



**Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3:30 pm Tuesday, 11 March 2025
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas**

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

Online: Councillor F Brett (Mayor)

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Ms L Hanratty (Senior Executive Officer), Mr Y Khan (A/District Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin (A/ Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Conlon (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr L McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms Cassandra Brogan (LPT Co-ordinator), Ms N Smullen (A/Administrative Officer), Mr B Leonard (A/Senior Executive Officer) Ms E Hanlon (Director of Services), Ms P O'Rourke (Climate Action Coordinator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms A Dykes (Meetings Secretary) and others.

As the Mayor was attending the meeting online it was agreed that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Moore should chair the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised that he had received an indirect invitation to St David's in Wales on March 1 but had been unable to attend as there were no ferry places available due to a Munster rugby game.

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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.

NS02/0325

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 11 February 2025 along with the progress report.



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Councillor Moore queried the status of Abbey Bridge Lane and if clarification could be provided as to whether it was a public or private road. Were there any other forms of grants available to the residents for road improvements if the lane did not qualify for the LIS scheme, or could the road be taken in charge.

Mr Y Khan confirmed that the lane had not been taken in charge and was the responsibility of the homeowners.

Councillor Sammon stated that the LIS rules from 2025 were less rigid. Mr M McLoughlin advised that the scheme still required an agricultural holding on the road.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Dunne that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 11 February 2025 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS03/0325

Municipal Districts Works Programme

Road Resurfacing

The Naas Municipal District Office 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 Municipal District 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 - Completed
- Ashgrove, Naas – Construction Stage
- Blessington Road, Naas – Completed



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- Corbally Court, Naas - Completed

The Local Property Tax -LPT / Paid Parking funds road and footpath works programme for 2025 and 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 Kelly queried what works were taking place at Castlesize Sallins.

Mr Y Khan advised that road markings and signage were being installed at Castlesize Sallins.

The report was noted.

NS04/0225

Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2025

Proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by the members that the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2025 be approved.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025					
Naas Municipal District					
	Project Details	KCC Central Funding €	Pay Parking Funding €	Retained LPT	
Retained LPT Funding					
		€ 2,656,379.00	€501,873.00	€ 953,578.00	€4,111,830.00



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	Pay Parking allocated to Primrose Gardens and Members Roads & Footpaths			€ 500,000.00	
	Available Pay Parking for allocation			€ 1,873.00	
	Total LPT including Pay Parking			€ 1,455,451.00	
Roads	Roads/Footpath Projects				
	Local Road Maint (excl pay parking) *	€ 1,382,755.00			
	Footpaths	€ 68,335.00			
	Traffic Calming	€ 21,625.00			
	Signage	€ 21,625.00			
	Street Cleaning	€ 572,250.00			
	Local Active Travel Scheme			€ 50,000.00	
	Public Lighting			€ 25,000.00	
	Primrose Gardens (€150,000 x2 years)		€150,000.00		
	Members Roads & Footpaths (7 x €50,000)		€350,000.00		
	Roads Sub Total	€ 2,066,590.00	€500,000.00	€ 75,000.00	
Economic, Community & Cultural Development	Community Department				
	Kerdiffstown Contingency			€ 70,000.00	
	Christmas Lights €56000				
	Naas Christmas Lights			€ 45,000.00	
	Sallins Christmas Lights			€ 5,000.00	
	Kill Christmas Lights			€ 2,000.00	
	Ballymore Eustace Christmas Lights			€ 2,000.00	
	Johnstown Christmas Lights			€ 1,500.00	
	Eadestown Christmas Lights			€ 500.00	
	Sports Grants			€ 60,000.00	
	Christmas Lights (€40,000 to repay <i>Famine & Graveyard fund</i>)			€ 40,000.00	
	Kildare Sports Partnership			€ 10,000.00	
	Brigid Spirit of Kildare			€ 10,000.00	
	Brigid Spirit of Kildare - Killeel Lighting up of Hill (Cupidstown)			€ 5,000.00	
	Naas Musical Society			€ 5,000.00	
	Festival Grants			€ 40,000.00	
	Festival Grants	€ 25,500.00			
Community Grants (general projects)	€ 90,000.00				



