



**Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting**  
**held at 3:30 pm Tuesday, 11 February 2025**  
**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), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr L McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer) , Ms M O'Dwyer (Administrative Officer), Ms Cassandra Brogan (LPT Co-ordinator), Mr M Byrne (Staff Officer), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms A Dykes (Meetings Secretary) and others.

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**NS01/0225**

**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.

**NS02/0225**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 14 January 2025, along with the progress report.

Councillor Moore queried if Abbey Bridge Lane would qualify for LIS Scheme.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that there if there was no agricultural holding on the lane it would not qualify for LIS.

Councillor Kelly queried the Vacant Housing Report as the figures were identical to January.

The meetings administrator advised she would follow up with the Housing Department.

Arising from the Progress Report:



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Councillor Brett noted a bad accident at Beggars End the previous morning and advised that this junction needed to be prioritised.

Councillor Clear enquired if the junction could accommodate a roundabout and was advised that it could.

**Resolved:** on the proposal of Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 14 January 2025 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

### NS03/0225

#### Municipal Districts Works Programme

##### Road Resurfacing

The Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement (RI) works programme for 2025 will be developed in line with the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport.

2024 projects are complete.

The Naas MD Restoration Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2025 will be developed in line with the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport.

2024 projects are complete.

##### Footpaths

##### Local Property Tax (LPT) Funded Works

Footpath works 2024 – substantially complete

Works at the following locations are at construction stage and will progress in the coming weeks:

- Elmwood, Naas - Construction Stage
- Ashgrove, Naas – Pre-Construction Stage
- Blessington Road, Naas – Pre-Construction Stage
- Corbally Court, Naas - Completed

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



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### **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 Low-Cost Safety Improvement Cost Programme for 2025 will be developed in line with the 2025 allocation from the Department of Transport

Councillor Clear queried what works were taking place at Ashgrove and Blessington Road

Mr Y Khan advised that bollards were being installed on Blessington Road to prevent HGVs parking on the footpath. In Ashgrove works were to fix damaged footpaths.

The report was noted.

#### **NS04/0225**

#### **Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2025**

This item was deferred to the March meeting.

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

#### **NS05/0225**

#### **Capital Projects**

To receive an update from the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate on Roads Capital Projects.

This item was deferred to the March meeting.



**NS06/0225**

**E-Scooters at Naas Canal**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.  
That E-scooters now legally allowed on Irish Roads without a need for a licence, registration, tax or insurance and are allowed a speed of up to 20 Kilometres per hour, be banned from the amenity facility area of Naas Canal from Abbey Bridge to Osberstown Bridge, as the amenity has been a) turned into a 'e-scooter learning course' b) they are a silent danger to elderly and short of hearing pedestrians and c) because the shared space of the two way amenity route is not suitable for such low level, noiseless, 'speedsters' coming at walkers from both directions.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council does not have the legal powers to ban e-scooters from using public roads.

Councillor Moore thanked the Transport team for the report. He informed the members that it was disappointing that such a lovely amenity area was being taken over and used as a learning course for e-scooters. These e-scooters were terrifying pedestrians as they could not be heard, most had no lights and were travelling at speed.

Mr D Hodgins advised that this was a quiet road and a shared space where pedestrians had priority. Enforcement of speed was a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Members requested that signage be placed in the area explaining pedestrian priority and the shared area.

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



**NS07/0225**

**Automatic Traffic Light Cameras**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne.  
That the council follows the decision of Dublin City Council and introduces automatic traffic light cameras to monitor traffic breaking red lights and/or blocking yellow boxes etc.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Local Authorities do not currently have the legal powers to develop and implement automatic red-light CCTV at junctions. Once this power has been enacted through primary legislation and a commencement notice issued by the Minister, Kildare County Council will consider the staffing and infrastructure costs of such an initiative in the context of a unified national approach to this issue.

Councillor Dunne noted he was not aware that the powers had not yet been enacted and advised that it would be beneficial as a disincentive to breaking traffic lights and blocking yellow boxes.

