



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 08 October 2024
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

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

Apologies: Councillor C Kelly

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Ms G Allen (A/District Manager) Mr Y Khan (A/District Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms M O'Dwyer (Administrative Officer) Ms A Gough (LPT Coordinator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and others.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the members of the sad passing of Breege Kelly, mother of Councillor Carmel Kelly. A minute's silence was observed.

NS01/1024

Declaration of Conflicts or Pecuniary Interests

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

NS02/1024

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 10 September 2024 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Dunne that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 10 September 2024 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



NS03/1024

Municipal District Road works programme

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 Balllymore to Ardinode | Complete |
| • R410 Baltracey (Beggars End) | Complete |
| • L2021 Rathmore | Complete |
| • Craddockstown Road, Naas | Complete |
| • Ballykane, Naas | Complete |
| • Fishery Lane, Naas | Complete |
| • Johnstown | Complete |
| • Monread Avenue | Complete |
| • Kill | Complete |
| • Sallins Road, Naas | Complete |
| • Blessington Road/Tipper Road Junction | Complete |
| • Monread Heights Naas | Pre-Construction Stage |
| • Monread Avenue, Naas | Complete |
| • Basin Street, Naas | Complete |
| • Hollywood Park, Naas | Pre-Construction Stage |
| • Cleevaun | Complete |
| • Lacken View | Complete |

Footpaths

A tender has been awarded for works at the following locations:



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- Roselawn, Naas Complete
- Mountain View, Naas Complete
- Friary Road, Naas - Raised Table Crossing Complete

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.

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.

- BME Rd to Ballycane - Raised Table Crossing Complete
- Poplar Square - Haydens – Footpath Complete
- Sallins Road - Raised Table Crossing Complete
- Gleann na Greaine – Footpath Complete
- Chapel Lane, Sallins – Footpath Complete
- Sallins Park to St. Brigids Terrace – Footpath Complete
- Johnstown Manor, Johnstown – Footpath Complete
- Glendara, Kill – Footpath Complete
- Liffey Heights - Ballymore Eustace – Road Complete
- Kilheale, Kill Complete
- Kerdiff Avenue, Naas Complete
- Traffic Calming (Eadestown) Complete
- Traffic Calming (Ballymore Eustace) Complete
- Morrell Park, Naas Pre-Construction Stage
- Ashgrove, Naas Pre-Construction Stage
- Elmwood, Naas Pre-Construction Stage
- Blessington Road, Naas Pre-Construction Stage



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- Corbally Court, Naas Pre-Construction Stage

(LPT Funded Road Projects)

- Hillview, Sallins Complete
- St. Patricks Park, Kill Complete
- Ashgrove, Naas Complete

Drainage

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

- Wolfestown/Philipstown Complete
- Naas Road, Ballymore Complete

Surface Dressing

The Naas Municipal District office have completed approximately 10 kilometres of road maintenance projects to date.

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

Works for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) is programmed for 2024 at the following location:

- Killeel Community Hall, Kill Complete

The members raised the following:

- Monread Heights and Hollywood Park were listed as pre-construction stage. What would the works entail?
- Could a safe crossing point for the Elmwood area be investigated as this issue had been raised on a number of occasions. The problem would only be exacerbated with the opening of the new shopping centre.
- Was anything being done in relation to funding for a digital traffic display as the site at the roundabout adjacent to the racecourse would be an ideal location.



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- Works were now completed on Monread Avenue. Would the yellow boxes be reinstalled.

Mr Y Khan advised the following:

- Monread Heights and Hollywood Park were listed for resurfacing works to the main arteries
- The Parking section would be better placed to answer queries regarding the digital traffic system.
- Friary Road to Blessington Road would require a redesign, this was not straight forward
- Yellow boxes would be reinstated on Monread Avenue when the line markings were being redone

The report was noted.

NS04/1024

Appointment to the Local Community Safety Partnership.

The Mayor sought nominations for the appointment of one representative from the Naas Municipal District to the Local Community Safety Partnership.

Councillor Clear proposed Councillor Moore who was seconded by Councillor Breen. As there were no further nominations it was agreed by all that Councillor Moore be appointed to the Local Community Safety Partnership.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by the members that Councillor Moore be appointed as a representative from the Naas Municipal District to the Local Community Safety Partnership.

NS05/1024

Remaining LPT allocations

There were no LPT allocations submitted by the members.



NS06/1024

Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act

The members considered the Roads Traffic Act, 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Parking Restrictions at Morell Avenue, Naas, Co. Kildare.

