



Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3:30 pm Tuesday, 10 June 2025
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Mr Y Khan (A/District Engineer),
Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Ms S Barry
(Administrative Officer), Ms O Harvey (Administrative Officer), Mr
D Carey (Executive Engineer), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer),
Mr M Byrne (Staff Officer), Ms Clair Whelan (Staff Officer), Ms G
Allen (County Librarian), Ms C Brogan (LPT Coordinator), Ms M
Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse
(Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0625

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.

NS02/0625

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held
on 13 May 2025 along with the progress report.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Moore that the
minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 13 May 2025 be confirmed
and taken as read.



Councillor Moore asked for a letter to be written to Waterways Ireland in regards the slip way in Naas as it had yet to appear on the Capital Programme and whether it could be considered for 2026. Councillor Moore asked to be cc'd in on the correspondence. Councillor Clear advised that work was currently being done on the slipway. The progress report was noted.

NS03/0625

Municipal Districts Works Programme

The members received an update on the municipal district road works programme.

Naas Municipal District Roadworks Update – June 2025

Road Resurfacing

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

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| • R410 Blessington Rd. (Glending) | Construction Stage |
| • L2007 Straffan Kill Road | Construction Stage |
| • L2018 Kilteel Road | Construction Stage |
| • R410 Blessington Road Beggars End to Naas | Design Stage |

The Naas Municipal District propose to commence the surface dressing works programme under Restoration Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2025 in June. Road works will be developed in line with the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport.

The roads to be improved include:

- L20042 Blackhall, Clane
- L20044 Blackhall, Clane
- L10001 Canal Road, Sallins
- L6030 Punchestown Upper
- L6045 Truss Road, Ballymore Eustace

Footpaths

LPT Funded Works

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

Drainage

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

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works

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

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

Councillor Moore asked for the Roads Section to investigate ownership of the section of road from Abbey Bridge to the Treatment Centre.

The District Engineer agreed to investigate other schemes, noting that the road did not qualify for LIS scheme as there were no agricultural holdings on the road. Investigations had shown ownership of each property to the centre of the road. He suggested that he could investigate Taking in Charge of the road or if any other schemes could be used.

Councillor Kelly raised concerns about the current condition of the road.

The report was noted.

NS04/0625

Residual LPT Allocations

The members considered the residual LPT Allocations for 2025

Department	Description	Amount
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Roads	Members Roads & Footpaths (7 x €50,000): Footpath works at Aylmer Park, Naas €45,000 Cllr Kelly	€45,000
Roads	Members Roads & Footpaths (7 x €50,000): Traffic Calming Measures on the L2019 Arthurstown to Beggars End Crossroads €5,000 Cllr Kelly	€5,000
Cllr Brett	Naas Photography Club - History of Naas in Photographs Project - Autumn 2025	1,000.00
Cllr Breen	Féile Nás na Ríogh - Community Fun Day €2000 - Cllr Breen	2,000.00
Cllr Clear	Naas Tidy Towns - Equipment for Tidy Towns €2500 Cllr Clear	2,500.00
Cllr Brett	Reallocation of €8000 from Johnstown Graveyard which was on hold previously to Ballymore Development Group for Tipperkevin HolyWell, Tipperkevin Graveyard and Tipper Graveyard - Cllr Brett – Collective	8,000.00
Cllr Kelly	Sallins GAA Movie Night - End of Summer family outdoor movie night €2000 Cllr Kelly	2,000.00

The members raised the following:

- Councillor Clear asked for the previous allocations for the Tidy Towns Water Fountain project to be reallocated to Tidy Towns Coffee Cups Project Naas, noting that a lot of work had been done to date with Tidy Towns on this project. This type of project has Chamber of Commerce Support and was a also a county initiative.



- Councillor Sammon asked for an update on LPT funding for Ballymore School as their family fun day, which would be a community event, was set to take place on 22 June and without funding it would not be possible to run the event
- Councillor Clear and Councillor Dunne asked for update on paperwork submitted for LPT funding for a special needs trampoline in Ballycane School

The District Manager advised that allocating funds to Ballymore School and their family fun day shouldn't be a problem. He explained that he had spoken with the Climate Action Team regarding the reallocation to Coffee Cups Naas and it was felt that although they agreed with the ethos it was felt it may not be the best result.

