



Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, 09 June 2026
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

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Officials Present: Mr D Creighton (District Manager), Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr C Galvin (Senior Engineer), Mr Y Khan (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms S Barry (Administrative Officer), Mr L McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Ms C Brogan (LPT Coordinator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms KA O'Brien (Meetings Secretary) and others.

Councillor Moore thanked Councillor Dunne for stepping into role as Mayor in his absence and attending numerous events such as the Bealtaine Festival on his behalf. He also thanked the members and staff for their support during his illness

NS01/0626

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.

NS02/0626

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 12 May 2026, along with the progress report.



Councillor Sammon informed the members that that there has been limited feedback on the progress report each month. She said although this month's agenda included an item related to the progress report, no update was provided. She requested that, prior to the AGM, members review the progress report and work towards resolving or eliminating outstanding items.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Breen that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 12 May 2026 be confirmed and taken as read.

The progress report was noted.

NS03/0626

Municipal Districts Works Programme

The members received an update on the Municipal District Road Works Programme.

Naas Municipal District Roadworks Update – June 2026

Road Resurfacing

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2026

The following roads are included in the improvement works projects plan for 2026:

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| • R448 Kilcullen Road | Design Stage |
| • R445 Dublin Road, Naas | Tender Stage |
| • L2025 Ballymore Eustace GAA Road | Construction Stage |
| • L2014 Kill Main Road | Design Stage |
| • L2026 Silverhill Upper Road | Tender Stage |
| • L6038 Broquestown Road | Tender Stage |
| • L2996 Abbey Street Naas | Design Stage |
| • L80117 Craddockstown Way Estate, Naas | Design Stage |

Surface Dressing Works

The Naas Municipal District proposes to commence the surface dressing works programme for 2026 in June. The roads to be improved include:



• L6035 Tipper Road	Design Stage
• L6043 Craddockstown	Design Stage
• L2005 Kerdiffstown Road, Sallins	Design Stage
• L6050 Elverstown	Design Stage
• L6049 Greenhill Upper	Design Stage
• L20111 Delahunt Lane, Kill	Design Stage
• L60113 Berminghams Lane	Design Stage
• L2007 Boherphilip, Kill	Design Stage
• L6014 Loughlin Lane, Kill	Design Stage

Footpaths

Local Property Tax (LPT) Funded Works

The Local Property Tax (LPT) / Paid Parking funded road, and footpath works programme for 2026 is agreed by the Naas Municipal District Councillors. The following projects are being delivered as part of this programme:

• Poplar Square – Lawlors – Footpaths	To commence
• St Patricks Park Kill – Roads	Design Stage
• Monread Heights, Naas – Footpaths	Tender Stage
• Sallins/Bodenstown – Footpaths	Tender Stage
• Our Lady’s Place, Pacelli and Sarto Road – Footpaths	Design Stage
• Dun na Riogh, Naas – Footpaths	Tender Stage
• Kilteel Junction – Visual Speed Sensor	Design Stage
• Oakfield Heights, Naas – Footpaths	Tender Stage
• St Brigids Terrace, Sallins – Footpaths	Design Stage
• Millbrook Gardens, Naas – New Parking Space	Design Stage

Drainage

The Naas Municipal District drainage programme for 2026 will be developed in line with the 2026 allocation from the Department of Transport.

• Barrack Street, Ballymore Eustace	Tender Stage
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Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works

The Naas Municipal District Safety Improvement Works is based on the 2026 allocation from the Department of Transport, as follows:

- R410 Blessington Road, Eadestown Design Stage
- R410 West of Blessington Road, at Deerpark Design Stage

Councillor Kelly asked if Abbey Street was a redesign of this street.

Mr Y Khan informed the members that no this was just resurfacing works.

Councillor Moore asked if the members could see or talk to the team regarding the works on the Dublin Road.

Mr Y Khan informed the members that works would be starting in the next week, but the works were not the whole Dublin Road it was just from the main gate at St Corban's Cemetery to Roseville Estate which was about 350 metres.

Councillor Sammon asked about the drainage programme at Barrack Street, Ballymore Eustace and was there any communication or joined up thinking on the traffic calming works. Mr Y Khan informed the members that the tender process was ongoing but would speak to Councillor Sammon after the meeting with an update.