The members raised the following:

- This was badly needed in towns especially in the Poplar Square area of Naas
- Children needed to be able to walk to school safely

Mr D Hodgins advised that the technology was very effective. Currently a resolution was being awaited regarding management of the systems before Local Authorities could begin the roll-out

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



**NS08/0225**

**Reflectivity of White Lines**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne.  
That the council conducts a survey on the reflectivity of the white lines on the roads in the Naas Municipal District and upgrade these lines as required.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that where a road is getting an upgrading reflective line marking is done in parallel, existing road line marking are maintained on the bases of resources available.

Councillor Dunne informed the members of the disintegration of some road markings, especially where there were cycle lanes. He also thanked the District Engineer for the reinstatement of yellow boxes in the Monread area.

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

**NS09/0225**

**Traffic Assessments**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.  
That the council provides all traffic assessments for the L2010, the L2007 and the L6013 for the past 5 years.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members please see attached excel spreadsheet and maps showing the location of the various counters. The spreadsheet outlines the data for the last five years along the L2010, L2007 and L6011. The Transport department have no data for L6013 but the L6011 connects to the L6013 and this information is provided.



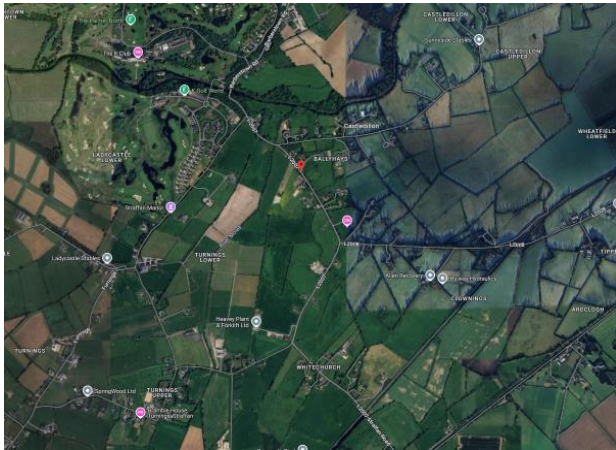
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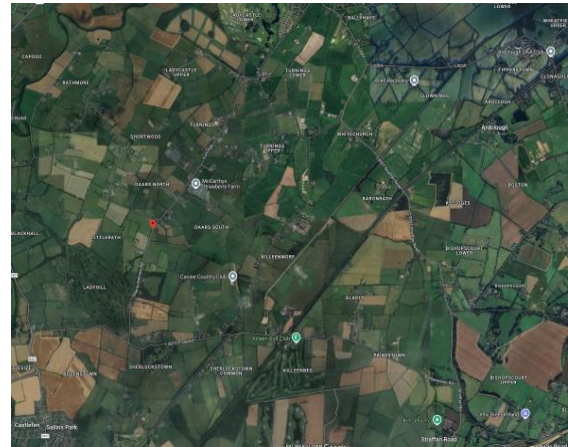
<b>L2010-3</b>	<b>Counter 104</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>AADT</b>	<b>% HGV</b>	<b>Avg Speed</b>
		2023	3082	1.70%	65
		2022	2847	1.30%	62
		2019	3315	3.00%	45
		2018	3533	2.70%	44
<b>L2010-3</b>	<b>Counter 106</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>AADT</b>	<b>% HGV</b>	<b>Avg Speed</b>
		2023	2267	0.80%	65
		2022	2095	1.00%	62
		2019	3657	0.60%	38
		2018	3172	N/A	58
<b>L2007-7</b>	<b>Counter 77</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>AADT</b>	<b>% HGV</b>	<b>Avg Speed</b>
		2024	5099	1.80%	80
		2023	5570	1.40%	79
		2022	4232	3.20%	84
		2019	7172	1.90%	81
		2018	6292	1.10%	80
		2017	5857	2.00%	82
<b>L6011-2</b>	<b>Counter 96</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>AADT</b>	<b>% HGV</b>	<b>Avg Speed</b>
<b>Closest to L6013</b>		2023	2626	1.40%	77
		2022	2401	0.70%	81
		2019	1819	0.40%	N/A
		2018	1836	0.20%	77



