



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting  
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 09 January 2024  
in the Council Chamber**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Mr D Reel (District Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin (A/Senior Executive Officer), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer) (Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms M Richardson, (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and others.

**NS01/0124**

**Declaration of Interests**

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

**NS02/0124**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 05 December and the special meeting held on the 12 December together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by members that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 05 December and the special meeting held on the 12 December be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



**NS03/0124**

**Municipal District Road works**

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

**Road Resurfacing**

The Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement (RI) and Restoration Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2024 will be developed in line with the 2024 allocation from the Department of Transport.

**Footpaths**

A tender has been awarded for works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

- Johnstown (uncontrolled crossing) - Complete
- Gaelic View, Kill (footpath/ramps) - Complete
- Riverlawns, Kill (footpath) - Complete
- Rathasker Lane - Complete
- St Patricks Park, Kill - Complete
- Roselawn, Naas - Tender Stage
- Mountain View, Naas - Tender Stage

**LPT/Carparks Funded Works**

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

**Drainage**

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



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### **Low Cost Safety Improvement Works**

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

Mr D Reel informed the members that regarding footpath works two sections had been completed with one in both Roselawn and Mountain View. He stated that he would be meeting with the members in the coming weeks to discuss their proposed projects. He stated that the quantum of work would depend on the LPT allocation.

Councillor Quinn stated that he was impressed with the works being done and the approach being taken and was looking forward to working with Roads Department.

Councillor Kelly advised Mr Reel that an email had been sent regarding an issue on the road outside St Mary's College on the lack of dishing.

Mr D Reel advised that there was no issue with dishing on the road outside St Mary's College as it was all the same level. Cobbles had loosened and had been replaced with tar. He informed Councillor Kelly that he would respond to the email after the meeting.

Councillor Kelly advised there was an issue with cars driving straight out as there was no footpath.

Councillor Moore enquired about the consequences of the pathfinder project being pulled by the department.

The District Manager advised that funding had been applied for from the NTA to advance some elements regarding the removal of HGV's from the town, this could not happen until the Millennium Road had been taking in charge.



**NS04/0124**

**LPT 2023 Allocations**

The Mayor informed the members that there were corrections to be made to the September and the November minutes to reflect the organisations to whom LPT allocations had been made, these were as follows:

September minutes – Naas Tae Kwondo amended to World Tae Kwondo Association Naas in the amount of €1000.00

November minutes - Elmwood Park amended to Aylmer Park in the amount of €500.00.

Councillor Quinn asked could he get clarity on the process and procedures of LPT.

The meetings administrator advised that she would circulate the procedures along with the email address [ExecutiveSuiteAdmin@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:ExecutiveSuiteAdmin@kildarecoco.ie) that all LPT requests needed to be sent to going forward.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by members that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held in September and November be corrected to show Naas Tae Kwondo amended to World Tae Kwondo Association Naas in the amount of €1000.00 and Elmwood Park amended to Aylmer Park in the amount of €500.00.

**NS05/0124**

**Briefing on the Traffic at the Pipers Hill Campus**

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

That the members be briefed by our elected representative on the KWETB on progress with the issues of traffic at the Pipers Hill Campus.

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

Councillor Kelly advised that while the campus was not an issue for KCC, the members needed a definitive answer and an update on timelines.



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Councillor Sammon gave the members an update on the KWETB and stated the following:

- That she had raised the issue of traffic at the Piper Hill Campus at the November meeting of KWETB.
- The traffic study was broken down into short-, medium- and long-term solutions. The Department of Education last year sanctioned the short and medium term works for funding and the latest news with those works was "a technical consultant had been procured and the contract documentation was being worked on at present" the estimated due date for those works was May 2024.
- It had taken almost five years to get "short and medium term" solutions and that the long-term solution of a second entrance needs to be delivered as soon as possible.
- While the executive of KWETB agreed, they said this phase was with the Department of Education for sanctioning and it was up to the Department on whether or not it's funded as part of their budget for next year.
- The main congestion was caused by buses turning. The second entrance, which would be located where prefabs were removed on the St Davids side would alleviate this.

The members raised the following points:

- This was a good news story although progress was slow.
- Why were bicycles not allowed in the campus when the active Travel Scheme linked the campus to the town.

Councillor Sammon advised a good portion of secondary school students were walking or cycling. The issue was with the two primary schools where parents had to collect students at the school door. She suggested that the members write to the Minister for Education to ask if the works could be sanctioned and advised that the next KWETB meeting would take place on 23 January.