Councillor Clear asked for the District Manager and Ms O'Rourke to attend the next meeting of the Naas Tidy Towns Coffee Cups Group and advised he would speak with Ms O'Rourke offline.

In regards the special needs trampoline in Ballycane school the District Manager explained that nothing wrong in principle with the purchase but such a resource should be publicly accessible giving an example of the trampoline in situ in the Catledermot Park. If a trampoline was put into a school it would only be accessible during school hours and used only by the students themselves. It was noted that equipment in schools would fall under the remit of the Department of Education.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Dunne and agreed by all members that the listed residual LPT allocations for 2025 be approved.

NS05/0625

Capital Programme 2025-2027

To discuss the Capital Programme 2025-2027

Councillor Moore asked what was meant by discussing, querying why discussions were being held mid-year, he felt they should be considering next years Capital plans before November.

The District Manager explained that the members should take this opportunity to discuss current Capital Projects and consider allocations for the next round of Capital Funding. It was confirmed that the members would be circulated the proposed Capital Programme in October ahead of the Council seeking approval in November

The members raised the following



- Asked for an update on the progress over the past 18 months in regards the 20 million for the procurement of lands for future sports capital
- Referenced the Masterplan for Millennium Park and the original spinal road as this doesn't seem to be feature on the list
- Millrace Road (Bridge) was included, the members asked what and where this was
- Noted that there was no mention of the Grand Canal Greenway in particular the stretch from Osberstown to Sallins or any mention of the bridges, queried if this was an NTA funded project.
- Asked if the section with heading Revenue/LPT could be split before the document was bought before Full Council. This would enable councillors to see what was expected to get LPT funding moving forward and what projects could be funded solely through revenue
- Asked why Ladytown junction was still on the list
- Sought further details with Basin Street Naas

The District Manager advised the members that

- Land acquisition was countywide, referenced the 68 acre purchase a Donaghcumper and that 50 Acres had since be sold on to the OPW. Other sites were also being considered around the county and the members would be updated in due course with any progress.
- Confirmed with the members that the spinal road was the link road down to the harbour, this was confirmed and the District Manager felt that it would be premature to seek funding.
- The District Manager agreed to investigate Millrace Bridge and revert back to the members.
- In regards separating the columns for LPT and Revenue this could be done but felt it would be best to look at what government funding was available first then decide whether it was better to use Revenue funding or seek approval from the members regarding distribution of LPT
- Agreed to revert back to the members on the 1.95 million for Basin Street after speaking to the Housing Section.

Mr McLoughlin advised the members that



- The Capital Programme was never completely formed as projects were dependent on funding availability. Funding streams included Development Contributions, LPT allocations and Government grants.
- Each year the members get the opportunity to reassess projects ahead of the distribution of the Capital projects in October this was an opportunity to reprioritise projects considering availability of funding.
- Confirmed that Ladytown Junction was now under the remit of the Kildare Newbridge Councillors and that options for the junction were being investigated as the provision of a roundabout had been deemed not cost effective.
- In regards the Greenway the council would include projects on the NTA list for funding if the members felt this was a priority.

The report was noted

NS06/0625

Annual Meeting

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

It was agreed that that the Annual Meeting be held on 8 July 2025 prior to the monthly meeting at Naas Library subject to availability

NS07/0625

Section 38

The members noted the section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 -Installation of 1 New Bus Shelter at the following location:

Bus Stop 103791, Dublin Road, Naas, Co. Kildare (South-bound).

It was agreed to take items 8 and 9 together

Item 8

NS08/9/0625

Safety Audit, Maudlins Avenue,

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

That the council implements a safety audit on the traffic situation on Maudlins Avenue in the Monread South area of Naas, where there appears to be an issue with speed, the amount of speed limit signs and the amount of speed ramps.



The motions were proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Breen

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that Maudlins Avenue is approximately 580 metres in length from junction to junction with a speed limit of 50km/h. The road has a rigid surface including four (4) no. ramps to reduce the speed along the length of Maudlins Avenue.

While the Naas Municipal District office can request Roads Design section to carry out a traffic survey at Maudlins Avenue, the issue appears to be driver behaviour and is therefore, a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Item 9

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

That the council takes action to reduce the noise created by passing road traffic on Maudlins Avenue, Naas by upgrading the road surface to a smooth low noise tarmac. The road surface is rigid concrete and this coupled with a lack of speed control signs and traffic calming measures is creating serious concerns for local residents.

