



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

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Mr Y Khan (A/District Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin (A/ Senior Executive Officer), Ms E Donnelly (A/Arts Officer), Mr J Hennesy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms E Hanlon (Director of Finance), Ms A Gough (LPT Coordinator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0724

Declaration of Conflicts or Pecuniary Interests

Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations made.

NS02/0724

Condolences

The Mayor offered condolences on behalf of himself and the members to Superintendent Oliver Henry who was involved with the local JPC on the recent passing of his mother and his sister. Councillor Moore proposed that the members send a letter of condolence, this was seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the members send a letter of condolence.



NS03/0724

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the annual meeting held on 28 June 2024 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on 28 June 2024 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS04/0724

Municipal District Road works programme

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

Road Resurfacing

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

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| • R411 Ballymore Eustace village | Complete |
| • R413 Balllymore to Ardinode | Complete |
| • R410 Baltracey (Beggars End) | Complete |
| • L2021 Rathmore | Complete |
| • Craddockstown Road, Naas | Complete |
| • Ballycane, Naas | Complete |
| • Fishery Lane, Naas | Complete |
| • Johnstown | Pre-Construction |
| • Monread Avenue | Pre-Construction |
| • Kill | Tender Stage |
| • Sallins Road, Naas | Tender Stage |
| • Blessington Road/Tipper Road Junction | Tender Stage |



Footpaths

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

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| • Roselawn, Naas | Complete |
| • Mountain View, Naas | Complete |
| • Friary Road, Naas - Raised Table Crossing | 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 MD Local Property Tax (LPT)/ Carparking works programme for 2024 has been developed in line with the 2024 allocation, as agreed with the Naas MD Councillors.

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| • BME Rd to Ballycane - Raised Table Crossing | Complete |
| • Poplar Square - Haydens – Footpath | Complete |
| • Sallins Road - Raised Table Crossing | Complete |
| • Gleann na Greine – 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 | Construction Stage |
| • Kerdiff Avenue, Naas | Design Stage |
| • Traffic Calming (Eadestown) | Pre-Construction |
| • Traffic Calming (Ballymore Eustace) | Pre-Construction |



(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.

Councillor Moore requested the tender documents on the Blessington Road and Tipper Road Junction be circulated. Mr Y Khan advised that he would circulate this information to the members. Councillor Kelly queried the timeline for Eadestown Safety Works. Mr Y Khan advised they would be done the following week with Ballymore Eustace.

NS05/0724

Capital Programme 2024-2026

The District Manager gave the members an update on the Capital Programme. He stated that this would give the members an opportunity to consider and influence the next Capital Programme.

The District Manager gave a brief update to the members on the following projects and the projected expenditure involved:

- Johnstown Community Centre
- Ballymore Eustace Community Centre
- Naas Canal Quarter
- Naas Water Based Hub



- Kerdiffstown - €60k to be given in 2024, €50k to be given in 2025 and €90K to be given in 2026.
- De Burgh Woodland Gardens
- Ballymore Eustace Playground
- Sallins Amenity Lands
- Naas Municipal Districts Small Parks programme

The members raised the following:

- There was no record on the Capital Programme showing where the funds for the De Burgh project came from.
- Some items that were in the 2023 programme were gone from the 2024 programme
- The members queried how much was unspent?
- Were the funds that were allocated to Kerdiffstown for the maintenance there?
- Two Mile House playground needed to be removed as this was not in the Naas Municipal District

The District Manager told the members that constant upgrading works would need to be done in Kerdiffstown and that he would need to check with Mr S Wallace. He said that the development levy contributions that had accrued were listed in the Capital Programme. He stated that the Management Team shifted their focus last year, deciding that money being held up on projects that were not going to come to fruition, should be released for deliverable projects. The Management Team were also mindful of a balanced delivery.

NS06/0724

Remaining LPT 2023 allocations

The members considered the below LPT 2023/2024 allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee.