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

Councillor Clear sought clarification that the yellow lines would only be on bends in the area and not outside residents' homes.

The report was noted.

NS07/1024

Traffic bollards at the Junction of Abbey Street

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore
That the council removes the traffic bollards at the Junction of Abbey Street and Basin Street, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Department informing the members that the closure of the junction of Abbey Street / Basin Street should be viewed from the needs of vulnerable road users. All active travel proposals must be aligned to the road user hierarchy defined by the Department of Transport and National Transport Authority. This puts pedestrians first in terms of consideration when designing schemes as follows:



The situation allowing motorised vehicles to turn “blind” from Abbey Street onto Basin Street endangered pedestrians and other vulnerable road users and the elimination of through traffic has brought immense safety benefits to users of this street. The installation of the bollards prioritises the needs of vulnerable road users rather than the needs of motorised traffic. It is therefore not proposed to remove them.

The opportunities for further enhancements of the area are clear now that this potential collision point has been removed. Basin Street and the Harbour Quarter area can be redeveloped in the context of filtered permeability for pedestrians whilst retaining sustainable and appropriate access for vehicles to serve the needs of local businesses are currently being developed.

These improvements will serve to increase the sustainable mobility linkages between the Main Street, the Harbour and Moat areas.



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Councillor Moore thanked Mr Hodgins for the report but advised that the junction closure had come under the banner of the Greenway even though this area was probably still several years away. The junction could have been made safer by the introduction of a one-way system and the installation of footpaths on Abbey Street. Councillor Moore advised that members had received numerous complaints and it was his belief that it now posed a health and safety issue.

The members raised the following:

- Members were receiving constant complaints about the closure of the junction of Abbey Street and Basin Street.
- HGVs delivering to businesses in the area now had to make u-turns to go back up Abbey Street.
- They believed the junction had been made more dangerous since the bollard were installed.
- The council were a long way from what was mentioned in the report.
- Could a one-way system be investigated or trialled as the current system was serving nobody with traffic trying to come out onto the Main Street at its narrowest point.
- Footpaths had been requested previously.

Mr D Hodgins stated the following:

- This was developed from a policy framework, that the members had signed off on.
- Consultation was not an issue but it was apparent that acceptance of the message was
- Vulnerable road users were the top priority.
- There were significant safety benefits from the closure of the road.
- Any perceived dangers were not substantiated.
- People were entitled to their opinion, however, the junction was now safer.
- Should HGVs be allowed in a cul-de-sac when there was an alternative in the loading bay outside Kavanagh's.
- Should some of the parking spaces be removed as another possible solution.
- This closure was one piece of a jigsaw.
- Reopening the junction was not recommended.



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Councillor Moore advised that if there were no substantiated dangers now there had been none before the junction closure either as he was unaware of any issues before. It was easier to access the Main Street from Basin Street than from the Credit Union area where sightlines were impaired.

He stated that he was committed to the motion and asked for it to be put to a vote.

With three members voting in favour, two voting against and one abstaining the motion was carried.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sammon with three members voting in favour, two voting against and one abstaining the motion was carried.

NS08/1024

Master Plan Objectives for Traffic Movement

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

That, to avoid further unfolding of unlinked and piecemeal development planning for Naas Town, Master Plan Objectives for Traffic Movement around and through the Town Centre for the long term future be agreed, before any further Public Realm, Transport Mobility or Area Master Plans for Naas are presented for approval to members.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Local Area Plan (LAP) 2021-2027 was adopted by the Elected Members of Kildare County Council on 21 October 2021 and is effective from 1 December 2021. This Plan recognises that a major challenge facing Naas is the need to address traffic congestion, to promote and provide for sustainable alternative transportation options and the importance of maintaining and providing connectivity. The active travel infrastructure delivery measures outlined in the adopted LAP form the basis for prioritisation of infrastructure delivery projects being progressed by the Sustainable Transport Section.

Councillor Moore advised that tremendous work was being done with no big picture. He stated that there were too many piecemeal projects with a number of masterplans and queried what was trying to be achieved. He also queried talks of a one way system on the Main Street as this had no been previously mentioned or debated.



The members raised the following:

- A plan was needed for the overall picture of the town
- What would Naas look like in 30 years' time?
- Issue was when significant changes were done, none of the nice things to accompany the changes were happening. The four pedestrian crossings promised for the Poplar Square area had not happened and an accident had taken place in this area the previous day.
- Could a footpath be installed on Abbey Street
- Could the Roads section bring the members together and discuss it further.
- What was the plan for the middle of Naas town.