**Counter 77 Location**



**Counter 96 Location**



**Counter 104 Location**



**Counter 106 Location**



Councillor Kelly thanked the Transport Department for their report and advised that she had spoken with Mr D Conlan prior to the meeting. She noted that the L6011 intersection of Bodenstown/Sherlockstown had a daily increase of 790 vehicles and 7 times greater HGVs along this road. Roads in this area were not designed for this volume of traffic and needed to be upgraded as at certain bad bends residents were pulling cars from ditches. If there were incidents on the Sallins Bypass or at Millennium Park (Junction 9A) these back roads were being used more. She queried if signage could be increased on these roads

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





**The members agreed to take Agenda Report Items 10 and 11 together.**

**NS10/0225**

**Raised Table at Sherlockstown Road**

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

That the raised table on the Sherlockstown Road at the new Pedestrian Bridge be upgraded to a proper zebra crossing as a matter of priority.

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

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

**NS11/0225**

**Pedestrian Crossing from GAA to Pedestrian Bridge Sallins**

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

That the council upgrades the pedestrian crossing from the GAA to the pedestrian bridge in Sallins to a zebra crossing as this route is heavily used by children walking to school, yet cars are often driving through while they are on the crossing.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Department informing the members that it is not proposed to change the unsignalised crossings along the Kerdiffstown Road and the Sherlockstown Road. To upgrade them involves the purchase of third-party lands, the removal of mature trees and an upgrade to the public lighting at the crossings. There is neither the financial nor staff resources to undertake this work. It should be noted that there are sufficient forward sightlines to these crossings and the main concern at this location is driver behaviour. Furthermore, the implementation of the Grand Canal Greenway link across the vehicular ramp and the R407 will assist in dissuading traffic that has alternate routes to using the Sherlockstown Road.

Finally, Type B zebra crossings (those without bellisa beacons) are not authorised for use in County Kildare.



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Councillor Kelly informed the members that there was a raised table ramp and signage in place but no proper pedestrian crossing. It was seen by motorists as a ramp and not a crossing. The pedestrian bridge had been a huge success and was used by hundreds of children on a daily basis but it was part of the school zone and should have a proper crossing. She queried if solar lights could be used.

Councillor Clear added that sightlines in the area were good and footpath width was fine and queried what the issue was in relation to installation of a pedestrian crossing. He also stated that most of the problem was with driver behaviour.

Mr D Hodgins informed the members that a pedestrian crossing at this location may not be necessary when the Grand Canal Greenway link across the vehicular ramp and the R407 is implemented. A pedestrian crossing may encroach on GAA lands. Zebra crossings tended to work well in town centres but not in outlying areas. The issue here was motorists not adhering to children waiting to cross the road at the raised table ramp.

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

### NS12/0225

#### New Speed Limits

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

That, with the pending introduction of the new speed limits, the council adjusts its bye laws to allow the moving of the Johnstown speed limits signs a further 80 metres out on the Kill Road.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Department informing the members that the changing of speed limit bye laws is a reserved function.

Councillor Brett accepted the report and advised he would speak to the District Engineer.

The members stated that the same issue would arise on other roads such as the Blessington Road and in Johnstown and Ballymore Eustace. The built up areas had changed but boundaries on maps had not and speed limits needed to be reduced further out than they currently were.



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

### NS13/0225

#### **Taking in Charge Second Entrance to Scoil Bhríde**

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

That the council commences the process of taking in charge the short road at the second entrance to Scoil Bhríde, Sallins Road in Naas where extensive footpath parking by a local car business is causing safety concerns for children on their way to school.

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

A report was received from the Transportation Department informing the members that this section of road is in private ownership with a wayleave in place to allow access to the school. No request has been received to take this road in charge.