The report was noted.

NS04/0626

Remaining LPT Allocations 2025/2026

The members considered the remaining LPT 2025/2026 allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee.

Councillor	Description	Amount
Cllr Clear	Esmondale Residents Association – Cutting of Grass in the estate	€1000
Cllr Clear	Sallins Wharf RA – Planting of wildflower meadow	€1000

Cllr Moore	Abbey Bridge and Canal Bank Residents for annual flower and planter display at the Abbey Bridge and Locks	€500
Cllr Kelly	Straffan Way Residents Association - Estate maintenance	€500
Cllr Clear	Roseville Residents Association – Clean-up of Estate	€500
Cllr Brett	Naas Musical Society – Set design construction, lighting, music and sound	€2000

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members present that the LPT allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee be approved.

NS05/0626

Capital Programme 2026-2028

The members considered the Capital Programme 2026-2028

Councillor Moore circulated a report outlining the following points from the Capital Programme:

- A figure of just short of €90m was allocated for social, affordable, modifications, re-building and traveller accommodation.
- €20.3 had been allocated for Transport Projects, which apart from Sallins Active Travel Bridge, were all in Naas Town.
- €900k to be spent on the Sallins Active Travel Bridge.
- €15.12m will be spent on community and civic projects within Naas Municipal District.

Councillor Kelly raised the following points from the Capital Programme document:

- Page 13 - the Sallins Active Travel Bridge which bridge was this?
 - Will this hold up the provision on the overall Active Travel Scheme for Sallins or has there been coordination with this?
- Page 18 - Monread Park Development.
 - What do the numbers mean in the 'Current Phase' column?



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- Have not seen a masterplan for this development was there one done?
 - Page 20 - Sallins Amenity Lands phase 2
 - Why has the detailed design been extended until 2029?

Councillor Brett raised the following points from the Capital Programme document:

- He welcomed the funding for works at Johnstown and Kill and the 4.5m for ring roads completion.
- Queried where the N7 Park and Ride development will be going?
- Disappointed not to see provisions for woman and men's sheds as these groups do good work and the council should be looking at securing properties for them.

Councillor Sammon informed the members she would follow up offline regarding queries she had regarding housing and playgrounds.

Mr C Galvin informed the members that the bridge mentioned in the Sallins Active Travel was at the canal and would be part of the delivery of the Sallins Village Active Travel Scheme and was progressing.

Mr S Wallace informed the members that there has been no master plan done yet for Sallins Amenity Lands as funding was needed. He said funding had been allocated for smaller works in advance of the Masterplan.

The report was noted.

NS06/0626

Annual Meeting

The members considered the date and venue for the Annual Meeting.

It was agreed by the members that the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 July 2026 at 3:00 p.m. prior to the Naas Municipal District meeting in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.



NS07/0626

Section 38 – Naas Town Centre

The members noted the commencement of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Proposed provision of a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing at the Naas Town Centre Shopping Centre, Dublin Road, Naas.

Councillor Sammon informed the members that she was delighted to see this being achieved and thanked the section for this. She said when looking at the drawings she could see that the public parklet was to be removed or reallocated and she suggested it be moved to Kerdiffstown Park.

Councillor Breen supported the move of reallocation the parklet to Kerdiffstown Park as she felt it was seldom used at its current location.

Councillor Moore informed the members that it was his recollection that the last time the parklet was moved there was a high cost involved in relocating it.

Items 8,9 and 17 were taken together.

NS08/0626

Pedestrian Crossing on the Kilcullen Road, Naas

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

That the council installs a pedestrian crossing on the Kilcullen Road, Naas, from Swans on the Green towards SuperValu, in light of safety concerns for pedestrians, particularly vulnerable road users.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that with regards to the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme, based on the safety review carried out, observations received and incidents reported, the layout is something that is currently under review. Discussions are ongoing in this regard with the designer and the National Transport Authority (NTA).



The review includes exploring options for the improvement of the existing crossing at the Ballymore Road Junction (between Swans and SuperValu).

A briefing will be set up with councillors in the coming weeks, prior to any modifications/ construction works being carried out.

