger production team to elevate the podcast's impact.	€ 1,250
Emma	Dunleavy	Naas	To complete a vocal reel as a musical theatre performer which is an essential part of being a performer in the theatre industry.	€ 1,250
Total				€ 2,500

Research and Thinking Bursary Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Sandie	Purcell	Naas	Research orchestral works which feature the uilleann pipes and to gain a better insight into the combination of this instrument and its genre with classical, orchestral music. To work with uilleann piper and scholar, Mark Redmond, to enhance knowledge for new compositions.	€ 2,200
Total				€ 2,200

Short Grass Film Bursary 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Brian	McCarthy	Naas	To complete post-production services such as sound mix, sound edit, score, and colour grade for the short film 'Culchie', created by Kildare filmmakers By Minute Productions and Darn Skippy Productions.	€ 1,500
Total				€ 1,500

Tyrone Guthrie Residency Bursary Award 2025				
First Name	Last Name	Municipal District	Brief summary of proposed project	Award €
Emer	McLysaght	Naas	A book of essays based on childhood, ageing, loneliness and mental health. This will be a work of creative non-fiction about the author's upbringing just outside the village of Kill, Co. Kildare.	€ 750
Total				€ 750

NS22/0425

Flood Risk Prevention at Old SPS Factory Site

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen that the council investigates and ensures that the proper flood risk prevention measures are delivered and guaranteed in the new housing development at the old SPS factory site adjacent to the Paddocks Estate on the Tipper Road, Naas.

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



A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that there are a number of conditions within the granted planning permission relating to surface water discharge and flood prevention in the proposed development. The developer is required to submit details of their proposals to Kildare County Council for review to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions and the granted planning permission. Development Control will monitor construction of works on site.

Councillor Breen advised she met with the developer and had discussed flood prevention measures that would be included.

Mr L McNeela advised that there were two separate planning files here and the first tank would be installed at development stage. There were a number of planning conditions relating to flooding.

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

NS23/0425

Attenuation Pond and Soil Bund/Bank at Stonehaven Estate

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen. Can the council confirm if the permanent attenuation pond and the soil bund/bank has been installed at Stonehaven Estate, Naas to curtail any future flooding in the area?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Section informing the members that the temporary soil bund has been constructed along with a temporary drain to take the surface water from the old ditch and divert it away from Mountain View. The developer stated recently that they are finalising an agreement with a contractor to begin construction of the attenuation pond area in the southwestern corner of the site, and this work will begin shortly.

Councillor Breen queried when exactly work would begin on the attenuation tanks.



Mr L McNeela advised that the developer intended to commence the work the following week once delivery was received.

The report was noted.

NS24/0425

Entrance Gates to the Paddocks Estate, Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen. Can the council confirm what plans it has to ensure that the original entrance gates now at the entrance to the Paddocks Estate, Naas are protected and not in any way adversely affected by any future road alignment which may be necessary as a result of the new housing development?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that there are no specific plans regarding the gates at the Paddocks. The entrance gates are listed on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) [Appendix 6] in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 reference NS 19-225. However, the permission on the adjoining lands does not impact on the existing gates and that the works required re. alignment to serve the development of planning reference no. 23/749 are localised along the existing access point serving these lands.

A report was also received from the Transport Department informing the members that the original entrance gates are outside the boundary of the new housing development and there are no plans to alter the road alignment at this location.

Councillor Breen was pleased that the gates would not be affected.

The reports were noted.



NS25/0425

Development Contributions for Naas Community and Civic Developments

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore that Naas Municipal District members be given the following information in format.

- a) The Amounts of Development Charges for Naas Municipal District Developments for the years 2022-2023 and 2024.
- b) The 60% County/40% Ringfenced Naas Municipal District Community breakdown of those charges for the same years.
- c) The 32% Community/8% Economic Development breakdown of the 40% municipal district Community for the same years.
- d) The breakdown on the spread of the same Community Funds in the Capital Expenditure Programmes for the same years 2022-2023 and 2024 and planned uses for 2025 and 2026.

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

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that the [Development Contribution Scheme for 2023 – 2029](#) was adopted by members at the council meeting held on 19 December 2022 and came into effect for seven years from 1 January 2023. The development contributions in this scheme estimated that €14.4 million of development contributions would be generated in Kildare per annum. The scheme as adopted divides development contributions received as follows:

Transportation, Surface Water and Flooding – Countywide	60%
Community and Civic – Municipal district element	32%
Community and Civic – General element	8%

(Community and Civic covers the areas of Community, Environment, Economic Development, Public Realm, Open Spaces and Recreation.)