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that Available Pavement Structural Condition Index (PSCI) rating shows the road was rated as good and in reasonable condition. No funding was allocated at the moment. Due to limited resources, it was not possible to change the existing rigid surface to a bitumen surface.

Councillor Dunne asked for the road survey to be carried out at both ends of the road.

Councillor Breen reported emails from concerned residents and asked for a Noise Level Survey to be carried out.

The District Engineer agreed to discuss with the Roads Design Team

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

NS10/0625

LPT funding

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

That the council look to redistribute the €25k Members LPT funding, which was allocated by Naas Municipal District in 2019 and unspent on the intended Green Avenue Road repair



works, and for it to be used to create a new vehicle parking space and service road repairs at Lacken View, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that this was a matter for the members. It should be noted that the amount allocated from Local Property Tax (LPT) to Green Lane was €20,000 and was not adequate to carry out the work requested.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members that the €20,000 be taken back by Naas Municipal District.

NS11/0625

Bus Stop

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

That the council consult with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to request a review of bus stop locations along the Newbridge Road in Naas. In particular, consideration should be given to installing a bus stop in the Jigginstown area, where there is currently no provision given the significant development in the area.

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

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

Councillor Clear noted that there was no bus stop currently available between the Fire Station and the Aldi Distribution Centre and that it was not acceptable to expect people to travel 1.5km to the nearest bus stop

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



NS12/0625

Sallins Village Active Travel Scheme

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

That this Council receive assurance that the junction of Sallins Main Street/Chapel Avenue and Osberstown Court is being upgraded/reconfigured as part of the National Transport Authority (NTA) funded Sallins Village Active Travel Scheme?

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Sallins Village Active Travel Scheme was being designed in accordance with National Design Guidelines, including the latest versions of the Traffic Signs Manual and the Cycle Design Manual, both produced by the Department of Transport. The scheme was being funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and was the subject of their approval in terms of the Project Approvals Guidelines.

All junctions were being examined along the route, in accordance with universal design and the hierarchy of road users, defined by the Department of Transport and incorporated into relevant policy documents.

Councillor Kelly felt the report doesn't answer the question. She understood that a report had been sent from An Gardaí Siochána to the Active Travel Team with suggestions and this was not included in the report, she also asked for a time frame.

Mr McLoughlin advised that if appropriate the junction would be amended or upgraded but that there was no time frame available.

Councillor Kelly asked if this council, as a matter of urgency write to the NTA regarding this matter.

The members questioned what could be done, highlighting an incident involving a child recently. They accepted that some issues were down to driver behaviour but raised concerns with pedestrians crossing and children travelling to and from school, especially with the new development starting .



Mr McLoughlin agreed to seek an update from the NTA as to what would be expected for the next stage.

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

NS13/0625

Bin Collections

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

That the council look to increase the bin collections along the Grand Canal in Sallins for the summer months of June, July and August.

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

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that Naas Municipal District office has been monitoring the street bins in question, it has come to our attention that bins along the canal are being misused for the disposal of domestic waste, that large items such as pizza boxes and domestic waste bags are contributing to the appearance of the bin being full and, in some cases, blocking the chute. To address this issue, the Naas Municipal District office is liaising with Sallins Tidy Town team currently in developing a plan to reduce the size of the bin openings, this modification aims to discourage the disposal of oversized domestic waste while allowing for appropriate use by the public. In the interim, Naas Municipal District office will continue to monitor and keep the members updated as this solution progresses.

Councillor Kelly was unhappy with the report, questioning what can be done as the District Engineer had already been shown the issues by Tidy Towns and the littering was getting worse. Would knocking door to door work to see how people are disposing of their waste be an option to consider or could letters be issued regarding same. There were now more people visiting Sallins, in particular cycling using the Greenway and yet bin collection in the area was being reduced from 3 days to 2.

The District Engineer explained that he would not have the authority to issue letters and would discuss the issue with the Environment Section

The members raised the following

- Could a Big Belly bin be investigated



- Sallins was being promoted as a place to visit and stop point on the Greenway. Therefore the council need to cater for the visitors and could not expect people to cycle away with their rubbish
- CCTV would be a way to monitor the situation, but the council were not being allowed install cameras around the county. Cameras would highlight who was breaking the law and in turn help combat other issues including anti social behaviour around the county.