Mr D Hodgins advised the following:

- There was a Naas Traffic Policy Plan. Some schemes were being funded by the NTA
- The Kilcullen Road scheme had been completed
- Pedestrians were a priority in the Town Centre.
- Suggestion of a one-way street was not factual and it had not been proposed by the executive. Misinformation needed to be challenged and to be called out.
- When plans were brought forward, they should be supported by the members

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

NS09/1024

Ramps in Killeel Village

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

That the council installs safety measures including ramps in Killeel Village to reduce traffic speed through the village.

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



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A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that this location will be considered for traffic calming measures in line with Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy and subject to funding. The Municipal District engineer will discuss this location with Cllr. Brett.

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

NS10/1024

Removal of Redundant Steps

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett
That the council seeks a date from the NRDO office on the removal of the redundant steps on the Johnstown pedestrian overpass.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Subject to availability of funding, these steps will be removed in 2025 by the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) MMarC Contractor.

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

NS11/1024

Repair the Damaged Road in Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen
That the council repairs the damaged road adjacent to the ends and back of houses (details provided), Sallins.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen 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 has currently allocated all 2024 Road works



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funding available to current road's improvement works ongoing within the district. The Naas Municipal District will consider this request as part of the Naas Municipal District Road improvement works for 2025 subject to allocation of funding.

Councillor Breen stated that while out canvassing she had met with the residents who used these back roads and that they were in a bad state of disrepair

Mr Y Khan stated that he would put this location on the Road Works programme for 2025 subject to funding.

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

NS12/1024

Pencil Type Bollards

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear
That the council installs pencil type bollards on the grass verge outside St Brigid's primary school, Kill to encourage people to use the carpark or possibly walk or cycle to school.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the provision of such items should be assessed as a part of an overall plan under a safe route to school scheme for the primary school.

Councillor Clear stated that cars were being parked on the footpaths and grass verges outside the school. Children should be encouraged to walk to school and perhaps a parking area could be located elsewhere.

Councillor Sammon said that a similar project had been done in Ballymore Eustace through LPT. She said the job turned out well and it was great value for money, stating it could work in this location too.



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

NS13/1024

Reflective Danger Signs

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

Can the council advise if they are considering the placing of reflective danger signs on the abutments of the Annagaul stream at Eadestown?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office has installed the proposed finger post reflective signs at both ends of the bridge to identify the structure.

Councillor Brett asked if the sign had been replaced since the last accident there? He advised that the bridge was a protected structure and there had been numerous minor incidents there.

Mr Y Khan advised that he would check if the sign had been replaced.

The report was noted.

NS14/1024

Sallins Amenity Lands

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

Can the council confirm what the next step is in delivering Sallins Amenity Lands following the successful Sports Capital application?

A report was received from Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informing the members that a detail design for a phase one is currently being prepared. This is developing the playing pitches, car park and entrances to site. This design work should be complete by the end of the year which will allow us to tender for these works. We submitted an application under the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund to part fund the development of the site also. The outcome of this application is awaited.

Councillor Sammon stated that it was a good report and asked when the design was completed could the members be given a presentation on it.

The report was noted.

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Council House Maintenance Grants and Privately Owned Housing Adaptation Grants

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

That the council provide clarity on the current status of both council owned housing maintenance grants and privately owned housing adaptation grants in the Naas Municipal District particularly to provide the following information:

- are the council currently accepting and processing applications for both grant options
- how much funding was allocated at the start of 2024 for housing maintenance and adaptation grants and are there still funds in place to approve and pay out for both grant options
- if there is no funding available in the municipal district to deliver both grant options please detail where the funding was used, by what date and how many houses received grants, clearly broken down between council owned properties and privately owned properties.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Housing Department administer 4 grants schemes as follows

- Private householder: Housing Adaptation Grant, Housing Mobility Aid Grant, Housing Aid for Older persons
- Council Tenants: Disabled Person Grants

We received funding of €4.8 million to deliver the grants programmes in 2024 and have sought additional funding of €250, 000 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the number of Disabled Person Grants in 2024, a decision on this awaited. Funding is awarded on a county wide basis; we do not allocate amounts per municipal district.

The January Chief Executive Report provided a comprehensive overview of the grants programme and is appended for your convenience.