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	Residents Association Grants	€ 42,921.00			
	Residents Association Top Up			€ 65,000.00	
	Community Sub Total	€ 158,421.00		€ 361,000.00	
	Econ Dev, Planning & Heritage				
	Liam O Flynn Monument Kill €30,000 x 2 years			€ 30,000.00	
	Econ Dev, Planning & Heritage Sub Total	€ -		€ 30,000.00	
	Libraries & Arts				
	Music Generation			€ 10,000.00	
	Edward Fitzgerald Banner Digitisation & Conservation			€ 12,000.00	
	Libraries & Arts Sub Total			€ 22,000.00	
	Environment				
Environment	Sponsored Litter Bins	€ 12,110.00			
	Tidy Towns	€ 31,758.00			
	Tipper Road Graveyard			€ 5,000.00	
	Tipperkevin Graveyard & Commonage			€ 3,000.00	
	Recycling of Christmas Trees			€ 3,000.00	
	Tidy Towns Top Up (€20,000 total)				
	Naas Tidy Towns			€ 8,000.00	
	Kill Tidy Towns			€ 3,000.00	
	Sallins Tidy Towns			€ 3,000.00	
	Ballymore Tidy Towns			€ 3,000.00	
	Johnstown Tidy Towns			€ 1,500.00	
	Eadestown Tidy Towns			€ 1,500.00	
	Climate Action				
	Climate Action Small Projects - to assist with small projects and items that were outside the remit of the CIF			€ 2,500.00	
	Environment Sub Total	€ 43,868.00		€ 33,500.00	
Recreation & Amenity	Recreation & Amenity				
	Parks and Landscaping	€ 151,500.00			
	Playgrounds	€ 72,000.00			
	Public Realm Maintenance	€ 164,000.00			
	Moveable Playground Equipment			€ 10,000.00	



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	Tree Works - contribution towards pruning and removals			€ 30,000.00	
	Tree Planting Works - contribution for new and replacement tree planting in housing estates, parks and open spaces			€ 15,000.00	
	Sallins Amenity Lands			€ 73,386.00	
	Naas Ring Road - remove wooden bollards and plant avenue of trees - annual contribution to build a budget			€ 10,000.00	
	Reserve fund of €200,000 for 5 years be put aside each year for the purchase of amenity lands for pitches.			€ 200,000.00	
	Recreation & Amenity Sub Total	€ 387,500.00		€ 338,386.00	
Corporate Services	Corporate Services				
	Coiste Gaeilge			€ 3,000.00	
	Health & Safety - Kildare Inclusivity Festival			€ 5,000.00	
	Corporate Services Sub Total			€ 8,000.00	
Economic Development	Economic Development				
	Into Kildare - €10,000 for Taste of Kildare Festival			€ 10,000.00	
	Naas Market - Agri Food Tourism			€ 7,565.00	
	Economic Development Sub Total			€ 17,565.00	
	Members Allocations			€ 70,000.00	
	Totals	€2,656,379.00	€500,000.00	€1,455,451.00	

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all members that the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2025.



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

NS05/0325

Roads Capital Projects

The members received a presentation from Mr D Conlan of the Transport Design Team on Roads Capital Projects.

Project	Status
Maynooth Eastern Ring Road	Pre-tender stage
Celbridge Hazelhatch Link Road	Review of submission to ABP
Newbridge Southern Ring Road	Preliminary Business Case under preparation
Transport Strategies	Newbridge ABTA to be published shortly. Celbridge/Leixlip/Confey ABTA to be tendered and progressed in 2025
Junction Improvement Project	Reports Options received and under review
Bridge Remediation Project	Ongoing programme with works scheduled for 2025
Capdoo Clane	Road due to open in 2025
Murtagh's Corner	Project at detailed design stage
Athy Improvement Project	HGV restriction to be implemented followed by one way trial in 2025
Confey Barnhill Project	Early-stage preliminary project
Athgarvan Road Improvements	Detailed design to be finalised in 2025
Captains Hill Project	Detailed design stage ahead of Part 8 in 2025
M4 Footbridge	Developer led project with contribution from KCC and TII



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In relation to Murtagh's Corner

- Design for the upgraded traffic signals had been received.
- Site investigations to be completed to allow for road and footpath design to be completed subject to landowner consent.
- Scheme to be tendered and constructed thereafter.

He advised that Watchhouse Cross (Phase 1a) and Perry Street Cross (Phase 1b) were both on the Junction Improvement Programme but there was no funding for the delivery of the scheme in the Capital Programme. Funding was potentially available for locations of interest from Collision Analysis for Regional Road Network completed by DoTSO. Two bridges in the Municipal District, Porterstown and Oldmill were included on the bridge remediation programme for 2025.