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

It was agreed to take item 14 and 16 together

NS14/16/0625

Monread Gardens

Item 14

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

Can the council update the members on progress with Monread Gardens with regards to a road and path repairs requested from the Residents Association.

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that no funding was allocated for the requested works; the Municipal District Members may consider and allocate Local Property Tax (LPT) funding for the requested footpath works. Councillor Breen explained that the residents were reporting serious issues with manhole potholes and questioning who was responsible for the repairs

Item 16

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

Can the council confirm if the footpaths highlighted by Monread Gardens Residents Association are on the Works Programme for this year?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that due to limited resources, the requested footpath works were not part of the Footpaths Works Programme for 2025 and would be reviewed in the context of the 2026 Programme of Works, funding permitting.



Councillor Kelly referred to an emergency fund that was available for footpaths that were in very poor condition and asked for this to be used in this situation

The District Engineer advised that he was awaiting staff vacancies to be filled and awaiting LPT allocations to be agreed and list finalised and minuted for 2025 so works could be start. Councillor Kelly advised that she would be guided by the District Engineer and that a prioritisation list would be beneficial.

The report was noted.

NS15/0625

Removal of Ramp

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

Can the council update members on the proposed timelines and current status regarding the removal of the ramp located on the north side of the canal in Sallins. Local residents are seeking clarity on when works will commence to remove it. Any update on any design would be appreciated, along with an expected timeframe for completion.

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm (SPPR) team informing the members that the team were progressing this phase of the Grand Canal Greenway Phase 2. A large element of the design was complete along with draft tender documents; however, confirmation of underground services was required. A ground investigations contractor had been appointed and would complete slit trench works on site in the coming weeks. On receipt of the ground investigation results, the information would be added to the design drawings for completion of the tender package.

Other communications were taking place with utility providers for proposed relocation and diversion of existing services on this project and would need to be finalised prior to completion of the tender package. Utility service relocation and diversions are high risk items to project timeline, and project cost, due to the service providers issues with resourcing and programming. These issues were causing considerable additional workload and programme delays on other projects currently in the construction phase.

It is the intention of the SPPR team to issue this project for tender by the end of July 2025 subject to the prompt delivery of the information/agreements mentioned above.

Following tender period, award and appointment of the successful contractor, we would intend to have a contractor commence the works in Mid Q4 2025.



Note: These works relate to the replacement of the existing vehicular ramp with a new pedestrian ramp.

There report was noted.

NS17/0625

Ladycastle

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to install ramps at the Ladycastle entrance/exit as the works undertaken earlier this year have not improved the situation?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that under the speed limit review, the speed on L6013 road has been decreased from 80km/h to 60km/h, Naas Municipal District installed slow sign at the L6013 road on the Sallins side in 2024.

Naas Municipal District does not consider provision of ramps on rural roads.

Councillor Kelly thanked the Transport Section for the report, asking if it would be possible to install another Slow sign on the Straffan side of the road as more houses were being built.

The District Engineer agreed to look into this.

The report was noted.

NS18/0625

Speed Limit Review

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

Can the council outline when the next stage of the Speed Limit Review will be completed?

A report was received from the Transport Section informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is currently developing a booklet of maps for the statutory public consultation exercise related to the implementation of a 30km/h speed limit (Jakes Law) in housing estates taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

It is anticipated that the public consultation exercise will go ahead for a six week period commencing in late June/early July 2025.

Members will be consulted in advance of the public consultation exercise.



Kildare County Council was liaising with the Department of Transport in relation to the availability of funding required to facilitate the installation of 30 km/h signage at the entrances to housing estates taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

NS19/0625

Public Amenities Space

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

That the council consider working with other bodies to develop the land adjoining the Canal at the rear of Oldbridge Park Estate, Naas for public amenities space as part of the Greenway.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that the majority of these lands adjoining the canal at the rear of Oldbridge Park Estate, Naas are in private ownership, therefore there is no scope to develop lands for public amenities.

Councillor Breen expressed his disappointment with the report as the area was zoned for Open Space and Amenities and would be ideal for both residents and children as an open space.

Councillor Breen was advised by the Mayor that this would be beneficial but that the land was privately owned so there nothing the council could do.

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

NS20/0625

Affordable Housing Schemes

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

That the council ensures that affordable housing schemes in the Naas Municipal District are priced below €360,000 to make them attainable to those approved for the Local Authority Home Loan.