In April 2024 the Grants team emailed all Elected Members to advise that we are only accepting emergency Housing Aid for Older Persons application, such as heating system repairs, emergency structural and electrical repairs. The other schemes remain open for applications.



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Details on the number of grants provided in the Naas Municipal District will be provided at the meeting.

Councillor Sammon stated that the report was excellent and answered very well. She asked if the council were accepting new applications, and if applications would roll over into 2025?

Ms M O'Dwyer gave the below report to the members:

Grants		Amt	Naas MD Private Houses
Housing Adaptation Grant people with a disability Max grant over age 66 is €30,000 - ramps extensions and bathrooms		30	€278,604
Housing Aid for older people roof rewiring central heating and windows and doors		40	€225,302.00
Mobility Aids Stair lifts grab rails hoists etc		5	20,120.00
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DPG Tenants in KCC Houses		2	24,695
	Total		€548,721
We do not allocate amounts per MD			
We prioritise applicants who are most in need			

In September the Government published the report on the Review of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme. The key recommendations were to increase the grant limits in excess of 30% and an increase in income thresholds by 20%. The capacity to move towards an online application process would be explored. Local authorities would be supported to provide the option of a staged grant payment process.



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The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage now planned to proceed with the review recommendations as urgently as possible with the aim of introducing a revised scheme in Q1 2025.

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

NS16/1024

Update on Construction of New Housing

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

Can the council confirm what the up-to-date position is with the Q3 planned start for the construction of new housing schemes at a) Rathasker Road and b) Ploopluck, Caragh Road?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the progress of the housing schemes is provided in the monthly Chief Executive's report, following is an update on both schemes:

- Rathasker Road site: This site is included in Social Housing PPP (Public Private Partnership) Bundle 6. Cork County Council are the lead authority on this Bundle under a Section 85 agreement with Kildare County Council. The National Development Finance Agency acting as agent of the local authorities involved have appointed a design team for this bundle. Design work is ongoing including design reviews with DHLGH. Further survey and site investigation works will be undertaken over the winter months. It is hoped to lodge Part VIII planning application early in 2025. It is anticipated that this project will be delivered in 2027
- Caragh road site. Detailed designs have been prepared by Kildare County Council and agreed with Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage for a scheme of 73 units at the Caragh Road site. Stage 1 approval has been received. A tender was issued for the procurement of a design team however KCC were unsuccessful in engaging suitable consultants. A new Architect consultant tender, Civil Structural Engineer consultant tender, and Mechanical & Electrical consultant tender competitions are being assessed and finalised. These competitions will form frameworks for future projects. We hope to have the Architect consultants appointed in the coming weeks and a full team of



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consultants appointed by the end of this year. We would be anticipating delivery of the dwellings in early 2027.

Councillor Moore stated that he was happy with the report and asked was there a possibility of a start on either project in 2025?

Mr M O'Dwyer advised that it would be 2026 before either project would begin.

The report was noted.

NS17/1024

Map with all Council Owned Land and Buildings

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon
That the council provides a map to members with all council owned land and buildings identified on it, across all council departments, in the Naas Municipal District.

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

A report was received from the Corporate Department informing the members that regarding the motion from Councillor Sammon, due to the on-going updating and review of PIR records, it was agreed that the requested map could not be provided at this time. If the Councillor has a query regarding a specific location, if the details could be provided to the PIR team a report can be provided.

Councillor Sammon stated she receive numerous queries regarding lands and buildings every week. She queried if a map could not be provided could the members be given access to the land registry so they can look it up themselves.

She asked if the members could be informed about land purchases as they happened.

Mr G Conlon informed the members that this was a complicated request and said if there was a specific location the members were querying the Council could provide a report on it. He said he had been speaking with other Local Authorities about this, and it was something that was being worked on.

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



NS18/1024

Repair of the Damaged John Devoy Statue

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

Can the council update the members on the situation with regard to the repair of the damaged John Devoy statue in Poplar Square, Naas?

A report was received from Ms E Donnelly, Arts Officer informing the members that the council is liaising with An Garda Síochána on this ongoing matter. Further progress regarding repair and associated costs will not be made until the issue is resolved.

Councillor Breen stated that she was not happy with the report and asked when would the statue be repaired?

Ms G Allen advised that further damage had been done and advised that the District Manager had spoken to An Garda Síochána to have another word with the culprit. She said the Council would not organise repairs until they were sure no more damage would be caused to the statue.

The report was noted.

NS19/1024

Taking in Charge of Osberstown Drive

The members considered the taking in charge of Osberstown Drive, Sallins (Ref. 4102).