The members thanked Mr D Conlon for his presentation and raised the following points

- Would Corban's Lane be included in Murtagh's Corner works or incorporated in the design
- Corban's Lane was not designed to cater for extra traffic
- How long before construction works would commence at Murtagh's Corner
- Could members have sight of designs and of options for the crossroads at Watchhouse Cross and Perry Street. Would these go to Part 8.
- Murtagh's Corner has a Part 8 and members would be kept informed on proceedings
- Could an in-committee meeting be arranged on the options report.
- Could the term ABTA be clarified

Mr D Conlon advised that Murtagh's Corner was a priority project and would be progressed as soon as possible. The current focus was on the fourth arm of the junction and anything else would be separate to this but would engage with members with his findings. He also noted that ABTA is area-based transport assessment.



NS06/0325

Single Yellow Line Osberstown Court and Osberstown Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council apply a single yellow line (Section 38) along the entrance road at Osberstown Court and Osberstown Park, Sallins.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Moore.
A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office assess this location for the provision of yellow lines and discuss the extent with Councillor Kelly. If the members were agreeable, a Section 38 process will commence.

Councillor Kelly informed the members that there were cars parked along the left hand side of the roadways in Osberstown Court and Osberstown Park all day from commuters from the train station. She noted that a Section 38 was needed to provide a single yellow line Monday to Friday.

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

Mr Y Khan recommended that the Municipal District Engineer would meet on site to discuss.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by members that the report be noted and a Section 38 commence.

NS07/0325

Alleviate Flooding Chapel Lane, Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council assesses Chapel Lane, Sallins for remediation works to alleviate the flooding at the entrance to three residences.

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



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A report was received from the Naas Municipal District Office informing the members that is agreeable to meet/discuss this issue with a view to identifying and addressing the flooding issue.

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

NS08/0325

Safe Crossing Points Hartwell Road

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

That the council provides safe crossing points in Kill Village on the Hartwell Road and at St Brigid's Terrace to allow children cross safely especially during the early morning traffic when all roads are frequently full of backed-up traffic.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this has not been identified on any of the current work programmes and could only be progressed if a funding source was identified and in the context of the prioritisation of existing planned works.

Councillor Brett noted that when there was an incident on the N7 traffic was diverting through Kill where there were already 500 new houses and children crossing to go to school. Hartwell Road Junction at the Dew Drop Inn should be prioritised and a box junction installed, or traffic lights installed.

The members raised the following:

- Could a costing be provided for the works
- A raised platform was already in place
- Beacons and related works should not cost more than 25-30K
- Could LPT be used for this.



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Mr M McLoughlin advised it was a matter of funding and members needed to prioritise what works were needed first.

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

NS09/0325

Increased Signage at Town Hall Lane and Moat Lane

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

That the council puts in place more visible or increased signage at the Town Hall Lane and Moat Lane in Naas to inform motorists of the one-way systems that are in place on these roads.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will review the one – way signage system at Town Hall Lane and Moat Lane in Naas.

Councillor Dunne advised that more signage was required to make the one-way system clearer as many children used this route walking to school.

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

NS10/0325

Safety Audit at Patrician Ave Estate, Kilcullen Road Naas

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

That the council implements a safety audit on the traffic situation in the Patrician Ave Estate on the Kilcullen Road in Naas. The traffic has increased greatly here since the upgraded active flow system was installed on the Kilcullen Road.

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



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Patrician Avenue is approx. 135 meters of an urban road; vehicular speed is controlled by adequate traffic calming measures e.g. three speed ramps with adequate road signage.

Patrician Avenue is incorporated into the Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement (RI) program for 2025.

Councillor Dunne informed the members that this road was being used as a ratrun since the active travel works on the Kilcullen Road and queried what Restoration Improvements works would be done in the area.

Councillor Moore worried that Patrician Avenue was being referred to as an urban road when in fact it was residential. He queried when a review of the active travel works would take place as motorists were using this road to avoid Swan's Junction.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that he would revert with a timeframe.

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

NS11/0325

Yellow Box at Cherry Grove, Sallins Road

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

That the council installs a yellow box at Cherry Grove given the increase in traffic on the Sallins Road and the difficulties posed to residents exiting at busy times.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office will review the yellow box marking request in accordance with the 'Criteria for the Implementation of Statutory Signing and Lining Measures in County Kildare' and this is subject to need and resources.