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

A report was received from the Housing Section informing the members that in responding to this motion Lattin Place is being used as an example of affordable delivery in the Naas Municipal District. It is delivering 8 affordable units.

This decision was reached on the following basis:

- The need for affordable housing as identified in the Housing Need Demand Assessment.
- Test the local market for future schemes, including the Land Development Agency (LDA) site at Devoy Park, Naas.

The council sought and received all necessary approvals from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the delivery of these units. The minimum price of affordable unit is based on the delivery cost of the unit less the amount of the affordable housing subsidy, in the case of Lattin Place the minimum purchase prices are €295,000 for 2-bedroom units and €365,000-€370,000 for 3-bedroom units. To increase the affordability of these units the council sought and received an enhanced subsidy of €100,000 from DHLGH. The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) rules, as laid down by DHLGH stipulate that the purchase price of a property cannot exceed €360,000. The council was aware of this stipulation when deciding to deliver affordable housing in Lattin Place and was aware that the 3-bed units would not qualify for LAHL. Affordable housing funding does not require properties to fall within the lending limits of the LAHL. Priority agreements have been signed with the following lenders: AIB, Avon, Bank of Ireland, EBS, Haven Mortgages, Permanent TSB, these agreements facilitate mortgage borrowing from commercial lenders.

Based on a purchase price of €360,000 (maximum LAHL amount, applicants with a 10% deposit and availing of the Help to Buy Scheme would require a mortgage of €299,000. In 2024 the council approved 19 loans, the average loan amount approved was €205,747, the highest approved amount was €285,000. To date in 2025 the council has approved 11 loans, the average loan amount approved was €246,436, the highest approved amount is €308,000. Two approvals were granted in 2025 for an amount greater than €299,000.

In making decisions on affordable housing the council considers the all-in-building unit costs for social housing which are provided by the DHLGH, the all-in-building unit cost for a house in an urban area in Kildare is €421,000. These costs do not allow for developer profit. As



Lattin Place is a turnkey delivery scheme the DHLGH's Acquisition Cost Guidelines are all also relevant, the maximum purchase price allowed under these guidelines is €493,000. To date the council has received 170 applications for this scheme, the application portal remains open until 20 June 2025.

If the council decided to deliver affordable housing based at a price point aligned with LAHL, this scheme of 8 affordable homes would not be delivered and the council would be limited in any future schemes which could be delivered.

Councillor Sammon thanked the Housing Section for the report highlighting the importance of affordable housing and that the Land Development Agency needed to ensure that the house prices were below the threshold or that the home loan was increased to ensure that new developments were achievable to purchase for people.

Ms Barry updated the members that the council had now received 200 applications and that Kildare County Council does not decide the price as it was the cost less subsidy provided. It was also noted that the Home Loan should not be the only source of funding as the average loan approved was €205k.

Councillor Sammon advised that the Home Loan cap was not the only issue and the issue of not being able to purchase when the house price was over €360k needed to be looked at.

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

NS21/0625

Flag Policy

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

That the council changes its optional procedure in Aras Chill Dara of leaving the National Flag flying overnight in darkness, to a daily raising and lowering, to acknowledge with due respect, the Honour, Freedom and Pride of our Nation.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that Kildare County Council's Flag Policy will be reviewed by the Protocol and Procedures Committee. This request could be considered under this review.



Councillor Moore thanked the Meetings administrator for the report asking for the council to look at the flag at Aras Chill Dara as it was felt that it currently stood too far back with insufficient lighting.

The District Manager confirmed that after speaking to the Head of Facilities that the flag is lit up in accordance with the current Flag Policy and that the Flag Policy would now be referred to the Protocol and Procedures Committee for consideration.

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

NS22/0625

Richard Butler's paintings

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

That the council organises an exhibition of Richard Butler's paintings, which were previously displayed for many years in the Naas Town Hall. Richard, who passed away in 2023, was commissioned by Naas Town Council to create these works, which depict various scenes and significant historical events from the history of Naas.

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

A report was received from the Library Section informing the members that in response to the motion by Councillor Clear, Kildare Library Service has booked the gallery space in Naas Library and Cultural Centre (formerly Naas Town Hall) for an exhibition of the late Richard Butler's paintings.