The Capital Programme 2024 – 2026 was the first year that the new Development Contribution Scheme was used and attached is the breakdown of the development contributions:

		2024	2025	2026	2024-2026
Category	%	Estimated Income	Estimated Income	Estimated Income	Total
Roads/Flooding	60%	8,640,000	8,640,000	8,640,000	25,920,000
<u>Community and Civic by Municipal District*</u>					
Athy	2.10%	302,400	302,400	302,400	907,200
Celbridge/Leixlip	9.60%	1,382,400	1,382,400	1,382,400	4,147,200
Clane/Maynooth	5.02%	722,880	722,880	722,880	2,168,640
Kildare/Newbridge	9.08%	1,307,520	1,307,520	1,307,520	3,922,560
Naas	6.20%	892,800	892,800	892,800	2,678,400
	32%	4,608,000	4,608,000	4,608,000	13,824,000
<u>Community and Civic Countywide</u>					
Countywide	8%	1,152,000	1,152,000	1,152,000	3,456,000
	100%	14,400,000	14,400,000	14,400,000	43,200,000

*The 32% Community and Civic by municipal district is broken down by the actual development contributions collected for the 3 years 2020 to 2022 by municipal district in these areas, as the scheme did not show the anticipated funding by municipal district.



The Capital Programme 2024 – 2026 has €2,678,400 assigned for Naas Municipal District Community and Civic Development Contributions projects and these projects are listed below:

Community and Civic Projects	Development Contributions 2024-2026
<u>Programme 2024-2026</u>	
Ballymore Community Centre	300,000
Naas Water Based Hub	100,000
Kerdiffstown	200,000
De Burgh Demesne	378,400
Playground Development Two Mile House	300,000
Playground Development Ballymore	350,000
Sallins Amenity Lands Phase 1	200,902
<u>Projects Pending Funding</u>	
Naas Town Centre Masterplan (URDF)	500,000
<u>Projects Starting 2027+</u>	
Sallins Amenity Lands Phase 2	349,098
Total Naas Municipal District Contributions 2024 - 2026	2,678,400

The estimated amount for Naas Municipal District on the new development contribution schemes for the Community and Civic element for each year 2024 – 2026 was €892,800 per year, however the actual amounts collected for Naas Municipal District on the new development contribution schemes for the Community and Civic element are as follows:

Actual Collection		
2023	2024	Total
202,797	1,857,380	2,060,177



Please note that the members were given a full briefing on the Capital Programme in September 2024.

The Capital Programme outturn for the year 2024 was provided in Appendix 10 of the Annual Financial Statement 2024.

Councillor Moore thanked the Finance Department for the report.

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

NS26/0425

Municipal District Allocations of LPT

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore that Naas Municipal District members be given the following information.

- a) The methodology by which the Local Property Tax Grants (part and all) as received from Government for County Kildare and is then sub-divided and allocated across the five municipal districts for years 2022 to 2025
- b) A formatted breakdown of the allocations to each of the municipal districts, including any deductions made by Kildare County Council before or after the municipal allocations for the years 2022-2023-2024 and 2025 and
- c) An explanation as to why the allocation to Naas Municipal District for 2025 has dropped from €1,065,023 in 2024 to €953,578 in 2025, a difference of €111,445 without an electoral area reduction and inclusive of the extra LPT income from 763 new houses.

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

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members of the following.

a) Methodology at Kildare County Council level:

At the council meeting in September 2019, the members of the council approved the division of retained LPT between the municipal districts. It was resolved to divide the LPT- 50% divided equally and 50% by the number of councillors in each municipal district.

An allocation of 10% to cover administration costs in relation to support services due to the volume and value of LPT transactions was agreed by the members at Budget 2023 meeting.