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Councillor Dunne queried what “subject to need” meant from the report and who would determine what that need was.

Mr Y Khan noted it would be subject to a set of technical criteria and an off-peak survey would be required to determine the need.

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

NS12/0325

Traffic Calming Ramp, Tipper Road

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

That the council repairs the traffic calming ramp on the Tipper Road adjacent to the entrance of Roselawn Estate as a matter of urgency as the surface of the ramp is badly deteriorated.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will review the location and undertake localised repairs where necessary.

Councillor Breen advised that the repair work needed priority as the ramp had disintegrated badly.

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

NS13/0325

Additional Lighting in Municipal District

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

Can the council confirm if funding has been identified to install the additional lighting requested in this municipal district?



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Section received € 30k from LPT in 2024 and has issued two Purchase Orders to the public lighting contractor to complete works at Sallins Bridge and Kingsfurze. The works for Sallins Bridge, near the Crèche have been completed and the works for Kingsfurze are scheduled to commence in Q2 2025.

For 2025, no additional funds have been identified to date.

Councillor Kelly thanked the transport department for the works already carried out and noted that the list had not been updated since 2019. She noted that Blackhall Place Clane, which was in Naas Municipal District was missing from the works and had been requested over the last 7 years. She also queried how funding was allocated.

Mr M McLoughlin informed members that he would issue the revised list.

The report was noted.

NS14/0325

Millenium Park Road Taking In Charge

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

Can the council outline the reasons why the taking in charge of the Millennium Park Road has not reached a satisfactory conclusion after nearly twenty years and if this can be rectified in the near future?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the taking in charge of the Millennium Park Road has progressed significantly in recent months. There are still a number of outstanding issues being progressed. The members will be updated when further progress is made in this regard.

The report was noted.

NS15/0325

Footpath from Willouise Sallins

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



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Can the council provide a costing for the design of a footpath from Willouise in Sallins to the pedestrian bridge on the canal side of the road where a desire line has developed since the bridge to the school was put in?

This is not on any current Work Programme and funding has not been identified. There may also be land acquisition and significant retaining structures required to progress such a scheme.

Councillor Clear noted that this would be very worthwhile for the schools in the area.
The report was noted.

NS16/0325

Parks Works Programme 2025

To members received a presentation from Mr S Wallace on the Parks Works Programme 2025.

Mr S Wallace informed the members that all works listed on the projects and operations programmes were in order of priority. Projects were part of 30 across the county and 30 operational works. He informed the members about the Parks Work Programme for 2025 highlighting the ongoing work under four different headings:

- Projects
 - Sallins Amenity Lands – Complete Detail Design for Phase 1 & tender for construction phase 1
 - Kerdiffstown Park – Addition of basketball court, pitch storage facilities
 - The Lakes – resurfacing footpaths and new seating
 - Outdoor Recreation Strategy
 - Ballymore Playground
- Operations
 - Tree Works
 - Grass Maintenance
 - Tree Planting – Oct – Dec
 - Caragh Court Roundabout Landscaping
- Planning



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- LRD Applications / Planning Applications/ Compliance / Part 8s
- Taking in Charge
- Local Area Plans
- County Development Plan – Allotments Strategy, Parks Assessment Criteria & Amenity Infrastructure
- Administration
 - CRMs
 - Legal Works

The members also received a presentation from Ms. P O'Rourke, Climate Action Co-ordinator in relation to Open Space Management - Alternative Maintenance.

Ms P O'Rourke highlighted the following timelines to the members:

Year	Alternative Maintenance Actions
2019	•formulate a plan of action
2020	•Communications strategy with pilot sites established, •mandate by people to move forward
2021	•MU masters research commenced, •Partners 10 LA's and WI •Waste grass experiment
2022	•Master research continues with practical and controlled experiments, •Advance exploration of circular economy, •Further research potential exploration.
2023	•Report/Manual Alternative Maintenance •GAA joins as partner •PHD commence
2024	•Terrain AI - Commence Phase 2 Grass to Gas •PHD ongoing including carbon calculation model •Wicklow Co Co Joins as partner
2025	•Grass to Gas Dashboard hase 2 project summary - April Full Council Meeting •PHD final year Alternative Maintenance

The members raised the following:

- Thanked both Mr Wallace and Ms O'Rourke for the presentations.