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by the members that Councillor Sammon would write to the Minister for Education to ask if the works could be sanctioned.

**NS06/0124**

**Sallins Active Travel Scheme**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly  
That the council provide an update on progress with the Sallins Active Travel Scheme.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was awaiting confirmation of the 2024 allocation from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for the Active Travel Programme. The consultants for the project have submitted a draft rapid build report for the scheme which will require approval from the NTA.

Councillor Kelly asked how long it would take for the NTA to make the decision and that funding was not the issue.

Mr M McLoughlin stated that this time of year funding could be an issue, he stated he would need to see the funding allocation.

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

**NS07/0124**

**Naas-Corbally Canal**

The members agreed to take item 8 and 9 together.

Item 8:

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



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That the members agree to support the vision of being able to use the almost 9 kilometre in length, Naas-Corbally Canal for future boating and water sports, in tandem with walking and cycling facilities now that Kildare County Council have been approved for a Greenway Feasibility Study Grant for the Naas-Corbally Canal, following our municipal district acceptance to enhance the Naas Canal Harbour Quarter with a Water Sports Hub.

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

A report was received from the Planning team informing the members that they welcome the members support for the Feasibility Study to assess the development potential for enhancing the Corbally Canal between Naas and Corbally Basin as a Greenway. Consultants will be engaged in early 2024 and Elected Members will be updated accordingly.

Item 9:

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

That Kildare County Council carry out a feasibility study of developing a greenway along the Corbally branch of the canal and to provide links to Newbridge and Kilcullen along the River Liffey.

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 funding has recently been secured by the Forward Planning Section of Kildare County Council under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) to investigate the feasibility of developing a greenway and blueway along the Corbally branch of the canal and to provide links from the Corbally Basin to Newbridge and Kilcullen along the River Liffey. This project will be commenced in 2024.

Councillor Moore stated that he had spoken with the Senior Planner who advised that everything could be looked at and there would be an opportunity to include this in the feasibility study. He said that he had looked at getting a slipway for a number of years and this might happen now.



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Councillor Clear stated that it would be great to be able to go from Naas to Newbridge and Kilcullen along the canal and along the Liffey.

Councillor Quinn asked had the unauthorised bridge been removed yet? He stated that the land either side of the Liffey was privately owned, and this would cause problems. He said that he supported the two motions, but challenges lay ahead.

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

### NS08/0124

#### Pedestrian Crossing from Castle Farm Estate

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

That the council investigate the feasibility of placing an appropriate pedestrian crossing from Castle Farm Estate to Elsmore Estate where a significant number of people cross at this busy point to walk and cycle to school or town.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Star Primary Care was granted planning permission on the 31 March 2021 under planning reference 20/43 beside the existing signalised junction at Chadwicks. Condition 10 requires the developer to install a Toucan Pedestrian Crossing.

Councillor Clear advised that Star Primary Care was further down. He stated that a lot of work had been done on Castlefarm and there was a need for a pedestrian crossing there.

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



**NS09/0124**

**Naas Mobility Network Integration**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Quinn  
That, notwithstanding the removal of the Naas Mobility Network Integration plan as a designated 'Pathfinder Programme' by the Department of Transport, Kildare County Council pursues and prioritises this transformative plan for Naas Town and proceeds to Part 8 (public consultation) immediately.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was awaiting confirmation of the 2024 allocation from the National Transport Authority for the Active Travel Programme. It was not expected that sufficient funding will be made available to progress the scheme as originally envisaged. Without sufficient external funding, it will only be possible to develop proposals in incremental stages.

Councillor Quinn stated that he was disappointed with the response, that there are no new permeability measures being implemented. Very little appeared to have been done in relation to the Local Area Plan and he requested that a review be carried out to check the current position regarding what had been achieved and what was outstanding. He raised concerns that pathfinder had been withdrawn 3 days before the capital programme was published and how projects could progress with no funding.

The members raised the following points:

- All members had wanted works completed at Poplar Square and Basin Street, but these couldn't be done with Pathfinder coming up. Members were now sick of discussing Pathfinder as it had never been achievable due to no funding being provide for consultants.
- Plans for Poplar Square had been cancelled but the bus stop which had been removed could not be replaced due to the lack of NTA funding.