The earliest available date for this exhibition is February 2026 and it will run for 2 weeks, open to the public for viewing. The Library Service will liaise with Mr Butler's family members to arrange an official launch of the exhibition and a reception.

We also hope to arrange for a local historian to be present to provide information on the historical events depicted in the paintings as part of the evening event.

Once the dates are confirmed the Library Service will advertise the exhibition widely through our newsletter, local media and social media channels.

Councillor Clear welcomed the report and thanked the County Librarian for her assistance in showcasing the Richard Butler's paintings whilst a permanent location was found.



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

NS23/0625

John Devoy

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

That the council engages with the relatives and friends of the patriot John Devoy to ensure his artefacts including his Chair, Cigar box, Celtic cross, and the Catalpa flag to name a few, are secured, to be displayed in an appropriate location in Naas Co Kildare – his birthplace.

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

A report was received from the Library Section informing the members that Kildare County Archives accepted the John Devoy Chair under a deposit agreement between Kildare County Council and Frank MacGabhann with the understanding that it would be exhibited publicly for short periods at certain times and then stored safely as part of the county collection. It is accessible and available for viewing by any member of the public by appointment with the County Archives and Local Studies service.

This arrangement was agreed by both parties as the Library and Arts Service had informed the donor that we do not have a suitable location where the chair or any other historical artefacts can be displayed on a permanent basis.

Historical artefacts of value are only suitable for permanent display in museum buildings which are designed with light and temperature controls, suitable display cases and the collections are managed by professional handlers.

As per the Collection Development Policy, the County Archives rarely accepts donations of historical artefacts for this reason.

Naas Library and Cultural Centre cannot provide suitable conditions to ensure the safety of the chair or any historical artefacts being displayed on a permanent basis.

The gallery space is used for scheduled temporary exhibitions and is in high demand by local artists, community groups and collectives. This space is unsuitable for any permanent display due to light exposure.



Karel Kiely, County Archivist is currently organising a temporary exhibition of the Devoy Chair in Naas Library to tie in with the John Devoy Seminar next September. We hope to also include public history lectures to coincide with the exhibition.

Once the dates are confirmed the Library Service will advertise the exhibition widely through our newsletter, local media and social media channels.

Councillor Brett welcomed the report thanking the County Librarian and Frank MacGabhann for the artefacts and memorabilia

Councillor Moore expressed his support for this motion and appreciated that the memorabilia will be on display to the public in Naas Library

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

NS24/0625

Greenhills Park, Kill

The members considered the taking in charge of Greenhills Park, Kill (ref DC4235) details previously circulated.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all members that Greenhills Park, Kill (ref DC4235) be taken in charge.

NS25/0625

Housing Completions

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

That the council outlines how many housing completions have taken place in Naas in the last 5 years and gives an estimate of how much it costs the council to deliver additional services to the increased population.

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

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that according to the Central Statistics Office completions data (www.cso.ie), the total number of new houses and apartments completed within the Built Up Area of Naas between Q1 2020 and Q4 2024 (i.e. 5 years) was 1,053 units. As regards costs to the Council for delivering additional services, it is noted that the Council's Capital Programme 2025 – 2027 details all capital



projects across the county, including Naas, with cost estimates continuously reviewed as projects advance through the various stages. Some significant projects delivered by Kildare County Council in Naas during this time include *inter alia* the Naas Library and Cultural Centre, Kerdiffstown Park, the Potato Market and the Kilcullen Road Active Travel Scheme, totalling approx. €38 million. Additional services which are not within Kildare County Council's remit to provide include water and wastewater (Uisce Eireann), schools (Department of Education), healthcare (HSE), electricity/energy (ESB), public transport (Irish Rail/TII) and policing (An Garda Síochána).

Councillor Sammon raised concerns as to how the council plans to manage the increase in population noting that she accepted some concerns fall under the remit of the Department of Education, An Garda Síochána and Úisce Eireann and other services but questioned what the plans regarding amenities and sports facilities were. She also referred to bin collections noting that the draft litter management plan showed a decrease in services despite an increase in people needing the service.

These figures all help support local councillors when they meet with minister and TD'S in explaining what was needed to meet the increased demand.

The members were in support of the motion and raised the following

- Kildare was the fourth lowest centrally funded county
- Shortage on community infrastructure including sporting and recreational areas
- More pressure was needed on TD'S and Ministers to look at issues locally
- Any figures that could be provided would help support the Local Councillors especially in regards Housing figures
- Already experiencing a housing crisis GPs and other services were already unable to meet the demand.