Councillor Clear informed the members that a number of children used this entrance as a short cut to the school. He advised that bollards were required to prevent the parking of a significant number of cars on the footpath by a local garage and to do so would require the road to be taken in charge.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that the road was in the private ownership of two different people so could not be taken in charge.

Members noted that the garage was in-situ before the school and access to the school had been granted by a wayleave. Perhaps the owners could be approached to discuss the issue.

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



**NS14/0225**

**Pedestrian Crossing at Meadow and Byrne, Dublin Road.**

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

That the council delivers a pedestrian crossing at Meadows and Byrne on the Dublin Road, Naas.

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

A report was received from the Sustainable Transport Department informing the members that there are numerous requests for pedestrian improvements across County Kildare. Kildare County Council does not receive central Government funding through the National Transport Authority for new signalised crossings. Should a source of funding from Local Property Tax (LPT) or otherwise be identified, then Kildare County Council will examine the location and consider the suggestion in the context of countywide requests.

Councillor Sammon thanked the Transportation team for the report and queried if the design and location could be examined before the 30kph speed limit for urban areas came into effect so that the project would be ready to go. She advised that she had spoken to the owners of the Town Centre who were willing to oblige and highlighted the need to keep channels of communication open in this regard.

The members supported the motion as the area was on the desire line for schools and towards Chapel Lane and would be beneficial in creating a safer route for children walking to school.

Mr D Hodgins stated that advice from other municipal districts was that setting aside 50k from LPT funds would cover the extra footpath works and any monies left over would go back to the Municipal District.

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



**NS15/0225**

**Leasing a Space for a Carpark in Ballymore Eustace**

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

That the council explores leasing a space for a carpark in Ballymore Eustace.

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

A report was received from the Transportation Department informing the members that the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate is willing to explore the feasibility of such a proposal with other Directorates if appropriate, notwithstanding the requirement to identify a funding source; suitable location subject to planning consent; and an appropriate management structure to progress such a scheme.

Councillor Sammon stated that she had three locations in mind with two potentially belonging to Kildare County Council and one privately owned right in the village. As the school catered for a large hinterland school times were difficult as there was a large volume of traffic and no parking area. The 5k walk which was fantastic was also creating more traffic and had no parking facilities.

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

**NS16/0225**

**Fencing work along the Mill River in the Mill Lane Estate**

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

Can the council confirm when it plans to complete the fencing work along the Mill River in the Mill Lane Estate, where previous verbal encounters between non-residents of the estate and the project team, necessitated the withdrawing of the services team?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that works will be carried out in coming weeks.

Councillor Moore thanked the Transportation Department for the positive report.

The report was noted.



**NS17/0225**

**Sallins Active Travel Scheme**

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

Can the council confirm when it anticipates the work to progress the Sallins Active Travel Scheme will begin?

A report was received from the Transportation Department informing the members that the preliminary design of the Sallins Active Travel Scheme is being progressed by consultants appointed by Kildare County Council and an allocation of €100,000 has been provided in 2025 for the design process. Subject to the approval of the National Transport Authority, it is expected that these designs will be available in 2025 for circulation.

Councillor Kelly sought clarification on a timeline.

Mr D Hodgins advised that the design had been submitted to the NTA the previous week and that a change of personnel had caused a delay. It was expected that the public consultation would take place in Q3 depending on NTA approval.

The report was noted.

**NS18/0225**

**Installation of Yellow Lines at Rochford Estate, Kill**

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

Can the council confirm a timeline for the installation of yellow lines on the distributor road at Rochford Estate, Kill?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that there is no active proposal for the proposed double yellow lines at distributor road in Rochford Estate, Kill. With the members agreement, the Transportation Department will commence Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

All members were in agreement that a Section 38 be commenced.

The report was noted.





**NS19/0225**

**Cost of Resurfacing the Rear Road to St Bridget's Terrace in Sallins**

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

Can the council provide a report on the expected cost of resurfacing the rear road at St Bridget's Terrace in Sallins?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that expected cost will be approx. €205,000 for the resurfacing the rear road at St Bridget's Terrace in Sallins, proposed works will also include the installation of new surface water drainage system for the full length of road works as existing drainage system at St Bridget's Terrace is a combined drainage system.