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- Was there a liaison person for NTA queries or could the NTA be invited to meet with members.
- The Local Area Plan was a vision for Naas, the capital programme was for delivery of projects. A review of where things stood with the Local Area Plan made no sense.

Mr E Ryan stated that the intention was to look at a breakdown of the elements in Pathfinder to advance some. He stated that it was not all down to Local Government regarding funding some could be down to the developer. He said that LAP objectives sometimes look beyond the 6-year period.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that Mr S Deegan Senior Engineer was the liaison with the NTA and met with them regularly. He said he would request a meeting with the NTA.

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

### **NS10/0124**

#### **Castle Farm traffic/speed control measures**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly  
Can the council confirm if it has reached an agreement with the developers of Castle Farm regarding traffic/speed control measures?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that no final agreement has been reached by Kildare County Council and the Developer on the Castle Farm traffic/speed control measures but there was ongoing engagement with the Residents Association, the Developer and Local Councillors which was expected to reach a conclusion on an agreement on the final design details in Quarter 1 2024.

The report was noted.

### **NS11/0124**

#### **Permit Only Parking along Canal Ave, Sallins**

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



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Can the council confirm if progress has been made on the consideration of permit only parking along Canal Ave, Sallins?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the roads at Canal View and at Church Avenue, Sallins are public roads which are regulated in accordance with the Sallins parking byelaws adopted in October 2017. Kildare County Council cannot reserve parking on a public roadside exclusively for permit parking or resident parking only. While residents may qualify for resident's parking permits, there was no provision to make parking spaces available exclusively for residents on a public road. The bye-laws limit where permits can be used but it would not be legal to limit members of the public utilising pay parking.

Councillor Kelly asked the council to support the review of byelaws. She said that residents who have lived there all their lives were being penalised as they had to pay for parking outside their own homes and were afraid to leave their homes as they would lose their parking spaces.

Mr M McLoughlin advised the members that the council cannot reserve public spaces for permit only parking even with a bylaw change.

Councillor Brett stated that money was given for the carpark at the playground and spaces there should be allocated to the residents. He said the problem was getting worse and that the parish should help.

The report was noted.

### **NS12/0124**

#### **Contra flow system on the Bridge in Ballymore Eustace**

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

Can the council confirm if a 'contra flow' system on the Bridge in Ballymore Eustace has previously been considered?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that due to safety concerns, the installation of shuttle traffic lights is not recommended. A new separate boardwalk would be a preferred option for vulnerable road users adjacent to the existing bridge.

Councillor Sammon stated that the land was not in the council's ownership and maybe they could approach the owners.

The report was noted.



**NS13/0124**

**Pedestrian Crossing**

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

Can the council confirm if a pedestrian crossing is part of the plans for traffic calming on the Naas Road, Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a gateway design on the Naas Road on the approach to Ballymore Eustace is currently being carried out by the Kildare County Council, Transport Department which will include the installation of an uncontrolled crossing facility for vulnerable road users. There were no signalised crossing facilities currently being proposed on this section of road.

The report was noted.

**NS14/0124**

**Management of Car Park at proposed new Shopping Centre**

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

Can the council confirm what plans it has with regard to the traffic management/control in the advent of car parking opening at the proposed new Shopping Centre, Naas?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that notification of the grant of planning permission (23/839) was granted on the 5 December 2023 to the Central Tower Ltd for the proposed operation of the basement car park in the Naas Shopping Centre. There are no proposals for traffic management on the Corban's Lane/ Friary Road in relation to the proposed development but the access arrangements into and within the Naas Shopping Centre and into the basement car park have been designed to control and manage the movement of traffic flows which the Kildare County Council, Roads Planning Section has deemed satisfactory.

Councillor Breen asked what was in place to safeguard the children who attend the school in that area?

Mr E Ryan stated that the original application had now expired. The new application was a reconfiguration which just opened the car park.

The report was noted.



**NS15/0124**

**Permeability Measures throughout the Naas Municipal District**

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

Following on from my December motion, can the council provide a list of permeability measures throughout the Naas Municipal District that are immediately implementable, if resources were made available?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that there are no permeability schemes that are immediately implementable due to a lack of resources (both financial and staff) in order to plan, design and implement proposals.

Councillor Quinn suggested that the Senior Engineer needed to open some of the permeability links and put forward a proposal for LPT funding.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that this was an emotive issue but some of the easier ones would be done.