As agreed by the members at the council meeting in September 2024 the LPT allocated to the General Municipal Allocation was changed to 15% of the **net** LPT figure of €19,416,944 (after excluding self-funding) plus or minus the amount of any increase or decrease in the adjustment factor.

b) Breakdown of the allocations to each of the municipal districts:

The tables below set out the requested details from 2022 to 2024:

	Budget 2022 (10% variation)	Budget 2023 (10% variation)	Budget 2024 (10% variation)
Provisional LPT Allocation as notified by DHLGH (Gross LPT)	21,777,674	23,161,639	25,244,978
LPT 20 % to Equalisation Fund as notified by DHLGH	-4,355,535		
LPT Funding Allocation (less equalisation fund)	17,422,139	23,161,639	25,244,978
Self-Funding as notified by DHLGH	-1,310,815	-6,194,481	-6,309,068
LPT variation approved by the members	10%	10%	10%
LPT variation approved by the members	2,177,767	2,316,164	2,524,498
LPT after variation	23,955,441	25,477,803	27,769,476

LPT retained for General Municipal Allocation for municipal districts 15% of the Gross LPT plus the 10% variation approved by the members	5,444,419	5,790,410	6,311,245
10% Retention for overheads		579,041	631,124
Net LPT assigned to municipal districts	5,444,419	5,211,369	5,680,120



LPT allocation per municipal district			5,444,419	5,211,369	5,680,120
	No. of councillors	Equal between 5	2022	2023	2024
Athy	5	0.20	884,718	846,847	923,020
Celbridge/Leixlip	7	0.20	1,020,828	977,132	1,065,023
Kildare/Newbridge	11	0.20	1,293,049	1,237,700	1,349,029
Naas	7	0.20	1,020,828	977,132	1,065,023
Clane/Maynooth	10	0.20	1,224,994	1,172,558	1,278,027
Total	40	1.00	5,444,419	5,211,369	5,680,120

c) **Explanation of the 2025 Allocation:**

	Budget 2025 based on 10% variation
Provisional LPT Allocation as notified by DHLGH (Gross LPT)	27,382,910
LPT 20 % to Equalisation Fund as notified by DHLGH	
LPT Funding Allocation (less equalisation fund)	27,382,910
Self-Funding as notified by DHLGH	-7,965,966
LPT variation approved by the members	10%
LPT variation approved by the members	2,738,291
LPT after variation	30,121,201

LPT retained for General Municipal Allocation for municipal districts	
15% of the Gross LPT less self-funding plus the 10% variation approved by the members	5,650,833
10% Retention for overheads	565,083
Net LPT assigned to municipal districts	5,085,749

LPT allocation per municipal district	5,085,749
	2025
Athy	826,434
Celbridge/Leixlip	953,578
Kildare/Newbridge	1,207,865
Naas	953,578
Clane/Maynooth	1,144,294
Total	5,085,749

Councillor Moore thanked the Finance Department for the report and questioned both the methodology of splitting 50% of the LPT allocation evenly between each municipal district and the 10% administration costs.

Ms B Sweeney clarified that the administration costs were required to employ 12 new members of staff to facilitate the delivery of projects agreed in Budget 2023 and that the Director of Finance would brief the members on this. She also noted that members would be voting again in the near future on how LPT was being divided.

The members raised the following:

- Kildare County Council was down on money as a result of self-funding.
- Was there any chance of an increase in baseline funding?
- Neighbouring counties had been able to go down to -15% on LPT as they were so well funded.
- Concern over expansion of the county without the necessary funding.

Ms B Sweeney advised that there was currently no conversation happening regarding changing the baseline funding and that the self-funding issue would need to be dealt with through pressure from TDs. The District Manager noted that this was a key point raised by the Director of Finance at a recent meeting with the Oireachtas Members.

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



NS27/0425

Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards for 2025

The members considered the community, festival and resident association grant awards assessed by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department for 2025.

The members were all in agreement that the Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards for 2025 for the Naas Municipal District be approved.

Councillor Moore requested that Mr C O'Toole liaise with the Bihar Jharkhand Association of Ireland in relation to queries they had about their grant applications.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all members that the Community, Festival and Resident Association Grant Awards for 2025 be approved.