Councillor Clear acknowledged the substantial amount of funding needed and queried if any other funding could be made available as costs were too high for LPT.

Given the age profile of the residents and steps out front there was an issue of accessibility with many residents being left housebound.

Mr Y Khan advised that there was no other funding stream available and drainage works made up a huge part of the costs.

The report was noted.

**Parks**

**NS20/0225**

**Planting of Trees on the Naas Ring Road**

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

That the council expedites the planting of trees on the Naas Ring Road where timber bollards were recently removed and to extend the tree planting to all areas in the municipal district where timber bollards exist.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that initial work on removing some of the bollards on the Naas Ring Road has taken place in the last couple of weeks. Bollards have been removed from Kerry Group HQ to Newhall Roundabout and also on the Caragh Road Section. The work to date cost €20k. This was funded from contingency



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fund in the 2024 Parks Section budget. Any further work would require additional budget to carry on the work. Similarly with any tree planting. A request has been made to the Municipal District for LPT to continue the work. The phasing of the work may be necessary particularly with any proposed planting.

Regarding additional areas where timber bollards exist these would have to be assessed. It may not be possible or appropriate to plant all areas with trees if bollards are removed.

The members noted it was great to see the bollards being replaced with trees but queried could a list of suitable trees be provided by the Parks Department to not interfere with the infrastructure.

Mr Y Khan raised concerns regarding planting trees on a main artery as this could cause issues in stormy weather and also cleaning up leaves would create extra costs for the Municipal District Office.

**Resolved:** on the proposal of Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by members.

### NS21/0225

#### Jigginstown Green Green Park Area

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

Can the council outline its plan to address the Green Park Area of Jigginstown Green on Newbridge Road as to its almost permanent flood and water-logged state, making the park unusable, because a lack of surface drainage after a higher ground level canalside path was constructed?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there are no plans at present to carry out work at this area. The issue may not be due to the path. The presence of the canal and a higher water table and also compaction of the ground and or soil or ground type may also be factors. The matter would have to be investigated further before any works could be considered. Funding would also have to be identified for any works. The report was noted.



**NS22/0225**

**Tree Survey at the Woodland Railway Bridge**

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

Can the council provide an update on the tree survey that was undertaken on the woodland at the Railway Bridge or Byrnes Bridge at Millbrook, Naas?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that we are currently waiting the reports from the tree surveys and when these are available, we will update the members in relation to the location mentioned.

The report was noted.

**NS23/0225**

**Leylandii Trees at River Lawn Kills**

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

Can the council confirm a timeline for the removal of the leylandii trees at River Lawns, Kill?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that we cannot confirm a timeline for the removal of the trees as we are still waiting for ESB to confirm a date to turn off the powerlines to allow us carry out the work.

Councillor Brett accepted the report but noted that this was taking way too long. The wall at the bus stop was being undermined by these trees.

The report was noted.

**Tithíocht agus Athnuachan**

**Housing and Regeneration**

**NS24/0225**

**Sallins Town Renewal Masterplan**

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

Can the council provide an update on when the Sallins Town Renewal Masterplan will be published?

A report was received from the Public Realm informing the members that SPPR are working with the design team to finalise the project proposals of the Town Renewal Masterplan. We



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expect this piece to be closed out in the next 2 weeks after which the Draft will be presented to the Senior Management Team for approval, prior to publication.

Councillor Kelly queried if the report would be available to members prior to publication. Ms M O'Dwyer advised that she would take the question back to the relevant section

The report was noted.

### **NS25/0225**

#### **Alms House Dublin Road Naas**

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

Can the council update the members on the current state of dereliction of Alms House and the adjacent property (vacant c 20 years) on the Dublin Road Naas?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Local Authority is at an advanced stage in regards to the purchase of the property at Alms House, Dublin Road.

The owner of the property adjacent to Alms house is in regular communication with the vacant homes team and is preparing plans to develop the site. The team will continue to monitor progress on both sites.

