



**Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3:30 pm Tuesday, 10 December 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 M McLoughlin (A/ Senior Executive Officer), Ms L Hanratty, Ms A Gough (LPT Co-Ordinator), Ms Cassandra Brogan (Assistant Staff Officer), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms A Dykes (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/1224

Declarations of Interest

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 from the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

NS02/1224

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 12 November 2024, along with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Moore that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 12 November 2024 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS03/1224

Municipal Districts Works Programme

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



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Road Resurfacing

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

- R413 Ballymore to Ardinode Complete
- R410 Baltracey (Beggars End) Complete
- L2021 Rathmore Complete
- Craddockstown Road, Naas Complete
- Ballycane, Naas Complete
- Fishery Lane, Naas Complete
- Johnstown Complete
- Monread Avenue Complete
- Kill Complete
- Sallins Road, Naas Complete
- Blessington Road/Tipper Road Junction Complete
- Monread Heights Naas Complete
- Monread Avenue, Naas Complete
- Basin Street, Naas Complete
- Hollywood Park, Naas Complete
- Cleevaun Complete
- Lacken View Complete

Footpaths

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

- Roselawn, Naas Complete
- Mountain View, Naas Complete
- Friary Road, Naas - Raised Table Crossing Complete
- The Park, Morrell, Naas Construction Stage
- Elmwood, Naas Pre-Construction Stage
- Ashgrove, Naas Pre-Construction Stage



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- Blessington Road, Naas Pre-Construction Stage
- Corbally Court, Naas Pre-Construction Stage

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 Complete

LPT/Carparks Funded Works

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

- BME Road to Ballycane - Raised Table Crossing Complete
- Poplar Square - Haydens – Footpath Complete
- Sallins Road - Raised Table Crossing Complete
- Gleann na Gréine – Footpath Complete
- Chapel Lane, Sallins – Footpath Complete
- Sallins Park to St. Brigids Terrace – Footpath Complete
- Johnstown Manor, Johnstown – Footpath Complete
- Glendara, Kill – Footpath Complete
- Liffey Heights - Ballymore Eustace – Road Complete
- Kilheale, Kill Complete
- Kerdiff Avenue, Naas Complete
- Greenaun, Naas – Ramp Complete
- Traffic Calming (Eadestown) Complete
- Traffic Calming (Ballymore Eustace) Complete

(LPT Funded Road Projects)

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

Drainage



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

- Wolfestown/Philipstown Complete
- Naas Road, Ballymore Complete

Surface Dressing

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

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

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

- Killeel Community Hall, Kill Complete

The Mayor thanked and congratulated Mr Khan for all works done throughout the year.

NS04/1224

LPT Allocations

Councillor Sammon proposed that any unused LPT from 2024 be carried over to the respective line items for 2025.

This was seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Sammon, Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members that any unused LPT be carried over to 2025.

Iompar, Soghluaisteacht agus Spásanna Oscailte Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces

Transport

NS05/1224

Christmas Parking Arrangements 2024

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



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That the council considers implementing free parking in Kildare County Council owned and operated car parks in the Naas Municipal District from for the remainder of December.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the suspension of parking bye-laws for the Christmas period has not been proposed in any Municipal Districts in 2024. Such a measure would be inconsistent with policies contained in the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and Chapter 5 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029, which encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport. The regulation of parking during the Christmas period encourages a greater turnover of parking spaces and maximises usage during this busy period. It is further noted that there are budgetary implications in waiving parking charges which would have a negative impact on the Municipal District budget.

Councillor Kelly stated that it was noble to support sustainable modes of transport but queried what people from the Naas hinterlands could do given the lack of an orbital bus route.

The members raised the following:

- People travelling from outside Naas like Eadestown and Ballymore that did not have better transport links would need to park for shopping, meeting families.
- It would encourage people to shop local, eat local.
- There were no proper paths or cycles lane from the likes of Eadestown or Ballymore.
- In the longer term a park and ride system was needed to encourage shoppers to Naas.
- Opposition on the basis that the proposal runs counter to climate action policies and an orbital bus route was needed.
- If local shops were not supported it would be detrimental to the town.
- Climate Action targets had only brought restrictions and no positives.
- Trading in the town was being destroyed.



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- It was also mentioned that locals abuse the use of free parking and take the bus to Dublin.
- Free parking was being abused by shoppers, who were parking all day. Pay parking meant that there was a constant turnover of visitors to Naas.