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Retained LPT Allocations	
Feile Nas na Riogh reallocation of Bealtaine Festival (Cllr Breen) - subject to conditions	€ 20,000.00
Naas Local History Group - Commemorative Signs (Cllr Moore)	€ 4,000.00
Castlefen Residents association - Reallocation of Naas Care of the Aged (Cllr Kelly)	€ 1,000.00
Castlefen Residents Association (Cllr Dunne)	€ 850.00
Naas Care of the Aged (Cllr Brett) Reallocation of €4.000 as follows:	
Kill Bridge club	€1,500.00
Kill singers	€1,500.00
Tipperkevin commonage group.	€1,000.00
Ballymore Community Christmas Group (Cllr Sammon)	€1,000.00

Councillor Brett reminded the members that they must use up the remainder of their LPT funds before September.

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

NS07/0724

LPT Schedule of Works 2024

The members considered the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Work 2024.
See appendix 1

Councillor Clear requested that if there were any funds left over could it be used for a raised table and to redo the markings at Scoil Bhríde.



Mr Y Khan advised that he would come back to Councillor Clear about the raised table and that the markings at Scoil Bhríde would be redone.

See appendix 1

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett that the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Work 2024 be approved.

NS08/0724

2024 Speed Limit Review

The members received a presentation on the 2024 Speed Limit Review from Mr. J Hennessy, Senior Executive Engineer, Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management. Mr Hennessy advised members that the speed limit review would be done on a phased basis with the department of Transport beginning with Local Rural Roads where the speed limit would be reduced from 80 kph to 60 kph.

The members raised the following:

- While members were happy to see a speed limit review happening it was felt that, given the high numbers of pedestrians, priority should have been given to reducing speeds to 30 kph in built up areas.
- How would a built-up area be determined. Would it coincide with urban boundaries
- All areas with a current speed limit of 50kph should be reduced to 30 kph.
- Would a redesign bene in Naas as signage alone would not work.
- Would Active Travel Schemes be co-ordinated along with this.
- It had been previously requested that Craddockstown Road be designated a quiet walking road. How would this be arranged?
- What signage would be required and how would it be procured.
- How and when would the Public Consultation take place.

Mr D Hodgins advised the following:

- Under time constraint to implement the programme by the anticipated commencement date of November 2024. Rural Local Roads would be the focus of all local authorities.



- Each Municipal District Office would quantify resources and the quantity of signage.
- Procurement process would be undertaken centrally by the Department of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- No decision had been made to date on relation to the physical installation of signage, whether this would be centralised.
- Following the conclusion of the Local Rural Roads process, Kildare County Council would be prioritising the fast tracking of Jakes Lawin housing estates which had been taken in charge, as early as Q1 2025.
- Urban areas would not be simple as currently there was no definition as to what constituted a built-up area.
- Active Travel Schemes formed pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, where the Main Street should be narrowed to reduce risks.
- The Countywide Speed Limit Review would also be happening in tandem with this scheme.
- All Local Rural Roads which currently had a speed limit of 80kph would default to 60 kph. It would be a reserved function to increase the speed from the default limit and would need a very compelling reason and conform to a stringent set of criteria.
- Areas along Local Roads where a special speed limit of 50 kph would remain the same.
- The public consultation had commenced with the presentations and advertisements in local papers. It was hoped that a decision on byelaws would be made at the September meeting.

NS09/0724

Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 – Holy Child National School, Safe Routes to School Scheme.

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

The members raised the following points:

- A number of residents had identified issues outside their homes. Had these submissions been dealt with.



- Why had the scheme not been extended to include the school on the Craddockstown Road.
- No consultation had taken place with residents. A face-to-face meeting should have taken place to address concerns.
- It appeared that a bare minimum of what was required had been done. At the very least a meeting should have taken place with the Residents Association.
- The scheme would make the area safer.

Mr D Hodgins advised the following:

- He did not accept that only the bare minimum had been done. There was limited ability to meet up and leaflet drops were inefficient as they were considered junk mail.
- The volume of submissions was not indicative of the level of criticism.
- Concerns had been taken on board but the decision from the executive was to proceed and implement the scheme and then review.
- This scheme was part of the An Taisce, Safe Routes to School Scheme. All schools in the area had been contacted but lots did not apply.

The report was noted.

NS10/0724

Suspension of pay-parking at Hederman's carpark

The members considered the suspension of pay-parking at Hederman's carpark, Naas from Friday 06 September 2024 – Saturday, 07 September 2024 to facilitate the Naas Wild Food Festival.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all members that pay-parking at Hederman's carpark, Naas be suspended from Friday 06 September 2024 – Saturday, 07 September 2024 to facilitate the Naas Wild Food Festival.