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- They were pleased to see works for the path around the octagon lake at De Burghs estate
- Was glyphosate usage now a thing of the past
- Could the concept of hot foam be explained
- Had costs for grass maintenance reduced since the introduction of “No Mow May” or was it now more expensive
- Where would the rest of the funding for Sallins Amenity Lands be coming from
- Members were delighted with works at Kerdiffstown Park and De Burghs estate and queried when works would take place at Monread Park as it was a perfect location and needed to be prioritised
- Regarding Ballymore Playground would this now go to Part 8 or go for redesign

Mr S Wallace advised that the effect of No Mow May on grass maintenance was cost neutral. There had been a significant increase in the labour and fuel elements. Sallins Amenity lands were at phase 1 with no other source of funding. Monread Park works were needed but Kerdiffstown Park had been a major project with a significant draw on resources. Maintenance issues at De Burgh Pond and Carton Avenue were also big projects along with more projects that were in play countywide currently. A basketball court at Kerdiffstown Park was also in the programme awaiting design. He advised Ballymore Playground needed a new design and would go back through the planning process

Ms P O Rourke added that decisions relating to alternative methods would be made at the end of the PhD process. Glyphosates were now only use for the control of noxious weeds. Hot foam was a mix of hot water heated to 87 degrees and foam agent concentrate to produce foam with small amount of oil lubricant which covered vegetation leading to a better kill rate.

The report was noted.



NS17/0325

Diverting Incoming Element of Hospital/Lakes River

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

That the council considers the diverting of the incoming element of the Hospital/Lakes River, in Naas through an existing artificially created 'Wetlands Area' that would benefit the natural plant growth in that swampy area and drain the outfall of its nutrient enrichments that professionally acquired reports indicate are the reasons for the suffocating algae growth , prevalent in The Lakes over the past several years and is depriving water based bird life of its normal feeding grounds and has also reduced the fish stocks in all of the sequentially linked rivers and lakes that follow.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that this proposal will be considered as part of any proposed works to the lakes.

Councillor Moore noted that bird life was being suffocated by weeds and almost disappeared completely from the lakes during the summer. The algae caused by nutrient enrichment was both unsightly and harmful and queried if the water could be cleaned. Could the nutrient enriched waters be diverted to a 'wet land area' instead of into the lakes.

Councillor Breen queried how often the water was tested at the lakes.

Mr S Wallace advised that weeds were not detrimental to the bird life but they did decrease the open water. The algae were causing issues. To dredge the lake would involve National Parks and Wildlife Service as well as Inland Fisheries. An integrated wetland could be considered but would have a significant working cost. Water testing would be the remit of the Environment Department. The water coming into the lakes was enriched but it was unclear whether the cause was agricultural or domestic.

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



NS18/0325

Tea/Coffee Service Kerdiffstown Park

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

That the council outlines if it will provide for coffee/food services at Kerdiffstown Park and if so when might this go out to tender.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a tender will be issued for coffee/ food services. This is likely to be later in the year and subject to completing other priority works in the park first.

Councillor Sammon advised that she gets emails from the community asking whether tea and coffee or food service would be made available. She queried if a tender could be weighted in favour of a local company rather than a large multi-national chain.

The members raised the following:

- Use of keep cups should be a rule to keep the area clean as 10k coffee cups were dumped daily.

Mr S Wallace advised that it would depend on whether it was put out to tender or quotation. A tender would be open, whereas a quotation was an invitation. Use of keep cups could be made one of the criteria.

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

NS19/0325

Upkeep of Public Area Naas Industrial Estate

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

Can the council confirm who is responsible for the upkeep of the public areas in the Naas Industrial Estate on Fishery Lane?



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A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the industrial estate is not taken in charge by Kildare County Council. The maintenance of public areas in the estate is a matter for the businesses in the estate.

Councillor Brett thanked the Parks Department for the report. He noted that some flooding issues had arisen weeks ago from the bad weather and no one had taken responsibility. There was no overall management company.

The report was noted.

NS20/0325

Playground Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon.
Can the council provide an update on the progress of the playground in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the footprint for the playground on the approved planning permission for the site is too small and requires revision to provide an adequate area. We are liaising with the local committee in relation to this. This needs to be resolved before the project can progress further.

The report was noted.