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by the members that Osberstown Drive, Sallins be taken in charge.

NS20/1024

Pile Driving

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

That the council implements any rules or regulations necessary to prevent the process of pile driving on construction sites commencing before 8am in built up or residential areas in the Naas Municipal District.

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



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A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the construction times invariably of any development are governed by Planning Condition outlining the times allowed for construction activities.

One site currently under construction in the Naas area which is engaged in pile driving was granted permission by An Bord Pleanála and the following condition was applied by them:

23. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 07:00 to 19:00 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 08:00 to 14:00 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the Vicinity.

Another large development in Naas was conditioned by Kildare County Council to develop with the hours of 07:00 and 18:00 Mondays to Fridays and 08:00 to 14:00 on Saturday.

If the developer is operating outside these permitted hours, it can be a matter for the enforcement of the relevant conditions.

Councillor Dunne asked who enforces the construction times and where reports should be sent?

Councillor Clear asked that approximate dates be given to local residents of when the construction works were due to finish.

Mr G Conlon advised the members that if a developer was operating outside the hours An Bord Pleanála should be informed who would assign an enforcement officer. He the developers needed to operate to a construction management plan which was then enforced by the planning compliance section in the Council.

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

NS21/1024

Boundary line in Arconagh Estate

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



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That the council investigates and confirms the boundary line in Arconagh Estate, Naas in the area which has been subject to development work recently carried out by Andrews Construction.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the matter will require investigation.

Councillor Breen stated that residents were concerned as the green area appeared to be diminishing.

Mr L McNeela advised that temporary hoarding had been installed for ESB works and that he would circulate a map of the boundary.

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

NS22/1024

Halloween Public Bonfires

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

Can the council outline what plans if any they have to pre-empt and minimise the potential danger presented by upcoming Halloween public bonfires?

A report was received by the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the Council, with support from An Garda Síochána, local business and community groups, calls on people in their local communities not to contribute to any bonfires at Halloween, and to respect both the environment and the health of their families and neighbours.

Through social media and other means, householders will be reminded of the risks arising from bonfires, the illegal nature of the activity, the effects on the local community and the negative effect on the general environment.

The communication will repeat the information that

- Every individual has a responsibility to dispose of his/her waste correctly and legally.
- It is illegal to dump or burn waste/rubbish of any description (including for a bonfire).



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- It is illegal to allow unauthorised waste collectors to collect and dispose of waste.
 - Bonfires cause dangerous pollutions. Toxins released into the air can contaminate the land around the fire and any area the smoke passes over.
 - Fire from bonfires is a potential safety risk as it can spread to nearby property.
 - When a bonfire finishes burning, it can take several months for a green area to recover.
- Fines will be imposed on those found responsible for providing and / or stockpiling rubbish for bonfires.

The report was noted.

NS23/1024

Correspondence from Dublin City Council or Uisce Éireann

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon
Can the council confirm if it has received any correspondence from Dublin City Council or Uisce Éireann in relation to the Water Treatment/Sludge Treatment Plant at Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Correspondence has been received. Please see the planning file.

Councillor Sammon stated that the response from Uisce Éireann was unacceptable. The river was being polluted on a weekly basis and they had been brought to court and fined the maximum amount. She stated that there was no mention of sludge or discharge in the water. Kildare County Council was the only oversight body. The Liffey was being destroyed with fish dying and it was only a matter of time before there was no drinking water.

Mr G Conlon advised the members that this was in compliance regarding planning conditions but this matter should be referred to the Environment Department for a report as the issue was with the EPA licence. The meetings administrator advised that she would refer the matter to Environment section for comment.

The report was noted.

NS24/1024

Easter Parade in Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear
That the council confirms what supports are available to help organisers plan an Easter Parade in Naas in 2025.



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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Grant funding is available through the Festival Grant scheme which opens in January 2025. The Community team is available to meet with the organising committee and assist with any issues they may experience in lodging the funding application and offer advice and relevant support.

Councillor Clear stated there was a lot of expertise between all the members with organising such events, he said they needed to keep it simple and suggested using money from LPT unallocated from last year.

The members raised the following points:

- A few festivals had been lost this year.
- Naas was very capable of organising different types of festivals
- The members would support and assist with organising a festival
- The last few years of the Easter Parade had not been as successful as previous years and a new formula was needed. The Bealtaine festival had been a hugely successful replacement and should be brought back.