The report was noted.

**NS16/0124**

**Parking statistics for Naas Town**

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

Can the council provide a granular breakdown of parking statistics for Naas Town (on a month by month basis) for calendar year 2023 - on-street and council owned and operated car parks, to include, but not limited to, average stay, cost, and the number of motorists with monthly or annual passes?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the following table outlines the income from on-street and off-street parking for the year on a monthly basis together with a global figure for expenditure in 2023. The December figures are not complete as a certain level of reconciliation was still required. 167 parking permits were issued generating an income of €17,815 in 2023. Statistics on average stay are not available. Parking fines are not included in these figures.



	On Street Pay Parking €	Off Street Pay Parking €
<i>Income</i>		
January	37,985.20	14,824.26
February	34,778.90	24,627.37
March	42,544.05	27,414.11
April	38,640.30	25,342.52
May	45,398.35	28,956.37
June	42,871.15	25,038.38
July	46,099.85	24,585.93
August	41,786.50	19,967.60
September	45,097.25	12,519.46
October	41,496.25	13,619.35
November	32,076.50	5,842.08
December*	29,548.20	9,482.35
	<b>478,322.50</b>	<b>232,219.78</b>
<i>Expenditure</i>	269,652.34	139,575.71

Councillor Quinn advised that he would like to see how many parking fines issued were due to confusion and he would like to see the average duration of how long people stayed.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that he would speak with Councillor Quinn.

The report was noted.

### NS17/0124

#### Planned ESB Outages

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

Can the council confirm the approximate waiting times to agree planned ESB outages to facilitate the removal of overhanging branches in this Municipal District?

A report was received from Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informing the members that Kildare County Council was currently waiting over a year for an outage to facilitate tree works in Kill.

Councillor Brett stated that it was his understanding in Kill where an 8ft wall was being undermined by a tree directly behind a bus stop, the council had been waiting almost 2 years for an outage to complete works and that the ESB were reluctant to engage with the council. The report was noted.



**NS18/0124**

**Urban Regeneration and Development Fund**

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

That the members and executive agree that the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funding for the Naas Town Renewal Masterplan is reconfigured and designated as a funding mechanism to support the rollout of key parts of the Naas Mobility Network Integration plan.

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

A report was received from the Public Realm Section informing the members that the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funding for the Naas Town Renewal Masterplan was successfully awarded to Kildare County Council following the submission of a robust application for funding. The funding is awarded based on the proposal submitted with costings at application stage. The application was approved in principle pending the submission of a detailed Business Case to the Department. This was submitted in 2022 and in August 2023 the Business Case approval was received. The delivery of the Naas Town Renewal Masterplan will form part of the Strategic Project and Public Realm work programme for 2024.

Councillor Quinn thanked Ms Pender for the report, he said that URDF was about regeneration and the loss of Pathfinder would have far reaching consequences. He asked what the council would need to put together to reconfigure the funding?

Ms P Pender stated that funding was given for particular projects in the Master Plan which included repurposing or purchase of sites.

Councillor Quinn stated that it was not correct to say it cannot be redesignated, he said there was very little appetite from these properties to sell.

Ms P Pender stated that she had confirmation that a change of scope would be needed, and this could result in losing funding.



Councillor Sammon stated that the funding should be left where it was for all to enjoy.

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

**NS19/0124**

**Report on Kerdiffstown House**

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

Can the council confirm if it has received any report on Kerdiffstown House, run by Peter McVerry Trust and supported by the council, that can be shared with the members?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the A meeting will be facilitated by the provider, staff from the Housing Department Kildare County Council and the Naas Municipal District members in Q1 2023 at this facility.

Councillor Clear asked what access did the council have to Kerdiffstown House? He suggested moving the residents there to a more sustainable location.

Mr O Brady stated that Kildare County Council were working in partnership with Dublin City Council with 40 residents being from Kildare County Council and 60 were from Dublin City Council with costs being shared. He said it was a large facility for homeless and single people with a number of different supports and key workers for the residents there. He said that it was a well-managed facility and that the people who use the facility do and can leave it.

The report was noted.

**NS20/0124**

**Part V Units to be Wheelchair Friendly**

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

Can the council confirm if it has any policy in place to require a percentage of Part V units to be wheelchair friendly/ adaptable units in this Municipal District.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the department engages with developers regarding Part V obligations and where suitable units are identified which can be adapted or are suitable for a person with a disability, we will



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negotiate for the purchase of these unit types. In 2023 a total of 59 allocations were made to households where a member of the household had a disability, of these 15 allocations were to Part V units.