Tithíocht agus Athnuachan Housing and Regeneration

NS21/0325

Parklet on The Dublin Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council provide an update on the future plans for the parklet currently on the Dublin Road, Naas. This continues to be a white elephant, not being used by the public to any extent, getting more and more dilapidated, is becoming an eyesore and taking up much needed parking space?



A report was received from the Regeneration Department informing the members that there are no plans to move or remove the parklet places on the Dublin Road in Naas. Given the time of year, the usage of the space is expected to be lower than the spring/summer and autumn periods. A recent public consultation event held with youth groups in Naas, as part of the Canal Quarter Masterplan, confirmed that our youth want places in the town centre, where they can hang out and be themselves. The Parklet serves that purpose while not impeding on parking spaces in the town, given that there are 532 spaces in Naas Town Centre with direct access to both the Sallins and Dublin Road. The Parklet is maintained by the Naas Tidy Towns Group with spring bulbs planted, and the cleaning crews from the Naas Municipal District office.

Councillor Breen noted that she felt the parklet should not be there as it was not being used and it was taking up a loading bay space. This was causing delivery drivers to double park in the area.

The report was noted.

Seirbhísí Corporáideacha, Daoine, agus Cultúrtha Corporate, People & Cultural Services

NS22/0325

Ownership Transfer of McInerney Lands

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

Can the council provide an update on the ownership transfer of the McInerney Lands to the council?

A report was received from the District Manager informing the members that the District Manager has sought an update from our solicitors and hopes to have a response for the Council Meeting.

The District Manager advised that an application was pending with Tailte Eireann.

The report was noted.



NS23/0325

Carpark Use at the Weekend in Aras Chill Dara

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

Can the council provide an update on the use of Áras Chill Dara carpark by the public at weekends?

A report was received from the District Manager informing the members that the Facilities Management Team are in the early stages of exploring the feasibility of opening up the car park to the public at the weekends and potentially over a longer period of weekdays. A SWOT analysis has been completed. Further assessment is required, in particular related to security, CCTV provision and practical operational elements. A final report is expected in approximately 6-8 weeks.

Councillor Sammon noted that she had a motion a few months ago regarding the use of the carpark at weekends as it was only a 7 minute walk into town to allow families access shops. She appreciated the need to secure the building and was happy that the matter was being progressed.

The report was noted.

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NS24/0325

UD Files, Naas Municipal District

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

That the council brief municipal district members on the amount of UD files it has in the Naas Municipal District.

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



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

As previously advised to all Elected Members, we cannot discuss Unauthorised Development cases in the public domain.

Please see below Unauthorised Development statistics for the County for the period 2019 to the 31 of December 2024.

	New Cases	Warning Letters Issued	Enforcement Notices Served	Legal Proceedings	Files Closed
2019	238	356	184	33	162
2020	268	360	159	22	136
2021	268	434	81	10	150
2022	205	357	128	26	250
2023	241	358	178	18	200
2024	256	437	140	8	300

Councillor Brett was happy with the report.

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

NS25/0325

Residentially Zoned Lands for Naas Local Area Plan

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

That the council outlines the current situation regarding residentially zoned lands for the Naas Local Area Plan (LAP) 2021–2027 to include

- current status of planning applications and development stage.
- the servicing status classification under the National Planning Framework.
- identification of unserviced sites and serviced sites (Tier 1) that have not progressed.

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



A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Sustainable Planning and Infrastructure Assessment (SPIA) published with the Naas Local Area Plan addresses the serviceability of land (both tier 1 and tier 2), under the National Planning Framework. The KCC Planning Register is an up-to-date record of all planning applications received and processed by Kildare County Council. The Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Maps for 2025 also detail lands which are zoned and not yet developed.

Councillor Clear informed the members that only a fraction of the land zoned for housing in the last LAP had commenced. Children and grandchildren were now all still living in the family home as the average house price in Naas was now at €650k. He believed the LAP was not fulfilling the need and zoning should be removing after a certain length of time if building works had not commenced as developers were just sitting on zoned lands. Councillor Moore advised that Tier 1 areas needed to be done before Tier 2 could commence.