NS11/0724

Roundabout at Beggars End Punchestown

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



That the council, as a matter of urgency, prioritises the installation of a roundabout at Beggars End Punchestown due to the complexity of this junction.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the council are currently progressing a county wide junction improvement project at 10 junctions across the county. This project includes Watchhouse Cross and Perrystreet Cross in the Naas Municipal District. The Beggards End junction has had work completed as part of a low-cost safety improvement scheme and can be considered for future iterations of the junction improvement project in due course.

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

NS12/0724

Trim Road Verges

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

That the council trims the road verges on the local roads, especially those on the outskirts of towns and villages in the municipal district. These roads are used by walkers and the growth of briars and nettles onto the roadway make it impossible for walkers to step in off the road when meeting traffic.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office maintain the road verges at junctions and key locations to maintain sightlines. Due to the significant length of roads in the district and the limited resources available, it is not possible to maintain all verges in the district.

Councillor Brett stated that he noted the report adding that in certain weather conditions signage cannot be seen due to vegetation growth.



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

NS13/0724

Ramp adjacent to the Johnstown Cottages

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

That the council considers modifying the road ramp adjacent to the Johnstown Cottages at the T junction in Johnstown Village to reduce the excessive noise emanating from HGV's crossing over the ramp. This situation is causing an environmental issue affecting the quality of life for neighbouring residents.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the ramp at this location has been provided to manage traffic speed and benefit the community. The Naas Municipal District office will review the ramp, but reducing or removing the ramp may lead to increased speeding of vehicles.

Councillor Breen advised that a large volume of cars and HGVs were travelling over the ramp and the noise was impacting residents.

Councillor Clear stated that after all the marches to implement safety measures in the area, he would not agree with reducing the speed bumps.

Councillor Brett stated that the residents in that area worked with Mr D Reel in getting the ramp there. He said that it was a very busy road and did not agree with removing or reducing the ramp there. It was essential that the ramp was kept level with the footpath.

Councillor Breen stated that she was representing the people who live there, and this was requested by them.



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

NS14/0724

Kilcullen Road Works

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore
That the council undertakes a review of the Kilcullen roadworks immediately to alleviate the issues created by omissions and new road design at such a busy junction that now poses difficulties for pedestrians, cyclists, long vehicles and general motorists.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management Section informing the members that the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme was designed to the relevant design standards, including the Cycle Design Manual (CDM), Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). The scheme was the subject of both a Part 8 and Section 38 Public Consultation Process. Finally, Road Safety Audits have been undertaken on the scheme and recommendations made.

The scheme has only recently been completed and with any changes, it will take time for the public and road users to adjust to the new layout. Kildare County Council will keep the junction under review; however, significant changes are not anticipated unless design guidance changes in the meantime. It is considered premature to make immediate changes based on quick conclusions to the complicated interactions along the scheme.

The members raised the following:

- It was a heavily pedestrianised area with no safe crossing from SuperValu to Swans
- The speed of vehicles must be reduced
- The members were told there would be a review, was there an open forum?
- Cars that were turning right off the Ballymore Road were going through the red lights on the Kilcullen Road



- The issue was with the cycle lane and the road being the same colour.
- There was also an issue where yellow boxes had been removed
- Patrician Avenue was now being used as a rat run by motorists to avoid the new junction.

Mr D Hodgins informed the members of the following:

- Consultations and the trialling of schemes were very important, the public needed time to get used to the changes
- The road safety audit had been completed and that he would circulate the report to the members.
- He welcomed issues that were being raised by the members and the public and all feedback would be considered.

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

NS15/0724

Zebra Crossing on the Sherlockstown Road

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

That the council installs a zebra crossing as a matter of priority on the Sherlockstown Road into Sallins at the junction of the new Pedestrian/Cycle bridge.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that as the Part 8 Report for the Sallins Grand Canal Greenway Link, approved by the elected members with an amendment outline that a review of these crossings will be undertaken during the detailed design stage of the project, which is being project managed by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team.

Councillor Kelly raised the following:



- There was no pedestrian crossing there, it was a tabletop ramp which was causing confusion for school children and motorists.
- This was in the interest safety of children that use the new bridge to walk to school
- Not all motorists were slowing down when approaching a tabletop.

