Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, 13 October 2026
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

Officials Present: Mr. D. Creighton (District Manager), Mr P. Lynch, (Executive Engineer), Ms. C. O'Grady (Executive Officer), Mr L. Brennan (District Engineer), Mr K Healy, (Executive Engineer), Ms. M. Dempsey (Administrative Officer), Ms. M. McCarthy (Administrative Officer), Ms. O. Harvey (Administrative Officer), Mr. M. Byrne (Staff Officer), Ms. C. Brogan (LPT Coordinator), Ms. M. Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Mr A. Foran (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/1026

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.

NS02/1026

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the annual and monthly Naas Municipal District meetings held on 08 September 2026 along with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Clear that the minutes of the annual and monthly Naas Municipal District meetings held on 08 September 2026 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS03/1026

Municipal Districts Works Programme

The members received an update on the Municipal District Road Works Programme.

Road Resurfacing

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2026

The following roads are included in the improvement works projects plan for 2026:

• R448 Kilcullen Road	To commence
• Oakfield Heights Estate, Naas	To commence
• R445 Dublin Road, Naas	Completed
• L2025 BME GAA Road	Completed
• L2014 Main Road, Kill	Completed
• L2026 Silverhill Upper Road	Completed
• L6038 Broguestown Road	Completed
• L2996 Abbey Street, Naas	Completed
• L80117 Craddockstown Way Estate, Naas	Completed

Surface Dressing Works

The Naas Municipal District propose to commence the surface dressing works programme for 2026 in June. The roads to be improved include:

• L6035 Tipper Road	Complete
• L6043 Craddockstown	Complete
• L2005 Kerdiffstown Road Sallins	Complete
• L6050 Elverstown	Complete
• L6049 Greenhill Upper	Complete
• L20111 Delahunt Lane Kill	Complete
• L60113 Berminghams Lane	Complete
• L2007 Boherphilip, Kill	Complete
• L6014 Loughlin Lane, Kill	Complete

Footpaths

Local Property Tax (LPT) Funded Works

The Local Property Tax (LPT) / Paid Parking funded road and footpath works programme for 2026 is agreed by the Naas Municipal District Councillors. The following projects are being delivered as part of this programme:

- Poplar Square – Lawlors – Footpaths — To commence
- St Patrick Park, Kill– Roads — Tendered
- Monread Heights, Naas – Footpaths — Completed
- Sallins/Bodenstown - Footpaths — Completed
- Oue Lady's Place, Pacelli and Sarto Road — Footpaths Design Stage
- Dun na Riogh, Naas – Footpaths — Completed
- Kilteel Junction, - Variable Signs and Signals — Completed
- Oakfield Heights, Naas – Footpaths — Completed
- St. Brigids Terrace, Sallins – Footpaths — Design Stage
- Millbrook Gardens, Naas – New Parking Space — Tendered

Drainage

The Naas Municipal District drainage programme for 2026 will be developed in line with the 2026 allocation from the Department of Transport.

- Barracks Street, BME — Commenced

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works

The Naas Municipal District Safety Improvement Works is based on the 2026 allocation from the Department of Transport, as follows:

- R410 Blessington Road, Eadestown — Tendered
- R410 West of Blessington Road, at Deer Park — Tendered

Councillor Moore informed the members that he was not happy with the wording 'to commence' and enquired if instead of this a start time either week or month be substituted as the current wording does not indicate a commencement date.

Councillor Clear enquired as to when the footpath works in Poplar Square will commence.

Mr L. Brennan, Municipal District Engineer informed the members that there was a meeting with the contractor scheduled for the following day in relation to Poplar Square. There were some outstanding issues regarding paving and underground petrol tanks and pipes which needed to be resolved and informed the members that he would circulate the proposed start date. The District Engineer also noted that works on the Kilcullen Road would commence on Monday of the following week.

Councillor Dunne enquired as to the new parking space in Millbrook gardens.

The District Engineer informed the members that age friendly parking spaces were being progressed in the next three or four weeks

The report was noted.

NS04/1026

Remaining LPT Allocations 2025/2026

The members considered the remaining LPT 2025/2026 allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee.