Councillor Breen noted that the property was a protected structure which had been there since 1519. She queried the council plans for the building and also queried what was happening with the vacant house next door.

Ms M O'Dwyer advised that the property next door was in private ownership and the team had been in communication with the owner. She noted she would bring concerns back to the team for further information

The report was noted.



**NS26/0225**

**Condition of House at Monread Heights**

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

Can the council update members on any progress in relation to the current condition of (details provided), Monread Heights?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that this property is privately owned and occupied. The Derelict Sites Section have communicated with the property owner and issued a number of notices in relation to this property. A section 11 notice issued in November 2024 requesting measures to be taken in relation to the site. A recent inspection noted no improvement works to the site and it has now been added to the Derelict Sites Register.

Councillor Breen accepted the report but noted that there were issues and expressed concerns with the condition of the house.

Ms M O'Dwyer added that the Housing Department were in communication with the private owner of the residence.

The report was noted.

**NS27/0225**

**Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants**

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

Can the council confirm how many vacant property refurbishment grants were approved in the Naas Municipal District last year?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that 17 Vacant Property Grants were approved for properties in the Naas Municipal District in 2024.

The report was noted.



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

**NS28/0225**

**Development Contribution Scheme**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.  
That Naas Municipal District members agree to request Kildare County Council to add a supplementary element to the 'Community & Enterprise' and 'Recreation & Amenity' elements of the Development Contribution Scheme for future developments in Naas Municipal District as a 'Special Community Infrastructure Levy' to provide funding to upgrade and provide community and social infrastructure (not services infrastructure) to infill for the serious shortage that exists for the present and future population of a fast expanding Naas Town Area.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the current Development Contribution scheme in Kildare County Council was adopted by the elected members at Full Council meeting held on 19th December 2022 and covers the period 2023 to 2029 in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Section 49 of the aforementioned Act makes provision for a Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme.

Section 49 of the Act provides for the drawing up of a supplementary development contribution scheme to facilitate a particular public infrastructure service or project which is provided (or proposed to be provided) by a local authority, a public authority or a private developer on behalf of and pursuant to an agreement with a local authority (e.g. through Public Private Partnership), and which will benefit the development on which the development contribution is imposed and the Act is very prescriptive regarding the nature of development in the context of Section 49.

In Section 49(7) of the Act 'public infrastructure project or service' means:





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- (a) The provision of particular light rail, light rail or other public transport infrastructure, including car parks and other ancillary development,
- (b) The provision of particular new roads,
- (c) The provision of new surface water sewers and ancillary infrastructure, and
- (d) The provision of new schools and ancillary infrastructure.

There is no provision in legislation to prepare and adopt a Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for Community and Social Infrastructure.

The Development Contribution Scheme when being prepared and adopted identifies specific spend to be funded under the lifetime of the scheme and aligns insofar as possible with the Capital Programme adopted by the Elected Members.

It should also be noted that the scheme is a countywide development contribution scheme and not for any specific area or for a part of infrastructure that is not included in the proposed capital spend of the Local Authority.

Any new scheme proposed would be required to be developed on a countywide basis and approved by the Full Council and would have to have an identified project in the Capital Provision identifying all funding sources or future funding sources.

Councillor Moore stated it was a disappointing report, noting the shortage of social community infrastructure. Naas could impose an increase to levies. International developers were not providing supports that were so badly needed. He requested that his fellow members raise the issue with their respective party leaders.

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

### NS29/0225

#### **Barrack Street Close Estate, Ballymore**

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

That the council takes Barrack Street Close Estate, Ballymore Eustace in charge as the residents have serious safety concerns within the estate due to the absence of any traffic calming measures.



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

A report was received from the Building Control Department informing the members that Kildare County Council have not received a taking in charge request for Barrack Street Close. On receipt of a valid taking in charge request, Development Control will investigate further with a view to progressing the taking in charge.