NS09/0626

Alterations to Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme

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

That, following a new consultant's report identifying many design weaknesses, combined with recorded incidents of numerous trips and falls by members of the public, the council now holds information meetings with the elected members to agree the alterations to the Kilcullen Road works before a contract to undertake the modifications is placed.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that with regards to the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme, the scheme has been designed by competent designers and built to specification by the contractors. The scheme's design was approved by the National Transport Authority and was the subject of independent Road Safety Audits. Based on these technical inputs, Kildare County Council is satisfied that the scheme was consistent with national design standards at the time of construction.

However, based on the safety review carried out, observations received and incidents reported, the layout is something that is currently under review. Discussions are ongoing in this regard with the designer and the National Transport Authority (NTA).

A briefing will be set up with councillors in the coming weeks, prior to any modifications/ construction works being carried out.

Councillor Clear informed the members that this area previously had an island which was often used as refuge when crossing this road. He said when he had seen the initial plans for this area, he thought that there was a safe crossing like a raised table being installed.



Councillor Clear said this was not a safe crossing for the public and had safety concerns for this crossing. He said that pedestrians were making the mistake of the view that pedestrians have the right of way on this road. He said what he was looking for was a zebra crossing at this area.

Councillor Breen said that people were still falling over the Kerbs in this area and her husband recently fell. She said how many people have fallen over these Kerbs.

Councillor Moore was glad to see that the active travel team had offered to meet with the members. He said that they would work together for a new outcome. Councillor Moore said that all members at some stages have highlighted and were all aware of the issues in this area.

Mr C Galvin informed the members that the team was progressing with this matter and has been in contact with the original designer and are in discussions with them and the NTA to look at the views on a new proposal and hope to sit down in a few weeks and be able to bring this to tender.

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

NS10/0626

Caution Signs in the Paddocks Estate, Naas

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

That the council provides 'Caution Children at Play' signs in the Paddocks Estate, Naas, in the interest of children's safety as a traffic calming measure.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the standard signs being implemented as part of the 30kph residential speed limit signage (Jake's Law) include an appropriate image to advise of the presence of children at play.



Councillor Breen informed the members that this estate had a lot of young people living here with families and was happy to be able to go back to the residents and tell them about the better signage through Jake's Law.

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

NS11/0626

Correspondence with the Road Safety Authority

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

That the council writes to the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to ask driving testers to not conduct driving tests, specifically reversing, demonstration of indication signs competency or three point turns on public roads with existing double yellow lines in this municipal district, given that double yellow lines indicate that parking is prohibited at all times.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that with the agreement of the members, a letter will be issued to the Road Safety Authority on this matter.

Councillor Breen informed the members that she had complaints from four different estates and understood that people needed to learn to drive but when the driving instructors are pulling up on double yellow lines and getting out of the cars it was causing disruption. She asked for the members support in sending this letter to the Road Safety Authority.

Councillor Moore informed the members that double yellow lines were for not parking on and felt that the driving testers would not be parked up. He said that there would be very limited driving test workers in estates and it would be more the driving academies causing this issue. He felt that with this mind it would not be a matter for the Road Safety Authority.

Councillor Brett informed the members that he felt this issue was for the An Garda Síochána Traffic Corps and not the Road Safety Authority and the letter should go to them.



Councillor Dunne informed the members that if they write to the Road Safety Authority to seek their advice on this issue it might help.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly and with two members voting in favour and 3 members voting against the proposal this motion fell and the letter would not be issued to the Road Safety Authority and that the report be noted.

NS12/0626

Traffic Calming Measures on the Rathgorragh Road, Kill

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

That the council provides an update on what traffic calming measures are being considered for the Rathgorragh Road (L2019), Kill.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that traffic calming measures proposed for the Rathgorragh Road (L2019) include the provision of high-friction red surfacing with associated “SLOW” road markings within the 50 km/h zone.

These markings were to be installed on both approaches to the identified section of road. To date, the line marking contractor has completed the work on the approach from the Castlewarden side.

The Naas Municipal District Office has followed up with the contractor to arrange the installation of the corresponding “SLOW” marking on the Kill approach, and this outstanding work will be completed at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor Kelly informed the members that €5,000 of LPT money was allocated for the installation of slow markings on Rathgorragh Road and wondered when the earliest opportunity for this would be to be done.