Mr D Hodgins advised that this would be part of the Part 8 for the Sallins Greenway. It was unsignalled currently but a number of safety initiatives in the Sallins area would be completed by the SPPR team. He advised that he would circulate the report relating to crossings to the members.

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

NS16/0724

Traffic Survey in Sallins at the R407

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council carries out a traffic survey in Sallins at the R407 junction with Church Avenue (corner of the Railway Inn), as a matter of priority.

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

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that the Part 8 Report for the Sallins Grand Canal Greenway Link, approved by the elected members with an amendment outline that the north-south Sallins Village Active Travel Scheme being developed with funding from the National Transport Authority's Active Travel Grants Programme is progressing and will assist active travel connectivity. This junction is included in the proposals for this scheme.

Councillor Kelly stated that a traffic survey needed to be done, so work could be carried out before the ramp was closed. The junction needed to be signalised.

Mr D Hodgins advised that there were two separate issues here and this junction formed part of the Active Travel preliminary design under a separate Part 8.



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

NS17/0724

Raised Table Crossing across the Blessington Road

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

That the council installs a raised table crossing across the Blessington Road from Elmwood to Friary Road Bridge to allow pedestrians, particularly students travelling to school, to cross in a safer manner.

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 this location will be examined by the Traffic Management section staff when resources permit.

Councillor Clear stated that there was no pedestrian crossing on the Blessington Road at this location. He stated that there was LPT funding that could be used and enquired how much would it cost?

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

NS18/0724

Litter Bins on the Ring Road

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

That the council provides litter bins on the ring road between the Newbridge Road and the Ballymore Eustace Road roundabout to facilitate walkers, runners and dog walkers.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Dunne 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 the Naas Municipal District office maintains approximately 150 bins in and around Naas town, at considerable cost. Due to limited resources, including funding, the Naas Municipal District office is not in a position to facilitate this request at this time.

Mr Y Khan stated that a review was carried out last year with the Tidy Towns Committee and bins were removed. He stated that if some bins were not being used, they would be taken out and relocated elsewhere. He said that any bins that the Tidy Towns were not currently using could be taken and relocated to the ring road.

Councillor Moore said previously the members had been told there were too many bins. He said that he accepted no bins on the ring road did work. He suggested the council advertise advising the public to bring their rubbish home.

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

NS19/0724

Extension of the Newbridge Road to St Corbans Lane

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

Can the council update members on the proposed extension of the Newbridge Road to St Corbans Lane?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that Kildare County Council, Road Design section are currently in the process of procuring a consulting engineer to finalise the detailed design for this upgraded junction. It is hoped that this will be progressed shortly with the construction contract tendering to take place thereafter.

The report was noted.

NS20/0724

John Devoy Statue

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



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Can the council explain why and what method was used to attempt to clean the John Devoy Statue in Poplar Square? This appears to have caused serious damage to the surface of the statue.

A report was received from Ms E Donnelly A/Arts Officer informing the members that the County Council has not cleaned the John Devoy statue. The damage has been caused by a member of the public. An Garda Síochána have been informed, and the sculptor Jarlath Daly has been contacted regarding a quote to address the damage.

Councillor Breen enquired as to who owned the statue and asked how much it would cost to fix it?

The District Manager advised that it was the John Devoy Group who provided it and it is in the public care of Kildare County Council. He said that the cost to fix it would be a sizable amount.

The report was noted.

NS21/0724

Built up areas of Naas

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

Can the council confirm when members can be facilitated to determine 'the built up' areas of Naas, the areas where 30kph will prevail and the rural roads where 50 kph-60kph speed restrictions can be installed?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that a 2023 speed limit review was completed by the Department of Transport and this review has provided for legislative changes to the following default speed limits:

- 30 km/h (Urban Areas)
- 60 km/h (Rural Local Roads)
- 80 km/h (National Secondary Roads)

The default speed limits are to take effect on a staggered basis and the provisional commencement dates are as follows:

- End of November 2024 for Rural Local Roads



- Q1/Q2 2025 for National Secondary Roads and Urban Speed Limits

Kildare County Council is currently undertaking an exercise to quantify the volume of signage required for the implementation of the 60km/h rural local road default limit.