The report was noted.

### **NS21/0124**

#### **Renaming Rathasker Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore  
Can the council confirm if it would consider renaming Rathasker Road into 'Upper Rathasker Road' and 'Lower Rathasker Road' Sections with different Postal Codes, to avoid misreferencing and misdirection of Fire Brigade, Ambulances, Garda or other Emergency Services responses now that it is physically divided by the Southern Ring Road and does not have an end to end route linkage?

A report was received by the Meetings Administrator informing the members that there was merit in the councillor's proposal. The council will investigate how to progress this.

The report was noted.

### **NS22/0124**

#### **Carpark of Aras Chill Dara**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon  
That the council open the carpark of Aras Chill Dara to the public at the weekends to ease parking issues in Naas.

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

A report was received from Mr E Ryan, District Manager informing the members that this was actively being explored by the Facilities Management Team.

Councillor Sammon stated that the green area at the front of Aras Chill Dara was supposed to be a public space and asked could this be explored?



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Mr E Ryan advised the members that it had been flagged with the facilities team to explore. He stated that security would need to be reviewed along with exploring whether a barrier would be needed.

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

### NS23/0124

#### Friday Night Food Truck

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon  
That the council opens up a call for expressions of interest in a Friday night food truck market in the Potato Market.

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

A report was received from Mr E Ryan, District Manager informing the members that the council had received a few expressions of interest for the use of the Potato Market for a Friday night food truck market. If the members agree, the council can call for expressions of interest and depending on the level of response can make a decision thereafter.

Councillor Sammon stated that now the Potato market was up and running with other events happening it was a good time to seek vendors who were interested.

Councillor Moore stated that he had reservations regarding this. He said a food truck would be like a street vendor. He had reservations regarding litter/waste and also felt it was unfair on rate payers. He said that there was a ruling in the town that food providers had to clean 50 yards either side of their premises.

Councillor Quinn stated that it was a civic space so it should be managed by the council regarding how it was cleaned and managed.



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Councillor Clear stated that he supported the motion and said if strict rules were set it could be feasible.

Mr E Ryan stated that he also supported the motion, but a concern would be with rate payers having complaints. He said traders would be responsible for collecting their own waste. He said the terms around management were being explored. He suggested a trial run of maybe the first Friday of the month.

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

### NS24/0124

#### Inscription on the Front Façade of the Town Hall

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen  
That the council represent/ reinstate/ or replace the inscription that was visible on the front façade of the Town Hall, and which is no longer visible as a result of the recent reconstruction work. This inscription was to commemorate the 1904 John Eacret reconstruction of the Town Hall which transformed its appearance from that of the old Gaol to the appealing Lombardic style vista. Inscription "Reconstructed by John Eacret builder 1904".

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

A report was received by Ms G Allen A/County Librarian informing the members that the Library Service acknowledges that as a result of the necessary accessibility works at Naas Library and Cultural Centre the inscription referenced by Councillor Breen was no longer visible.

The plan is to represent the inscription in a suitably visible location at a later date when the works on site are finished and a stone mason is procured.

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



**NS25/0124**

**Write to the ESB**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen  
That the council write to the ESB requesting that they replace the Electrical Box Cover, which is in a very bad state of repair, along the pedestrian walkway on the western boundary between the Paddocks and Mountain View Estate.

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

A report was received by Ms M Richardson, Meetings Administrator informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree.

Councillor Kelly asked that another ESB box in Sallins that needs to be replaced be added to the letter.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members that the Meetings Administrator would write to the ESB and that the report be noted.

**NS26/0124**

**Electoral Parameters**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore  
Can the council confirm what the requirements are of Kildare County Council and what the electoral parameters are in the event of needing a Local Naas Town Plebiscite at the next June Local Elections?

A report was received from Mr E Ryan, District Manager informing the members that this issue was raised before in relation to a plebiscite for the changing of a placename. In April 2022 the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage confirmed that regulations have not been made, and it remains the case that there is no legal basis for holding a plebiscite on the changing of a placename and we have not been made aware of any further developments in relation to this in the meantime. A query had gone to the department seeking an update which will be circulated to the members when received. Where a



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plebiscite is required in order to commence and agree a matter it is usually set out in regulations or statute as to what the parameters are for that issue i.e. request to take in charge a housing estate.