Mr Y Khan informed the members that the contractors had missed a section at the back of Circle K but was completed last Friday, He said that the contractors would be completing the markings on the road weather dependent, hopefully in the next two to three weeks.

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

NS13/0626

Transport Infrastructure on the Naas to Sallins Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That the council, in light of proposed upcoming houses/ population increases and proposed transport infrastructure developments in the Sallins/ Naas North West Quadrant Area, returns to a former objective of the Naas Town Council Local Area Plan (LAP) and Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) and opens discussions with land owners on the Naas to Sallins Road to acquire sufficient road space to allow for safe cycle lanes and a continuous flow of traffic that is now restricted and unavailable due to a single traffic lane approach to the Monread Avenue Junction from Naas.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there are currently no plans for the delivery of infrastructure along this route. Other routes within Naas and across the county have been identified on the current work programme and these have been confirmed and agreed with the National Transport Authority (NTA). The Active Travel Team is working to deliver these schemes at present.

Councillor Moore informed the members that he was disappointed with this answer as he was aware that a few years ago there was an area on the left-hand side of the road that was pegged out by Kildare County Council. The council need to look at the right-hand side of the road and felt this could be done. Councillor Moore said that this area was a bottleneck area and there was a solution but still nothing being done about it.

Councillor Kelly informed the members that this area would be put on the Works Programme.



Mr C Galvin informed the members that this motion he felt was about cycle lanes which had no part in the current work programme.

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

NS14/0626

Car Park in Ballymore Eustace

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

That the council re-examines the delivery of a car park in the village of Ballymore Eustace to support local businesses and encourage a Park and Stride for the local school.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Road Safety and Sustainable Transport Officer is available to discuss the matter with relevant interested parties to see what options are available.

Councillor Sammon informed the members that she was not happy with the report. She felt there was no joined up thinking if the members and council are not on the same agenda and then the projects are forgotten about when they are not on the agenda of Kildare County Council. She said that the former Director of Services of Roads was in discussion with a landowner, but the insurance was too high to take on a car park. Councillor Sammon said there was an opportunity now with planning with an area in question that has looked for planning permission and planning are requesting more information so this could be an opportunity for the department to look at this. She informed the members that Kildare County Council owns a land bank which was initially bought for housing and it was on the capital programme but not until 2028. She said that the NTA were looking to remove car parking spaces which are predominantly used by residents living on the main streets. Councillor Sammon said there was a bus that leaves the village of Ballymore Eustace at 07:10 a.m. and she leaves her house at 07:30 a.m. and there are no cars parked that are using the bus and parking all day. She said this was a busy village and relied on parking and was putting businesses at risk of closing. She said there was a popular walking route in this area and



people were parking along the streets parking spaces, but a lot of these parking spaces residents used, and they are unable to park outside their homes. Councillor Sammon informed the members that Ballymore Eustace was the first age friendly village in the county and now the NTA are looking to take away parking spaces from them. She asked could the council and NTA sit down and work together to come up with a solution.

Mr McLoughlin informed the members that the department would be willing to sit down with Public Realm as he feels they would have a part in this and come up with a solution.

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

NS15/0626

Weight Restrictions on Link Road connecting the L2019 to the L6035

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

That the council urgently introduces a bye-law preventing access for vehicles over three tonne weight on the link road (locally called 'the walled gardens') connecting the L2019 to the L6035 at Forenaughts Great, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that a site visit can be carried out in conjunction with Councillor Brett to assess the road. However, a restriction on certain classes of vehicles on any particular road would apply to all vehicles including local deliveries and may not be the most appropriate solution.

Councillor Brett informed the members that he welcomed the offer of a site visit. He said this area had a mature wooded area and was the most fabulous walk. He advised that he felt Google Maps was sending trucks down this road. Councillor Brett said that the residents had put up bollards, but they were knocked down and there were signs put up but taken back down by Kildare County Council.

Mr M McLoughlin informed the members that a site visit would be arranged but there may not be an easy solution.



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

NS16/0626

Road Safety Measures in Kill Village

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

That the council reviews road safety measures in Kill Village especially on the stretch of road from Junction 7 to the village centre.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this can be reviewed with the Municipal District Engineer and the locations for the urban 30kph speed limits are currently being reviewed.

Councillor Brett informed the members that the team had been out to review this area already and have identified that issues.