A presentation on the Speed Limit Review 2024 was given at each Municipal District July 2024.

The report was noted.

NS22/0724

Improve the Entrance into Dunnes Stores

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to improve the entrance into Dunnes Stores on Main Street, Naas to make it safer for pedestrians to cross the entrance in a safe manner?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that there are no plans at present to improve the entrance area to Dunnes Stores.

Councillor Clear stated that pedestrians were being forced out onto the road. He said there was a duty of care to the public by the council as they own the footpath and road.

The report was noted.

NS23/0724

Traffic Calming on the Naas Road

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

Can the council advise when works are due to start on the traffic calming on the Naas Road in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department informing the members that traffic calming works on the Naas Road in Ballymore Eustace will start next week, subject to weather conditions.

The report was noted.



NS24/0724

Lakes at the Ballymore Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne
That the council provides an update as to the status and condition of the lakes at the Ballymore Road and what the council intends to do, if indeed they can do anything, to improve the condition of the lakes.

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

A report was received from Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informing the members that an ecologist was engaged at the end of last Summer to look at the biodiversity of the space and lakes to make recommendations in relation to managing these. The report outlines a number of recommendations to improve the biodiversity of the open space. Among these is improving the water quality, additionally the control of Parrots Feather which is invasive and growing in the Lake. Neither of these issues can be solved easily and are going to take time to investigate further. The report doesn't raise any concerns about the growth being detrimental to wildlife and does highlight the fact that the growth provides cover for birds to escape predators. Initial investigations that we have carried out in relation to removal or control of Parrots Feather show that there is no one best way to control it. Further to the report we engaged consultants to investigate further the invasive species. We are awaiting a report on their findings and recommendations.

The members raised the following:

- It was very unsightly; OPW had previously used dredges to clean the area
- More information was needed on the improvement of the water quality
- Mud and Silt sit on top of the water due to local sandpits, could a filter be used
- This motion had been brought forward previously
- Not as simple to deal with Parrots Feather, as it was an invasive species

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



NS25/0724

Signage Identifying Restricted Breeds of Dogs

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear
That the council installs signage identifying restricted breeds of dogs in all parks in Naas Municipal District which outline the obligations for owners who are bringing these dogs to our parks and in some cases letting them off the lead in the area.

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

A report was received from Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informing the members that signs in relation to be restricted breeds will be erected in the park.

Councillor Clear stated that while he was in a park two bulldogs were let off their leads by their owner while children were playing. He said that there was an increase in dog attacks, and he hoped this behaviour of letting dogs off leads would decrease with the erection of the additional signage.

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

NS26/0724

Landscaping of the new Caragh Road roundabout

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council outline what stage the landscaping of the new Caragh Road roundabout is at, in order to create something greener to suit the surrounding area?

A report was received from Mr. S Wallace, A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer informing the members that a design for the roundabout was completed. This was tendered but the costs have come back too high, so the design has to be refined to lower the cost of the design.

Councillor Clear queried when the works would take place as residents were concerned.



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Ms S McCullough advised it would happen in 2024.

The report was noted.

NS27/0724

Féile Nás Na Ríogh Festival

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

That the council approves the allocation, or re-allocation of the LPT money that is already approved for the Bealtaine Festival.

This funding is to be allocated to the new Féile Nás Na Ríogh Festival planned for Sunday 04 August 2024.

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

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members that €20k funding was to be allocated to the new Féile Nás Na Ríogh Festival planned for Sunday 04 August 2024, subject to all necessary paperwork being received.

NS28/0724

Parking accommodations for special needs badge holders

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

That the council examines, with humanitarian and technical consideration, a scenario in which the Arts Family of Naas Moat Theatre and the Library and Cultural Centre could combine together to provide a small number of parking accommodations for special needs badge holders in the former Town Hall Yard for events at either venue.

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

A report was received by Ms G Allen, County Librarian Department informing the members that under the approved Part 8 Planning, Naas Library and Cultural Centre has provision for just 5 car parking spaces assigned for library staff and 1 space for Disability Parking in the rear yard.



The Disability parking space can be accessed by library patrons who are blue badge holders and who are visiting the library or attending events taking place in Naas Library and Cultural Centre during opening hours.