Councillor	Description	Amount
Cllr Clear	Oldtown Green Res Association - to set up composting for the estate	€500
Cllr Kelly	Dead Assets Theatre Group - performance of play in Moat Theatre 29th January	€500
Cllr Kelly	Sallins GAA - End of Summer Movie Night	€1500
Cllr Clear	Naas Youth Project – clean up exterior of building and harbour area	€350
Cllr Clear	Naas Sister Shed – trip to Dublin Ghost Tour	€1000
Cllr Dunne	Kerdiff Residents Association - estate maintenance, grass cutting, tree pruning, signs at entrance to the Park, Close and Avenue and fix the flowers at no.41	€2000

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members present that the LPT allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee be approved.

NS05/1026

Amendments to Parking Tariff - Naas

This item was deferred.

NS06/1026

Amendments to Parking Tariff – Naas

This item was deferred.

NS07/1026

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne.
That the council endeavours to inform councillors, perhaps through a WhatsApp group, of works that are in progress or works that are due to take place in the Naas Municipal District. This to include works on transportation issues, yellow boxes, yellow lines, active travel works, parks works or works that are to be undertaken by outside contractors i.e. road openings.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council acknowledges the intent of this motion and the desire of the members to be kept informed of works taking place within the Naas Municipal District. However, it is not considered feasible to provide real-time notifications of all works activities through a dedicated WhatsApp group or similar platform. For operational reasons, works programmes are subject to frequent change at short notice due to factors such as weather conditions, resource availability, traffic management requirements, emergency works, contractor scheduling, utility company activities, and evolving site conditions.
In addition, many works within the Municipal District are undertaken by external contractors on behalf of Kildare County Council, utility providers, developers, or other agencies. As a result, the timing, duration, and sequencing of such works can change with limited notice, making it difficult to maintain an accurate and up-to-date notification system for the members.

The Municipal District Office currently provides information on planned works through the regular Schedule of Works Report presented to Municipal District meetings.
Where significant projects or works likely to have a substantial impact on the public are being undertaken, additional updates may be provided as appropriate and the communications team issue information while people who have signed up for the map alert facility also receive notification. Accordingly, while Kildare County Council will continue to keep members informed through existing reporting mechanisms and project-specific communications where warranted, it is not proposed to establish a separate notification system as requested due to the operational challenges associated with maintaining accurate and timely updates.

Councillor Dunne noted that councillors received calls and correspondence from the public about works that are taking place and members are not able to answer these questions as they do not know the details. Councillor Dunne accepted the report and asked if it was appropriate for him to call relevant officials to find out the information.

Councillor Kelly informed the members that she would be grateful for contact with officials also when calls are received and noted that she supported Councillor Dunnes motion.

The District Engineer informed the members that it would be preferrable if members contacted the area office, who could ascertain the relevant information and revert to the member.

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

NS08/1026

Parking at Naas Skate Park, Caragh Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne.
That the council undertakes any necessary improvements to the parking situation at the Naas Skatepark, Cois na Feadain, Naas Sports Centre and K Leisure on the Caragh Road to make safer for residents of the area and/ or users of the sports facilities.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the K Leisure are in a tender process to upgrade and expand the current car park. The Transport department may look at additional measures once these works are completed.

Councillor Dunne informed the members that there are issues of safety with children and parked cars in this area. The skate park is so popular and successful that residents had to resort to putting bins on the paths to stop cars parking there and make it safe for their children. Councillor Dunne noted that he looked forward to the upgrade and expansion of the car park and suggested the transport department look at additional measures if appropriate once these works are completed.

The members raised the following points:

- Was good to see this progress to tender stage
- A previous deal had been done with K-Leisure that if land was given over for a skate park the council would provide land for parking. How many extra spaces had been created?
- Could an overflow car park be provided on council owned land across the road?
- The capital amount set aside originally was €1 million and now is reduced to €500k. Why is this and where is the other €500k now?
- No additional parking had really been provided as the extra spaces would only accommodate cars which had originally been parked on footpaths.
- Residents' concerns need to be addressed.
- Parking in the area is completely inadequate.
- Disabled bays would be realigned and made clearer as part of the process.
- Ownership of the road and greenspace is between three different entities, so progress is slow.

The District Manager informed the members that a contractor had not yet been identified. The space is limited so car parking spaces will be maximised within available space. The Caragh Road site would probably not be an option due to the volume of works which would be required.