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

Item 17 was taken with items 8 and 9

NS17/0626

Modifications to the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme

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

Can the council update members on progress with the modifications to the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme, Naas in the interest of public safety?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that with regards to the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme, based on the safety review carried out, observations received and incidents reported, the layout is something that is currently under review. Discussions are ongoing in this regard with the designer and the National Transport Authority (NTA).



A briefing will be set up with councillors in the coming weeks, prior to any modifications/ construction works being carried out.

The report was noted.

NS18/0626

Review of Naas Parking Bye-Laws

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

Can the council confirm when the parking bye-laws for street and residential areas of Naas were last reviewed and when is it proposed to undertake the next review?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Parking Bye-Laws were adopted in 2017. There are no plans to review the bye-laws in the immediate future.

Councillor Moore asked how to go about changing byelaws in housing estates such as double yellow lines.

Mr M McLoughlin informed the members that most of the time residential areas are not included in the byelaw's areas. He said a Section 38 could sometimes be used for installing double yellow lines in housing estates. He said it would take considerable issues to warrant changes in byelaws.

The report was noted.

NS19/0626

Engagement with the National Transport Authority

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

Can the council confirm if the National Transport Authority has responded since their visit to Kildare County Council in May 2023, by way of written proposals, commitments or information on any of the complex Naas Municipal District matters that have now become 'essential actions' to assist the approval of upcoming settlement plans?



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council engages on an ongoing basis with the National Transport Authority (NTA) in respect of the delivery of active travel measures. The Transport Department works closely with the NTA to ensure that all active travel proposed and funded is consistent with the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy; Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029; and the Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027. The Transport Department will continue to work with the NTA on the prioritisation of measures contained within these and in futures statutory plans.

Councillor Moore asked how the members would get the NTA to come into meet with the members.

Mr M McLoughlin informed the members that the NTA would not usually attend municipal district meetings but would be at Full Council meetings and an invitation had already issued.

The report was noted.

NS20/0626

Repair/Maintenance Works on the Straffan Road, Kill

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out repair/ maintenance works on the Straffan Road, from the footbridge in Kill Village to the Junction 7 roundabout?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Straffan Road, extending from the footbridge in Kill Village to the Junction 7 roundabout, is not included in the Naas Municipal District Roads Programme for the period 2025–2027.

Notwithstanding this, the Naas Municipal District Office will continue to carry out ongoing routine maintenance, as required, to ensure that the roadway is maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition for all road users.

Councillor Brett informed the members that he had left out the word “footpath” in his question, the footpath on the Straffan Road footpath has closed in due to overgrowth.



Mr Y Khan informed the members the Municipal District Office would have the overgrowth cut back.

The report was noted.

NS21/0626

Sunscreen Dispensers in Kerdiffstown Park

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

That the council looks at the feasibility of installing free SPF sunscreen dispensers in Kerdiffstown Park as a pilot project, including estimated costs, suitable locations within the park, maintenance requirements, possible partnership with the Irish Cancer Society or other health bodies, and options for expanding the initiative to other public parks if successful?

The motion was proposed by Councillor Dunne on behalf of Councillor Clear due to technical difficulties online and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the Parks Section has no plans to install sunscreen dispensers. There are no resources to put them in place or to maintain them.

It is a matter for the general public to take individual responsibility for their sun protection.

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

NS22/0626

Chatty Benches

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

That the council considers the installation of chat/ chatty benches in this municipal district in our parks, lakes area, canal and popular walkways.

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



A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there are no plans at the moment to install chatty benches in the Naas Municipal District. However, a trial location and bench will be considered for next year's work programme.

Councillor Dunne informed the members that the Chatty Bench Scheme was designed to create friendly, welcoming spaces in public areas where people can connect through conversation. He said the benches are painted in colourful colours with signs or plaques indicating that anyone sitting there was happy to chat with others who join them. Councillor Dunne said that the scheme has been implemented across the UK, and the benches should be placed in good areas like libraries community centres or cafés. He said Ireland had the highest prevalence of loneliness and it has been shown to reduce feelings of loneliness and create a safe space for social interaction and should be age friendly. He said the benches are there the council just need to paint some of them a different colour and add signs.

Councillor Kelly informed the members that she thought this was a great idea and would be good for the community.