The District Manager advised that he would update Councillor Moore when a reply was received from the Department.

The report was noted.

### **NS27/0124**

#### **Relocation of the paintings**

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

Can the council confirm its plans for the relocation of the paintings that were hanging in the old Naas Town Council Chamber before the recent renovation and conversion to the new Naas Library.

A report was received by Ms G Allen A/County Librarian informing the members that the paintings by the late Naas artist Richard Butler were moved and stored by the council's Facilities department when the building was cleared in advance of and throughout the capital works.

At the request of one of the Municipal District elected members on behalf of the family, the Library Service will move the paintings from their current storage location to storage in the Kildare Archives and Local Studies building in Naas in preparation for an exhibition.

The Library and Arts Service will schedule an exhibition of the paintings later this year in the new Naas Library and Cultural Centre gallery.

The Butler family will be invited to host a launch event in Richard Butler's memory as part of the exhibition.

The report was noted.

### **NS28/0124**

#### **McInerney Lands**

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

That, in view of the lack of responses for information and unprecedented legal delays around non-opposition matters like 'Taking in Charge', 'Legal Fees' or 'whatever', that are preventing and prolonging the acquisition of the former McInerney Lands at Canal Bank Area, that Kildare County Council now take the necessary legal procedures of a Compulsory



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Purchase Acquisition, without any payment, to forthwith acquire the property in the interests of the Naas Community, as per the handover arrangements, consequential to the original planning conditions between the former McInerney Company and Naas Town Council.

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

A report was received from the District Manager informing the members that the issue on the floating charge had now been resolved and the ownership would be transferred to the council shortly.

Councillor Moore stated that the members were aware of a particular issue where someone had put a fence around land that was not theirs. He said Naas Town Council had been given €75k by McInerneys to maintain the land. He was delighted to hear that the issues had now been resolved.

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

### NS29/0124

#### Core Strategy Housing Numbers for Naas and Sallins

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

That the council advise the Naas Municipal District members on the core strategy housing numbers for Naas and Sallins and confirm that sufficient headroom exists to allow the continued construction of much needed family units over the next 3 years.

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

A report was received by the Planning Department informing the members that the Core strategy and associated housing numbers for Naas, Sallins and all settlements across County Kildare are set out in Table 2.8 of the Kildare County Development plan 2023-2029. This includes the proposed residential density target (units/hectare) for each of the settlements, to the end of the Plan period (December 2028). These include "Additional



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Provision" in accordance with the Development Plan Guidelines (2022) issued by the Minister of Housing.

Councillor Brett stated that the report did not answer the question, he said population numbers were at capacity and potentially no construction could take place for 4 years.

Councillor Moore enquired about a mid-year review; he asked had any stages been reached in the planning on the housing development.

Councillor Quinn stated that a huge issue for the area was family homes. He said that young families could not secure a house for under half million euro and said it was very important that the focus should be on building family homes.

Mr E Ryan stated that guidelines were followed but thought the huge pressure was down to how the town had grown over the years.

Councillor Brett stated that huge money had been put invested and the last thing he wanted to see was that head room had been reached.

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

### NS30/0124

#### Jigginstown Castle

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear  
Can the council confirm if there have been any communications between the council and the OPW in relation to Jigginstown Castle in the past 5 years?

A report was received from Ms A Granville, Senior Planner (Heritage, Conservation and Biodiversity) informing the members that the Heritage Unit of the council engages regularly with the OPW regarding Jigginstown Castle, most recently this year, regarding the site and improving the appearance etc however, they have been advised that there are resource issues within the OPW. The members are advised that the site is used by the OPW as a training location for brick works.



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A report was received from The District Manager informing the members that he had also had a number of conversations about Jigginstown Castle with one of the OPW Commissioners over the past 4 years. The most recent conversation was in early December 2023. The Commissioner had given a commitment to look at it and more recently explained that due to a number of critical staff resourcing issues (i.e., retirements) and some other key priorities in the Eastern Region, they have not been able to follow up on Jigginstown Castle in any meaningful way. The Commissioner sought suggestions from Kildare County Council on what we would like to see achieved on the site. The District Manager had sought the views of our Heritage Officer, Landscape Architect and our Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team and had collated the suggestions and forwarded them to the OPW for consideration.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.