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

NS09/1026

Upgrade Raised Road Crossing, Ballymore Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen.
That the council upgrades the raised road crossing located between the entrance to Craddockstown Court Estate and the adjacent Ballymore Road Roundabout to a proper pedestrian crossing in light of safety issues. This is being used as a pedestrian crossing when it is not and there is resulting confusion and hesitation on the part of both pedestrians and motorists posing a safety issue.
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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 location referred to is a raised uncontrolled crossing point with buff tactile etc. and is provided in accordance with requirements for uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points. This type of pedestrian crossing is considered appropriate for this location.

Councillor Breen noted that this raised table is used as a pedestrian crossing and was causing confusion as to who has priority and asked if signs can be erected to help inform the public.

Mr K Healy, Executive Engineer informed the members that this was installed as a raised uncontrolled crossing point and is compliant with designs and assessed as suitable for the location and the speed that is there noting there is no priority for as pedestrian as it is a courtesy crossing.

Councillor Clear noted that this was requested by residents years ago as there was no crossing point and was unsafe and this was the option that was progressed.

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

The members agreed to take item 10 and 11 together.

NS10/1026

Traffic Calming Measures, Kilteel-Rathcoole Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen.
That the council carries out traffic calming measures at the crossroad/ junction of L6026/ L2018, Kilteel-Rathcoole Road in the interests of road safety to include repainting of all white road lines at the junction, investigation of the use of bigger/ better stop signs on minor roads, provision of some form of flashing Cross Road Sign at junction and provision of rumble strips.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the location has been inspected by the Municipal District Area Engineer. The renewal of road markings, including white lines, stop lines and road symbols will be added to the 2026 Road Maintenance Programme. This work will be carried out subject to the availability of the line-marking contractor and available resources. The provision of enhanced warning measures, including flashing warning signs, larger regulatory signs and rumble strips, would require further assessment and justification as part of a junction improvement scheme. Such measures would need to be designed and assessed by the Kildare County Council Roads Design Team and would be subject to technical approval, compliance with relevant standards, and the availability of funding under the Low-Cost Safety Improvement Programme.

Councillor Breen noted that residents are concerned about the lack of road markings and signage in the area. Road markings have faded and a stop sign is needed.

Councillor Brett noted the accidents which had taken place at this location during the summer and advised that there is signage there and rumble strips and signage could be an option on the Rathcoole side which may help solve the problem. The issue could be solved at minimal cost. This is a very busy road in the morning.

The District Engineer informed the members that a site visit has taken place, hedges are cut and the line marking contractor has been instructed to refresh the lines at this junction and noted that if additional measure were needed this would fall under road design for a low cost safety scheme, but from a maintenance point of view the requirements are fulfilled.

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

NS11/1026

Traffic Calming Measures, Kilteel-Rathcoole Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council confirm if emergency safety measures can be put in place at the four crossroads L6026/ L2018, Kilteel?

A report was received from the Transport department informing the members that the location has been inspected by the Municipal District Area Engineer. The renewal of road markings, including white lines, stop lines and road symbols will be added to the 2026 Road Maintenance Programme. This work will be carried out subject to the availability of the line-marking contractor and available resources.
The provision of enhanced warning measures, including flashing warning signs, larger regulatory signs and rumble strips, would require further assessment and justification as part of a junction improvement scheme. Such measures would need to be designed and assessed by the Kildare County Council Roads Design Team and would be subject to technical approval, compliance with relevant standards, and the availability of funding under the Low-Cost Safety Improvement Programme.

The report was noted.

NS12/1026

Winter Gully Cleaning in Naas Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council confirm if gully cleaning will be carried out at known flood prone areas in this municipal district before the onset of Winter?

Councillor Brett agreed to propose the motion on behalf of Councillor Sammon, who was unable to attend the meeting. The motion was proposed by Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office commenced its annual gully cleaning programme on Monday 21 September. The programme is scheduled to run for approximately four weeks and includes the cleaning of gullies at known flood-prone locations throughout the Municipal District.
To minimize disruption to road users, gully cleaning operations are being undertaken in quieter residential areas during daytime hours, while busier roads and key traffic routes are being programmed for night-time operations where feasible.
The Municipal District Office will continue to monitor known flood-prone areas and prioritise maintenance works as resources and operational requirements allow.