Naas Municipal District Community Grants 2025				
No	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	Naas Retirement Association	Events for Retired Community	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
2	Naas Country Market	Food & Flower Demonstrations	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,100.00
3	Kill ARA	Events for Retired Community	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
4	Sallins Sunshine Club	Furniture for Community Centre	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
5	Sallins Business Association	Christmas Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
6	Cill Dara le Gaeilge	Event encouraging use of Irish Language	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,350.00
7	Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland	Equipment	€ 1,825.88	€ 1,800.00
8	The Moat Club CLG	Annual Class Act Drama	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
9	Pedal Party Parade	Fancy Dress Biodiversity Bike Rides	€ 2,596.00	€ 2,400.00
10	Naas Musical Society	Musical Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
11	DDI Fashionistas Club	Fashion Show	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
12	St Laurence's NS Sallins Parents Association		€ 2,400.00	€ 2,400.00
13	Nas na Ri Senior social group	Events for Retired Community	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
14	Castletfen Residents Association	New Polytunnel Cover	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
15	Naas Community Men's Shed	Equipment	€ 1,818.00	€ 1,800.00
16	Toberton Wood Residents Association	Equipment and Art/Craft Supplies	€ 1,552.59	€ 1,500.00
17	Feile Liam O'Flynn	Workshops	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
18	Kilteel/Eadestown Comhaltas	Workshops	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,200.00
19	Sonass & Siamsa,	Events for Ladies Group	€ 2,320.00	€ 2,000.00
20	Naas Biodiversity Group	Interactive Nature Walk - De Burgh Wood	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
21	Naas Photography Group	Prints and Framing	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
22	23rd Kildare (Sallins) Scout Group	Training Courses	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,800.00
23	Sallins Biodiversity Group	Murals & Workshops	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
24	Naas Probuss Club	Event for Club	€ 999.00	€ 1,000.00
25	Ballymore Community Group Christmas	Christmas Event	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
26	Naas Arch Club	Event for Members	€ 1,350.00	€ 1,350.00
27	Sister Shed Naas	Workshops	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,500.00
28	Ballymore Eustace C.D.A	Furniture for Community Centre	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,800.00
29	Sult na Sollain	Portable P.A. System	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,000.00
30	Naas Rotary Club	Road Safety Event for Schools	€ 4,428.00	€ 2,000.00
31	Sarto road/park R.A 3	New Name Stone	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
32	Extern Ireland	Equine Assisted Therapy	€ 3,000.00	€ 2,200.00
33	In Sync Youth Information Service	Youth Programme	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,400.00
34	Waterways Support Group	Workshops	€ 918.00	€ 900.00
35	Naas Christmas Lights Group	Christmas Light Allocation	€ 25,000.00	€ 25,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 90,000.00
			Budget	€ 90,000.00

Naas Municipal District Festival Grants 2025				
No		Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	Sallins Sunshine Club	Purchase of Gazebo	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,200
2	Sallins Business Association	Summer Community Event	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,180
3	Cill Dara le Gaeilge	La Spraoi	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000
4	Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland	40 Year Anniversary Celebrations	€ 2,000.00	€ 870
5	Féile Nas Na Riogh	Naas Town Event	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000
6	Pedal Party Parade	Samhain Spooky Spin	€ 1,867.00	€ 700
7	Bihar Jharkhand Association of Ireland (BJAI)	Holi - Festival of Colours	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,500
8	Naas Festivals Ltd by Guarantee	Naas Wild Food Festival	€ 2,000.00	€ 900
9	Castletfen Residents Association	Community Day	€ 1,500.00	€ 900
10	Toberton Wood Residents Association	Summer Event	€ 650.00	€ 650
11	Johnstown Community Association	Johnstown Village Festival Day	€ 700.00	€ 700
12	Feile Liam O'Flynn	Irish Music Festival	€ 2,000.00	€ 650
13	McAuley Place	Pumpkin & Gingerbread Workshops	€ 930.00	€ 500.00
14	Ballymore Community Group Christmas	Ballymore Eustace Community Day	€ 1,400.00	€ 250.00
15	Sult na Sollain	Irish Music & Language Festival	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 13,000.00
			Budget	€ 13,000.00



NS28/0425

Variation of the Residents Association Grants Payment

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to vary the Residents Association Grants payment in this municipal district in response to the many queries raised during 2024?

A report was received from the Community and Enterprise Department informing the members that a similar level of funding has been provided by Kildare County Council in the 2025 revenue budget as allocated in the prior year for the Naas Municipal District. Most of the queries in 2024 related to the reduction in funding provided to each Residents Association because of the decrease in Local Property Tax allocation from €70,000 in 2023 to €30,000 in 2024. The Local Property Tax allocation for Residents Associations has increased for 2025 which should see the funding provided to Residents Associations increasing significantly.

Councillor Moore queried whether the level of grants had changed since 2014.

Mr C O'Toole clarified that baseline funding had not increased.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.