This includes Monday to Saturday and 3 late evenings Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 8:00 p.m. or until the event is over.

Access to the Disability parking space is obtained by contacting the Library by phone or email in advance.

The Library Service cannot provide any additional parking in the rear yard.

It would not be possible to provide parking to members of the public attending events in the Moat Theatre.

The one space the library has needs to be kept free for Library users and those attending Library events who require Disability Parking.

Access to that space is managed by the library staff during Library opening hours.

The gates to the yard are locked for security reasons outside of Library opening hours and public access to the yard is not available when there are no Library Staff on site.

Councillor Moore stated that more could be done and asked not to abandon the idea.

Councillor Sammon stated that she supported the motion and that most events held in the Moat were outside library hours.

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

NS29/0724

Information on Councillor Motions

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

Can the council provide information on councillor motions that are adopted, approved or noted for further consideration, to provide statistics on their progress towards 'action', a 'repetition' request or a similarity of reply for a related matter.



A report was received by the Corporate Services Department informing the members that resolutions passed on foot of motions at Municipal Districts become actions that are recorded in the Progress Report related to that meeting and which are then circulated to all members in advance of the following monthly meeting.

Where the action arises from a motion passed in the name of a member associated with it is also shown in the report.

In addition, all approved minutes of these meetings are published, as a public record which clearly shows the name of the member proposing the relevant motion, and the resolution arising from said motion.

In terms of a “repetition” request, as the members will be aware, the Meetings Team monitor motions submitted, to assess compliance with the 6-month rule in relation to prior resolutions in that time.

In terms of the matter of statistics, the Corporate Services Department are consulting with other local authorities who have developed IT systems for the management of statutory meetings (i.e. Plenary Council and Municipal District Committee meetings), and the resolutions and actions that come out of them.

When a decision is made regarding the optimum system, funding for this will be sought through the budgetary process, with a view to procurement and development in 2025.

In the interim period the Progress Report at each meeting updates members regarding actions taken on foot of motions.

The report was noted.

NS30/0724

'Percent for Art'

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

Can the council confirm what progress has been made on securing the 'Percent for Art' piece for the Sallins bypass?

A report was received from Ms E Donnelly A/Arts Officer informing the members that



A tender brief is drafted. The Arts Service is in contact with the NRDO. Potential locations have been identified. The Arts Service is working to finalise the brief towards publication, working within current resources.

The report was noted.

NS31/0724

Sarto House

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon
Can the council advise if Sarto House (the old dispensary), Naas is in the ownership of Kildare County Council or the HSE?

A report was received by the Property Interest Register Team informing the members that that there is no information currently on the PIR System in relation to this property.

The property was and is currently in use by the HSE and contact has been made with them to clarify the background to this property.

Councillor Sammon stated that she was looking at Sarto House to be used for a family Resource Centre.

An update would be provided when a response was received from the HSE.

The report was noted.

NS32/0724

Balance of funds by the former Naas Town Council

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon
That the council now advises the balance of funds still available in the account provided by the former Naas Town Council as per the draft 2023 year-end accounts.

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

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that the Naas Town Council, together with Athy Town Council, Newbridge Town Council and Leixlip Town Council were abolished with effect from 31 May 2014 under the Local Government Reform Act. All 5 councils accounts were amalgamated at this point.

The balances of funds still on hand from the former Naas Town Council is as follows:



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Roads Projects	709,180
CARO Projects	38,600
Parks Projects	1,092,738
Naas Masterplan	226,565
Derelict/Dangerous Sites	8,500

The allocations to Roads and Parks have been incorporated into existing budgets and will fund works like Monread Park, The Lakes, DeBurghs and Roads Projects within the Municipal District. A reallocation of this funding will mean that these projects will not go ahead until an alternative source of funding is found. Each Department have projects that these monies are to be assigned too.

The members raised the following:

- Members were not aware that funds existed.
- Were the funds going towards the masterplan
- Were the funds being used to help maintain the lakes?
- Could the members get a breakdown of the Roads and Parks projects?
- Were they building on the budget with the funds?

Ms E Hanlon informed the members that the funds were all used for capital spending and not revenue. She stated that it was not itemised on the capital programme but would suggest they do this going forward.

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

NS33/0724

Taking in Charge of Osberstown View, Sallins

The members considered the taking in charge of Osberstown View, Sallins (Ref. 4110).