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

NS26/0325

North West Quadrant Masterplan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the council engages with the Department of Transport on the North West Quadrant Masterplan to ensure the delivery of a train station for Naas as part of the Masterplan.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Kildare County Council is engaging with a wide range of state and semi-state agencies in preparing the Naas North-West Quadrant Sustainable Urban Expansion Area Masterplan, including the National Transport Authority who are responsible for co-ordinating the delivery of the projects contained in the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/planning-and-investment/strategic-planning/greater-dublin->



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[area-transport-strategy/](#)), which sets out the agreed strategic transport priorities for Naas during this period, as part of the Greater Dublin Area. The GDATS includes the development of a Sallins Park and Ride Rail Station to the west of Sallins (see Table 9.1 of the GDATS). Outside of this., there is no proposal to develop a new train station in Naas however, the Masterplan will be based on the principles of active travel and the 10 minute settlement.

Councillor Sammon noted that she was happy with the report and advised that the subject of a train station for Naas had arisen under the Canal Quarter Masterplan.

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

NS27/0325

Landscaping and Maintenance in Castlefarm Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council request Ardstone to finish the outstanding issues with regard to the landscaping and maintenance shortcomings currently existing in Castlefarm Estate, Naas and that there is an agreed time frame for completion of this work.

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

A report was received from Building Control Department informing the members that there is a current live planning application (24/381) at Further Information stage relating to this development. Description below:

'Retention of amendments to external common areas/landscaping. Planning ref. Nos. 16/1145, 17/886 & 17/1369. Amendments to be retained include: change to material finish of boundary walls; Minor revisions to landscape planting plan submitted as compliance with planning permissions; A new design and location for the proposed informal play area; additional traffic calming measure and new public lighting positions on internal estate roads and all works associated with these revisions'.

Development Control continue to engage with both the developer and the Residents Association on an ongoing basis in relation to this development. The developer has an appointed landscape contractor for Castlefarm who carries out landscape maintenance



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within the development. Development Control have raised the recent concerns with the Developer to have addressed by their contractor. We will continue to remind the Developer of their obligations in relation to the ongoing maintenance of the development.

Councillor Breen advised that residents of this estate had raised issues and requested a timeframe for works.

Mr L McNeela stated that Development Control had received an application from the developer to have the estate taken in charge. Documentation had been received from residents.

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

NS28/0325

Social Infrastructure Elements Development Contributions

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm what the official Kildare County Council position would be if members agreed to request the Ministers for Finance, Housing and Local Government to introduce the consideration of the provision of 'social infrastructure' elements of "sports land, sports buildings and capacity building supports", into Sections 48 & 49 of the Supplementary Development Contributions Scheme, to assist the already bulging populated towns like Naas that are experiencing such shortages within their communities, whilst huge new housing programmes are planned for each?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Planning Department has no objection to the members writing to the relevant Minister which should be the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and not the Minister for Finance.

It should be noted that the new Planning Act 2024 does not have such provision and has only been passed through the Oireachtas in late 2024.

Sending this request to the Minister is a matter for the members to agree.

The report was noted.



NS29/0325

Castlefarm Estate, Naas Taking In Charge

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

Can the council confirm if the Castlefarm Estate, Naas is taken in charge?

A report was received from the Building Control informing the members that the Castle Farm has not been taken in charge to date. There is a current live planning application (24/381) at Further Information relating to this development.

The report was noted.

NS30/0325

Taking In Charge Process for Willouise, Sallins

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

Can the council confirm if the taking in charge process for Willouise, Sallins is progressing as expected?

A report was received from the Building Control Department informing the members that Development Control have completed a CCTV survey of the foul and surface water network. A snag list for remedial works has also been developed. A public lighting audit was carried out and following some minor repairs, the public lighting was taken into maintenance resulting in power being restored to an unlit section of the development. A consultant has now been appointed to review the design of a missing section of retaining wall (adjacent to the Sherlockstown Rd.) and to investigate the structural stability of the road adjacent to an ESB pylon. The next step will be to compile and issue a tender package for the completion of all outstanding items of work within the development.

Councillor Kelly thanked Building Control for the report but noted that it was taking some time and asked could the issue of the pylon be clarified.

Mr L McNeela advised that the road was supported by beams up against the ESB pylon. A survey was being carried out and the process should be concluded this year.

The report was noted.



NS31/0325

Recent Flooding at Mountain View Estate

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

Can the council inform the members on what action is being taken to detect the cause of the recent flooding at the Mountain View Estate on the Blessington Road and what remedies are being taken to ameliorate the situation?