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

NS25/1024

Applications for the Sports Capital Grants

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne
That this council write to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media requesting that an information meeting be provided for clubs in this municipal district in the preparation of applications for the Sports Capital Grants funding for 2025.

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



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A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Dunne asked the members for their support on this motion. He stated that in Naas Municipal District only nine groups had received funding, this should be more. He said that clubs were missing out because they did not have the time or knowledge for the application process. He said training would be beneficial to clubs.

The members made the following points:

- There was a capacity factor amongst clubs, needed to get the right person with sufficient time for the process
- There were several grants available that clubs were unaware of
- The recent survey to clubs in the county to establish needs should inform what help is needed
- A briefing from Kildare Sports Partnership could possibly be requested

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by the members that a letter issue to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media and that the report be noted.

NS26/1024

Landbank, formerly used as a wastewater treatment plant site

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore
Can the council confirm what Kildare County Council's proposals are for the use of the 8 acres landbank, formerly used as a wastewater treatment plant site, in the Abbey Bridge/Osberstown area of the North-West Quadrant?

A report was received from the Corporate Department informing the members that there is already work done to date by Director of Service Eoghan Ryan and there will be a Master Plan developed for the Northwest Quadrant that will indicate optimum use for the area. It has been identified that it is critical to develop a link road from Millenium Road back into the Canal Quarter and the plan will also include some development and some open community amenity space.

The report was noted.



NS27/1024

Update on Kerdiffstown Park

The members agreed to take item 30 and 31 together.

Item 30

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

Can the council provide the latest update on the Kerdiffstown Park facilities outlining what is preventing it from opening and the proposed opening date?

Item 31

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

Can the council provide an update on Kerdiffstown Park outlining any outstanding issues and indicating when it is likely to open given that the winter causes local sports clubs to close their pitches?

A report was received by the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that they are currently working towards a soft opening at the end of October, and we anticipate a press release in the next week or so.

The formal launch of the park will be organised around St. Brigid's Day next year.

The report was noted.

NS28/1024

Naas Tidy Towns Community Billboard

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

Can the council outline the process involved in installing a Naas Tidy Towns community billboard on the approach road to Naas to allow events to be advertised in an orderly manner?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Amended) provides exemptions for certain types of developments, that is to say, development for which planning permission is not required. Under Class 16 of Schedule 2 Part 2 Exempted Development – Advertisements, of the Planning Regulations 2001-2023 it is stated that the following developments are exempted from planning permission:



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Advertisements other than advertisements specified in class 17 of this Part of this Schedule, announcing any local event of a religious, cultural, educational, political, social, recreational, or sporting character, and advertisements relating to any temporary matter in connection with any local event of such a character, not in either case being an event promoted or carried on for commercial purposes.

However, the following conditions attached to this exemption must be adhered to:

1. No such advertisement shall exceed 1.2 square metres in area.
2. No such advertisement shall be exhibited more than 2.5 metres above ground level or be glued, pasted or otherwise be affixed to any structure other than an advertisement structure.
3. No such advertisement shall be exhibited, and no advertisement structure erected for the purpose of exhibiting such advertisement shall be left in place for more than 7 days prior to the date of the event or for more than 3 days after the conclusion of the event to which it relates.

A billboard as a permanent structure for the purposes of exhibiting events would not meet the above conditions and therefore would not be considered exempted development. This initial assessment may suffice to clarify that such a billboard is not exempted development however, Naas Tidy Towns committee can seek formal confirmation on whether any development is or is not exempted from planning permission under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, but greater detail would be necessary to assess the referral.

Naas Tidy Towns committee would consequently be required to make a full planning application for the erection of a billboard. Development management standards for developments such as that proposed are included in Chapter 15 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. Section 15.15 outlines the development standards for signage. Please be advised that the siting of signage and advertising structures on, under, over or along a public road is subject to a sign license in accordance with Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Amended). Table 15.10 provides a matrix of the types of signs that may be acceptable in certain locations and other considerations for example lighting. Please be aware of the Naas town Architectural Conservation Area and the



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presence of protected structures, the setting and curtilage of which are highly sensitive to new development and any application therein would be subject to additional considerations. Table 15.10 should be consulted during the design stage of this project to inform and steer a future application.

Councillor Clear told the members that the idea of a community billboard had come up at Tidy Town meetings. He suggested trying a pilot scheme on the Dublin Road.

Councillor Brett advised that possibly an interactive billboard would work better.

Ms G Allen advised she would bring the suggestion back to the District Manager.

The report was noted.