Councillor Breen advised that she would request the residents contact the council regarding the issue and requested a timeframe for completion after this

Mr L McNeela stated that there was a cash bond retained. Once a request was received survey works could commence but works would take at least 6-9 months. A plebiscite of 50% plus one would be required from the residents.

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

### **NS30/0225**

#### **River Walk Ballymore Eustace**

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

Can the council provide an update in relation to the taking in charge of the River Walk in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the Parks Section have no objection in principle to take this section of the walk in charge. However, we do not have the capacity to provide all the maintenance required to maintain the area. We would be happy to work in conjunction with the local community organisations to maintain the area as we do in other areas of the county and to organise a meeting to discuss this.

The report was noted.



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**Attenuation Tanks at Stonehaven Housing Estate**

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

That the council reviews the planning file and the effectiveness of the attenuation tanks at Stonehaven Housing Estate on the Blessington Road as a result of the recent severe flooding at the adjacent Mountain View Estate and have the council considered the impact of flooding at nearby housing estates like Mountain View.

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

A report was received from Building Control Department informing the members that the planning file for Stonehaven has been reviewed - the applicant has designed their flood plain to not have any effect on the neighbouring properties. However, this development is still under construction and there are outstanding works relating to the construction and completion of attenuation and SuDS features which form part of the overall drainage network. Development Control will continue to monitor the works as construction continues.

Councillor Breen informed the members that she had received an email from a resident of Mountain View relating to severe flooding which had occurred to the front of the estate recently and had resulted in the insurance premium rising by €1500. She queried whether building works at Stonehaven had caused this issue as it had never happened before.

The members raised the following points:

- Perhaps an underground drainage pipe had become blocked
- Could clarification be provided on how attenuation tanks operated.
- Was the area considered a flood plain
- Mountain View to Elmwood joined the overflow from the hospital area and periodically garbage had to be removed from the area to avoid blockages.
- Final ARUP flood reports were still awaited.



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Mr L McNeela advised that the Municipal District Office had investigated the issue and were investigating the underground drainage maps. The attenuation ponds at Stonehaven were under construction, currently at stage two of five and a temporary pond was in place.

Building and development control were satisfied that the drainage would be sufficient when completed. He explained that attenuation tanks were underground tanks which stored flood waters and released water slowly downstream to prevent flooding.

The District Manager advised that the CFrams map showed to area to be a flood plain but he was not aware of any implications of this report. He also advised that attenuation tanks can silt up and require cleaning.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by members.

### NS32/0225

#### Dog Waste Bags Naas

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

Can the council confirm when dog waste bags will be replaced in the various dispensers in the Naas area where Naas Tidy Towns are reporting a significant increase in dog fouling since the bags ceased to be dispensed?

A report was received from Environment Department informing the members that as previously indicated, the Council no longer provides separate dog waste bins or bag dispensers. Instead, we promote the concept that dog owners should exercise responsible behaviour when bringing their dog for a walk, and that “any bag any bin” is the message that the owner needs to remember, ie to bring a suitable bag before setting out on his/her walk and to either place it in the nearest standard street litter bin or take it home for disposal.



Alternatives to dog litter bags are cheap and widely available. Dog owners may choose to use nappy sacks, reused plastic bags, paper bags or something similar, basically any bag will do as long as owners pick up their dog's waste. If you own a dog and your dog does its business on our streets or public open spaces, then it is your responsibility to pick it up and bin it.

Most dog owners already clean up after their dogs but not all do so. Everyone needs to have respect for their local community and neighbourhood. There is no excuse for leaving dog waste on a path, road, trail or in a hedgerow.

Councillor Clear informed the members that the Tidy Towns were reporting an increase in dog fouling along the streets and in amenity areas and requested the waste bags be reinstated noting that there were 10k dogs in Naas. He requested that, if the bags were not to be provided, the empty boxes be removed.

Mr M Byrne advised that the Parks Department had run a pilot scheme to provide dog waste bags but these bags had been disposed of in hedgerows, so the scheme ended.

He advised that he could put in a formal request to replace the dog bags with the Parks Department.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.