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

NS23/0626

Licence Agreements for 5k Walk in Ballymore Eustace

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

Can the council provide an update on licence agreements for the 5k walk in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the council is currently finalising a licence with ESB for land in their ownership. The remaining licences are between Ballymore Eustace Community Development Association (CDA). Discussions are ongoing in relation to the possibility of the council taking over these licences from the CDA.

The report was noted.



NS24/0626

Road and Ramp at Canal View, Sallins

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

Can the council confirm the expected commencement date for construction of the road and ramp on the north side of the canal at Canal View, Sallins and whether consideration will be given to scheduling these works during the school summer holidays in order to reduce traffic impacts?

This Item fell as Councillor Clear had left the meeting due to technical difficulties.

NS25/0626

Vacant Site on the Rathasker Road, Naas

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

Can the council confirm the current position regarding the vacant field on the Rathasker Road, adjacent to Áras Chill Dara, given that the site has been deemed unsuitable for housing?

This Item fell as Councillor Clear had left the meeting due to technical difficulties.

NS26/0626

The Alms House, Naas

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

Can the council update the members on progress in relation to the Alms House on the Dublin Road, Naas?

A report was received from the Housing and Regeneration Department informing the members that the legal process to transfer the Alms House to the council is at an advanced stage and is expected to be finalised by Q3 2026.

It is anticipated that the Alms House will be used for social housing. Once the transfer to the council is completed, the project will be included in the Housing Capital Team's work programme.



Councillor Breen informed the members this was a protective structure and was happy to see social housing being initiated here.

The report was noted.

NS27/0626

Taking in Charge of Willouise Estate, Sallins

The members considered the taking in charge of Willouise Estate, Sallins (ref DC4111), details previously circulated.

Councillor Kelly thanked the team for their work on this estate as it was a complex one.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all members that Willouise Estate, Sallins be taken in charge.

NS28/0626

Taking in Charge of Pipers Hill and Bellingsfield, Naas

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

Can the council provide an update on the taking in charge of Pipers Hill and Bellingsfield Estates, Naas?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Team informing the members that Taking in Charge requests were received for Pipers Hill and Bellingsfield in 2024. Kildare County Council advertised the Taking in Charge of both estates in October 2025. Development Control is actively engaging with both the developer and Uisce Éireann to progress the Taking in Charge process. The main element of work outstanding is the completion of road surfacing on the access road from the R448 that serves both estates. It is our understanding that this work will commence at the end of June.

Councillor Sammon wanted it noted that Mr L McNeela always provides update for the progress report.

The report was noted.



NS29/0626

Columbarium Wall at Bodenstown Cemetery

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

That the council engages with the Office of Public Works (OPW) about the possibility of building a Columbarium Wall at Bodenstown Cemetery.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council will contact the Office of Public Works as requested in the notice of motion and will keep the municipal district members informed.

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

NS30/0626

Age Friendly Train Station, Sallins

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

That the council progresses Sallins Train Station as an Age Friendly Train Station.

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

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the Age-Friendly Train Stations Programme is a national directive led by Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann) and Age Friendly Ireland (which is a national shared service).

At a national level, the strategic objective of the shared service is to scale up and replicate initiatives, and the further expansion of the Age Friendly Train Station Initiative is a leading example of this ambition.

Irish Rail is gradually rolling out the Age Friendly Stations Initiative, with the goal of ultimately having all stations nationwide formally accredited.



The locations selected are not decided at local level, and the council does not complete identified works.

The Kildare Age Friendly Programme lead out on the consultation process and the Walkability Audit once notified of the selected locations.

To date, 10 Age Friendly Train Stations were identified in 2024, and in 2025 Irish Rail added a further 6 stations nationally (which includes Celbridge Hazelhatch in the county) which will now go forward to achieving the Age Friendly recognition.

Other stations will be identified nationally later in 2026.

Councillor Sammon informed the members that extra bus shelters for all ages were needed at Sallins Train Station. She said she would love to see this station become age friendly. She said that had received a further update from the community department and that the community department were doing a good job.

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

NS31/0626

Refresh “Bin the Poop” Stencils, Sallins

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to refresh the “Bin the Poop” stencils in Sallins?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council will arrange to refresh the stencils in Sallins as requested in the coming weeks.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.