Mr M McLoughlin noted for the record he was not in favour of suspension of pay parking during the Christmas period. National policy was implemented by Kildare County Council. It would allow people stay all day and use valuable parking spaces which would have a negative effect. Also, it would be challenging to implement this and have meters ready on time.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by members that from 18 December – 2 January 2024 pay parking would be suspended in Kildare County Council car parks only.

NS06/1224

Flood Issue

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly
That the council takes immediate action to remediate the issue of flooding at (details provided).

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the applicant of the property shall abide by the site layout plan submitted under the granted planning permission of 2016 to reduce the flooding issue in the driveway

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



NS07/1224

Repairs to concrete/green area in the Cul de Sac adjacent to Lacken View

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

That the council carries out repairs to the neglected concrete/green area in the Cul de Sac adjacent to (details provided) Lacken View, Naas which has been allowed to go to waste and is both a safety issue and an eyesore to residents.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the Works to repair this area will be carried out in 2025 as soon as weather conditions and resources allow. However once repaired we would need local residents to undertake the maintenance of the area.

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

NS08/1224

Footpath from Acorn Creche to the Osberstown Bridge

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to extend the footpath from Acorn Creche to the Osberstown Bridge, Sallins?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that due to limited resources, Naas Municipal District has no plan for an extension of footpath from Acorn Creche to the Osberstown Bridge, Sallins.

Councillor Kelly noted she was not happy with the report as the canal was closed but with this small section of footpath missing it could not be used safely. She advised that she would come back to this issue in 2025.

The report was noted.



NS09/1224

Hedge Pruning in Blackhall, Clane

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if Blackhall, Clane is being considered for hedge pruning in the coming tranche?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District Office will facilitate this request.

The report was noted.

NS10/1224

Yellow Boxes

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

Can the council confirm the number of yellow box junctions requested by Councillors over the past 12 months that have been installed in this district?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District office received approximately eight yellow box junction requests in the past twelve-month period. In accordance with the technical guidance document, two yellow box junctions were installed, and six were determined not required at the requested locations after the assessment was carried out.

Councillor Brett noted that some boxes removed during restoration works had now been replaced where as some had not as of yet.

The report was noted.

NS11/1224

Overgrown trees Osberstown Naas

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



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That the council investigates the issue of branches falling from over-grown trees onto the public domain at (details provided) Osberstown Naas, Co Kildare.

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

A report was received from Parks and Landscaping informing the members that this issue will be investigated to see what work is required.

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

Tithíocht agus Athnuachan Housing and Regeneration

NS12/1224

Part 8 for McAuley Place, Naas

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

Can the council update members as to when the Part 8 for McAuley Place, Naas will be brought forward for approval?

A report was received from The Housing Department informing the members that as noted in the monthly CE report stage 1 approval was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 45 units, preplanning is ongoing.

It is expected to launch the Part 8 in Q1 2025 and bring to the Members in Q3 2025.

The report was noted.



Pleanáil, Fiontraíocht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch agus Seirbhísí Éigeandála
Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency
Services

NS13/1224

St David's Castle, Naas

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

Can the council update the members on the current/future plans and status of St David's Castle, which is a protected structure?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Section informing the members that the URDF application granted for the Naas Municipal District, included background assessments for the St. David's Castle site. A Conservation Management Plan has been prepared by the Heritage Team and is currently with the URDF Team in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

Councillor Breen noted the response but advised she understood St David's Castle was privately owned.

The District Manager noted that the application was with URDF

The report was noted.

Aeráid, Comhphobal, Timpeallacht agus Uisce
Climate, Community, Environment and Water

NS14/1224

Disposal Of Christmas Trees

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



Kildare County Council

Can the council confirm what plans it has to facilitate the control and disposal of used Christmas trees in the Naas Municipal District after the Christmas festivities.

A report was received from the Environment Department that Kildare County Council will again provide a free service to the public where they can bring their used Christmas trees to be recycled in a sustainable way. In total, this service will be provided at 7 sites across the county.

The location for Naas is at Fairgreen. All locations will be advertised on Kildare County Council's website and on social media.

Councillor Breen queried dates and Mr M Byrne advised collection from 3-20 January.

Councillor Moore queried if the trees could be moved more quickly than last year, where a significant amount of trees had piled up and had been set on fire causing a serious health and safety issue.

Mr M Byrne from Environment reported that 7 tenders had gone out and only 1 was received. It was now more expensive to dispose of Christmas trees. He would talk to the contractor who was facilitating the other sites also. He also mentioned that Sillot Hill had a green waste disposal site as well as other recycling facilities within Naas and also in Ballymount in Dublin. Mr M Byrne also asked going forward if LPT could be given to aid in cost of the disposal of Christmas trees as the cost each year had risen.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.