Ms Harvey agreed to take everything discussed back to the Department.

The District Manager confirmed that the Chief Executive and Management Team were relaying all the concerns back to Government at every opportunity.

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



NS26/0625

Unauthorised Developments

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

Can the council outline if active planning permissions are cross checked with Unauthorised Developments?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that the Enforcement Officers cross check the Unauthorised Developments site with the Planning Register as part of review process.

The report was noted.

NS27/0625

Ardstone

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

Can the Council update members regarding the Further Information (FI) submitted by Ardstone reference planning file # 24381.

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that a response to request for Further Information was received on 24/03/2025 in relation to Ardstone's application, 24381. Please note a decision to grant was issued on 17/04/2025, and the Final Grant issued on 28/05/2025.

The full response to the Further Information request, along with the Planners report and assessment of the submitted information, is available to view online at

<https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/OnlineServices/OnlinePlanningEnquiries/>

Councillor Breen explained that the question was submitted on behalf of the residents who had raised concerns over the play area, creche facilities and issues with access issues. It was suggested that a yellow box or other option be investigated to ensure safety at the entrance

The report was noted.

NS28/0625

Housing Programme

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



Now that Minister Browne has requested Kildare County Council to collaborate with the State on the, yet to be detailed, Huge Housing Programme for Naas and Kildare, by zoning more land for Residential Development, will our Planning Executive in its reply, be identifying the existing threats of shortages of freshwater and electricity supplies in Kildare and the inability of our Local Authority's income funding to continue to provide the huge and significant requirements of matching social infrastructure, essential facilities, sporting lands and amenities, community development and the very costly installation of services infrastructure that it has previously undertaken from local funding in achieving its double growth in population numbers since 1990 and declare, that it now lacks the financial capacity to provide these matching requirements for any additional residential zonings, beyond the current zonings in the Naas LAP of 2021-2027, without obtaining a guarantee of serious Government financial support to offset these huge challenges to prevent the de-stabilizing of the town's existing community infrastructure?

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that Kildare County Council await the publication of the government's new Housing Targets and associated instructions for County Kildare. The consideration of additional housing and the necessary physical and social infrastructure required to sustain existing and new communities across the county, with related phasing and rising costs, is a significant issue for the Planning Team and will receive detailed analysis as part of any work in this regard. New housing targets will likely require the Core Strategy of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (CDP) to be amended. This will be brought forward as a statutory variation to the CDP for approval by the elected members of Kildare County Council. The variation process will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and will include consultation with the public and the prescribed authorities, including all agencies such as Uisce Éireann, the Department of Education, the Health Service Executive, Irish Rail, National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and all other relevant stakeholders. It is also noted that the reported establishment of a new national Housing Activation Office may have a role to play in the provision of infrastructure to support housing growth, however, the responsibility and functioning of this new office has yet to be communicated to the Local Government sector. The elected members will be briefed prior to the commencement of any statutory process in this regard.

Councillor Moore expressed that he was not happy with the report, noting that his question was similar to an earlier motion from Councillor Sammon.



He raised concerns of over expansion and the importance that the council work in tandem with the government to prevent issues arising in the future such as anti-social behaviour. The report was noted.

NS29/0625

Hospital Lakes Area

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore
Can the council confirm if it plans to carry out a public consultation to allow for submissions to be made to shape the Master Plan requirements for the approved Capital Expenditure later this year 2025, at the Hospital Lakes Area of Naas?

A report was received from the Parks Section informing the members that there were no plans to prepare a masterplan for the Lakes area. The allocation in the capital programme was to aid the upgrade of the existing paths and seating in the park.

The report was noted.

NS30/0625

School in Sallins

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council confirm if a site has been identified for a new secondary and/or primary school in Sallins. Given the increase in population and further development in Sallins taking place this needs to be urgently addressed.

A report was received from the Planning Section informing the members that two sites are zoned 'E: Community and Education' in the Sallins Local Area Plan 2016-2022, identified as E1 and E2 on the land use zoning map. In accordance with the zoning matrix contained in the plan, a new school is permitted in principle on either site. Site E2 has been specifically identified for the long-term expansion of the primary school. The delivery of schools is a function of the Department of Education.