A report had been circulated to the members in advance of the meetings



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of Osberstown View, Sallins (Ref. 4110) be approved.

NS34/0724

Taking in Charge of Osberstown Court and Park, Sallins

The members considered the taking in charge of Osberstown Court and Park, Sallins (4102 refers).

A report had been circulated to the members in advance of the meetings

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of Osberstown Court and Park, Sallins (4102 refers) be approved.

NS35/0724

Unauthorised Developments

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

That the council outlines the number of unauthorised developments there currently are in the municipal district and the progress of each of them.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Planning Department's Unauthorised Development (UD) System does not provide a breakdown of Unauthorised Development (UD) cases by Municipal District.

Members have previously been provided with statistics of Unauthorised Development cases for the county, but we cannot discuss Unauthorised Development cases in the public domain.

Please see below Unauthorised Development statistics for the County for the period 2019 to the 30 of June 2024.



	New Cases	Warning Letters Issued	Enforcement Notices Served	Legal Proceedings	Files Closed
2019	238	356	184	33	162
2020	268	360	159	22	136
2021	268	434	81	10	150
2022	205	357	128	26	250
2023	241	358	178	18	200
2024	133	263	75	4	196

The members raised the following points:

- Retention permission had been refused three times at one unauthorised development, however it was still in use.
- People were building in rural areas without Planning Permission
- Could the manager give an update every quarter on Unauthorised Developments?
- The members deserve to get some feedback on Unauthorised Developments so they could give advice regarding them.

The District Manager told the members that he would bring back their comments to the Planning Department and the Senior Executive Officer.

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

NS36/0724

Clean up the Holy Well and Graveyard

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to clean up the Holy Well and Graveyard at Tipperkevin commonage?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the



Heritage team are not engaged with any project relating to Holy Well and Graveyard at Tipperkevin, however, are willing to discuss grant opportunities with community groups. Councillor Brett advised that he allocated €1K to the committee to help get them started. The report was noted.

NS37/0724

Church of God at Millbrook

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen
Can the council update the members on what action has or can be taken to reduce the noise coming from the Church of God at Millbrook? The lack of control of this noise is causing a serious environmental issue for the neighbourhood.

A report was received by the Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that the council had not received any previous complaints in regard to this matter, and generally does not deal with a noise complaint if it deems the matter to be a private nuisance issue. In the absence of being able to substantiate the noise nuisance, it is very difficult for the local authority to take enforcement action.

There are currently no statutory “neighbourhood” noise limits in the Republic of Ireland. While the law does not specifically mention an exact level or standard of noise that is illegal, if neighbourhood noise is affecting a person’s quality of life, then that person has a right to complain.

In this regard, the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 makes provision for any person affected by noise nuisance to make a complaint directly to the District Court and to seek remedy of the issue. (see below)

Our advice is that if someone plans to complain about excessive noise, it is recommended that he/she keeps a detailed diary of the times when it occurred, the duration and, if possible, the levels involved.

He/she should first approach the person or business causing the noise, explain that it is a nuisance and try to come to a mutually acceptable solution.

If this does not work, under Irish law, you are entitled to bring complaints about specific noise in the community to the District Court. (The current statute governing this is Section 108 of



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the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 and the Environmental Protection Agency Act (Noise) Regulations 1992).

The Act allows any person to complain directly to the District Court about a noise that is '*so loud, so continuous, so repeated, of such duration or pitch or occurring at such times as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to a person in any premises in the neighbourhood...*' and seek an order to deal with the noise nuisance.

It should be noted that a person making noise in the course of trade or business may have a defence if it can be shown that all reasonable care was taken to prevent the noise.

If the court finds in the complainant's favour, it can order the person or body making, causing or responsible for the noise to take measures to prevent or limit the noise.

Councillor Breen advised that she was not happy with the report. She stated that there was a lot of noise coming from the building at nighttime. She asked if the occupants had a licence to change the premises from a commercial one to a recreational one? She said that she had spoken with the landlord who didn't seem to care and that the residents from Lakelands were dealing with this noise issue for over a year now.

Councillor Sammon stated that there were two Unauthorised Developments there and that Án Garda Síochána had been notified.

The meeting concluded.