A report was received from Building Control informing the members that Development Control became aware of flooding issues in Mountain View following a heavy rainfall event in January and again more recently on the weekend of 22/23 February. A site visit was carried out by the Development Control Engineer to both Stonehaven (which is an active construction site) and Mountain View on 24 February. It was clear that surface water had spilled over from the southwestern corner of the Stonehaven development into Mountain View as a result of the heavy rainfall and the incomplete nature of the drainage infrastructure. As a result, the maximum discharge rate for 'trade effluent' to the nearby stream that passes under the Blessington Road was reached, as allowed under the Section 4 discharge licence. To resolve this issue, the developer has committed to commencing construction of the permanent attenuation pond in the southwestern corner of the site in the coming weeks. When completed, this pond will add permanent storage capacity during periods of heavy rainfall before being filtered and discharged into the stream.

The developer has also agreed to install a drain and soil bund/bank along their boundary to divert surface water that had been flowing (after a period of heavy rain) from an old ditch at the top end of their site, to prevent a reoccurrence of surface water reaching Mountain View. These works are progressing well and are being monitored by Development Control. The report was noted.

NS32/0325

Contingency Plans By Developers at Ballymore Homes

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

Can the council provide an update on the contingency plans by the developers (Ballymore Homes) of the Stonehaven Estate, Blessington Road, Naas to prevent any further flooding at Mountain View Estate?



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NS33/0325

Development Contribution Scheme 2023-2029

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That Kildare County Council now supply the end of 2024 data, the accumulative unspent elements of each of the sub-section headings of the Development Contribution Charges for Naas, Sallins, Kill, Johnstown and Ballymore and also indicate what Capital Expenditure proposals are earmarked for those community areas from those headings for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

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



A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that the [Development Contribution Scheme for 2023 – 2029](#) was adopted by members at the Council meeting held on 19 December 2022 and came into effect for seven years from the 1 January 2023. Development contributions are an important part of funding capital projects across the county. They are collected on a countywide basis and not broken down by each municipal district area, the contributions collected are apportioned in accordance with the Scheme. At the Budget meeting held on the 18 November 2024 the members noted the [Capital Programme 2025-2027](#), the programme sets out the proposed countywide capital projects for the period. The document breaks down the projects under the following headings:

- **Housing and Building Programme**
- **Transport and Mobility**
- **Surface Water and Flood Relief Programme**
- **Community and Civic**

Each of these headings provides details of each project under the following columns:

Description: Project name.

MD: Relevant Municipal District project relates to. If it's for overall countywide it is marked as CO.

Current Phase: This is the phase the project is currently at.

Est Date Next Phase: The period that the project is estimated to move to the next phase.

Years 2025 – 2027: Best estimate of expenditure by year, at the point in time, that the capital programme is being compiled, based on the information on hand

Dev Cont 2025-27: This is the expected development contributions to be collected in the next 3 years.

Loans: These are loans that the Council will have to draw down to fund the project. These loans are dependent on central government approving them.

Grants: These are the estimated grants from central government, but these are not guaranteed in many projects cases when the programme is been compiled.

Revenue/LPT Provision: This is funding from the revenue budget and from MDs LPT to specific projects.



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Dev Cont Collect: This is development contributions collected in previous years that have not been spent but have been building up a fund for a specific project.

Other: This is funding from other sources e.g. land sales, other bodies contributions etc.

Unidentified Funds: This is where it is proposed to progress the project but at this point in time how the project will be funded is unclear.

Please note that the members were given a full briefing on the Capital Programme in September 2024. The Capital Programme 2025-2027 identifies the funding requirement, current project phase and estimated start date for the next project phase of each project identified together with the estimated requirement for future projects for 2028+.

The Capital Programme outturn for the year 2023 was provided in Appendix 10 of the Annual Financial Statement. The capital programme outturn for 2024 will be presented to the members as part of the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 2024 when completed.

Councillor Moore thanked the finance department for a thorough report but advised that he was querying the monies allocated to Naas Municipal District and how much was unallocated at the end of 2024.

Mr B Leonard advised as per the Development Contribution Scheme, of the development contributions collected, 32% went to the Municipal Districts based on the actual amount collected 2021-2023 and 8% went to countywide projects. As stated in the 3 year Capital Programme "Development Contributions Collected" in Naas Municipal District was €3.9 million.

Ms E Hanlon advised that the current commitments were in excess of collection as outlined in the Capital Programme.

Councillor Moore advised that he was happy with the Capital Programme and was aware that projects like De Burghs required extra funding. He also advised that being the only Municipal District that had been required to fund the Merits building was still lingering.

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

The meeting concluded.