Councillor Clear noted that both sites mentioned were privately owned and that zoning privately owned land made little sense. Sallins was in urgent need for these schools and for a suitable site to be identified.

The report was noted



NS31/0625

Tidy Town grant allocations

The members considered the proposed Tidy Town grant allocations for 2025 previously circulated.

Tidy Towns Grants Allocation 2025						
			Municipal District	2025 Budget Allocation €	2025 LPT Allocation €	Total MD €
			Naas	31,758	20,000	51,758
Naas MD (6)	TT Group	Category 2025		2025 Budget Allocation €	LPT Allocation	Total
	Naas	H		14,500	8,000	22,500
	Sallins	E		10,213	3,000	13,213
	Kill	D		2,955	3,000	5,955
	Johnstown	C		1,818	1,500	3,318
	Ballymore Eustace	B		1,136	3,000	4,136
	Eadestown	B		1,136	1,500	2,636
	Total			31,758	20,000	51,758

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members that the proposed Tidy Town grant allocations for 2025 be approved.

NS32/0625

Cemetery Committee grant allocations

The members considered the proposed Cemetery Committee grant allocations for 2025 previously circulated.

Naas MD	Cemetery/Graveyard	Total Grant 2025 (Rounded to the nearest 5)
	Bodenstown	€ 1,070
	Oughterard Cemetery	€ 535
	St. Columcille, Rathmore	€ 595
	St. Johns, Kill	€ 595
	Maudlins Burial Ground	€ 335
	St. David's Naas	€ 335
	Eadestown	€ 860
	St Mary's Cemetery Ballymore Eustace	€ 500
	Kilteel Cemetery	€ 335
		€ 5,160

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all members that the proposed Cemetery Committee grant allocations for 2025 be approved.



NS33/0625

Summer Festivals

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

That the council supports the summer festivals (Feile Nas Na Riogh, The Wild Food Festival and the Feile Liam Og O'Flynn) organised by voluntary groups in Naas by providing valuable assistance with the erection of flags and bunting and their removal after the events

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

A report was received from the Community Section informing the members that significant funding had been provided to festival organising committees from Kildare County Council. The development of a dedicated Kildare County Council team to support and develop festivals across the County had recently been discussed at the Local Community, Cultural and Integration Strategic Policy Committee. It was requested that this proposal be progressed with the executive given the significant resources and budgetary requirements required to progress the proposal. There were currently no resources or funding available to progress this request.

Councillor Brett explained the difficulties facing voluntary groups. The groups require access to a hoist in order to put up and remove flags and bunting for events. The summer festivals around Naas were said to be improving year on year and assistance from the council would be appreciated similar to that provided for the Punchestown festival.

Councillor Dunne suggested looking at a fund being put in place for the future that members can use as and when needed for things such as the recent Kildare Hurling Teams success, it was noted that a lot of correspondence had been received since the weekend regarding this. The members expressed their congratulations to the Kildare Hurling Team on their great win over the weekend

The District Manager explained that currently the Community Section would not have the resources or funding for this request as it requires specialist training. It was suggested that this may be something to refer onto the Community SPC for them to investigate the possibility of a trained Community Team in the county.

Councillor Brett agreed to discuss further offline with the Community Section.

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



NS34/0625

CCTV

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

Can the council engage with the An Garda Síochána and the Elected Members of the Naas Municipal District to progress the installation of a CCTV system in the town.

A report was received from the Community Section informing the members that the establishment of a Community CCTV schemes is set out under S38 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 and S.28 of An Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act 2023. There are significant legal requirements around the implementation of community CCTV schemes and each scheme must be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Under the legislation the establishment of all Community CCTV schemes requires the authorisation/consultation of the local Joint Policing Committee prior to submission of an application to the Garda Commissioner. As there is no longer a Joint Policing Committees in place to obtain this authorisation/consultation, there is not a mechanism currently available for Local Authorities to apply for establishment of any Community CCTV schemes at this time.

It is not known at this stage if the required authorisations will be from part of the Local Community Safety Partnerships as regulations in relation to same are currently awaited. It should also be noted that there are currently no resources or funding available to progress this request.

Councillor Brett thanked the section for the report. He referred to the allocation of funding from each municipal district in 2019 for CCTV for the County and expressed his frustration with the obstacles being put in the way of the installation of CCTV in the town of Naas which he felt was essential.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.