The report was noted.

NS13/1026

Safety Improvements, Beggars End Junction, Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne.
Can the council provide an update on the request for safety improvements to the Beggars End Junction, Naas to include what those improvements might be and when the works are expected to begin?

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that a drawing is currently being prepared for a number of short-term measures that can be implemented at this location later this month subject to weather conditions. Furthermore, a scope is being finalised to appoint a consultant to look at a longer-term solution for this location. A timeline for the output of this process will be provided in due course.

Councillor Dunne noted that he accepted the report.

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

NS14/1026

Cleanup of Naas Lakes

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That the council puts aside sufficient 2027 Budget Funding to undertake the, now several years overdue, cleaning of the Naas Hospital Lakes and that both a silt trap feature and a re-direction of incoming river waters through a filtering system through the adjoining wetlands, to eliminate two problems that are incurring huge environmental damage and recurring costs. The silt has now reached the top of surface water level and gives a vegetation platform for the nitrates boosted algal growth. In turn, this is seasonally, depriving wildfowl life of habitat, failing their purpose as protective attenuation ponds and trivialises the risk of downstream flooding.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the Parks Department have met with representatives of Inland Fisheries Ireland and Naas Biodiversity Group to assess a preferred option to improve the siltation and nutrification in the lakes. This work is ongoing and once a final option is identified it will be brought forward for costing with the view to seeking necessary funding to carry out works. The priority for the Naas Municipal District remains the delivery of Sallins Amenity Land and it is unlikely works will be carried out to resolve this issue in 2027 due to existing staff and budget commitments.

Councillor Moore noted that the same answers are given that consultation is needed but in the interim the costs are being allowed to escalate. The issue needs capital investment to get the works done. Additional amounts of silt are being added each year that something is not done. The cost in the past was a substantial 1 million euro to clear out three lakes and it could be much more now. A silt trap should be put in at the start of the lakes, which would stop the silt accumulating. The algae problem is being exacerbated by pollution by local farmers. This needs to be added to the Capital Programme for delivery over the next three years.

Ms C O'Grady, Parks Department noted that the preferred option identified last month is currently being developed and costed with a view to seek necessary and appropriate funding. Engagement must take place with relevant stakeholders, and this is the current situation in the process.

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

NS15/1026

Council develops a simple text wording for its Planning Policies

The members considered the following Motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That the council develops a simple text wording for its Planning Policies for new residential estates by indicating and clarifying a) if a Playground Space Only is required for the estate or b) A Playground with a level of Approved Equipment for the Estate or c) a Playground with a level of Approved Equipment for future Council Taking into Charge as a General Public Playground is required, with the Planning Approval. The lack of simple clarification is leading to several Taking in Charge problems in Naas.

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

A report was received from both the Parks and Development Control informing the members that the Parks Department guidance to planning applicants requires that play areas in residential developments shall provide for a variety of imaginatively designed natural play opportunities, provide for universal access, and include landscaping, sensory planting, ground contouring, and natural materials such as logs or boulders. Planting shall provide varied seasonal interest with a mix of colour, texture, and scent. This approach aligns with the Council's current Taking-in-Charge Policy. The function of the play space depends on the play provision in the area it is being sought. The majority of play areas are intended to serve the estate. Where towns lack play provision playgrounds serving the general will be sought as part of planning permissions.

The Development Control Department is currently reviewing and updating Kildare County Council Taking in Charge Policy to align with the provisions of the new Planning and Development Act 2024. The review will also provide an opportunity to consider the

increasing complexity of modern residential developments and the practical issues arising in determining which elements of such developments can appropriately be Taken in Charge and sustainably managed and maintained in the long term. The objective will be to provide greater clarity at planning stage as to the form and standard of play provision that is acceptable for Taking-in-Charge, thereby ensuring that play spaces are not only well designed and attractive when a development is completed, but remain safe, functional, accessible and capable of being effectively maintained over the lifetime of the development.

Councillor Moore noted that thought this motion would be answered by the Planning department and is unhappy that there are many issues in the Naas Municipal District with estates that have to be Taken In Charge, nothing that there is confusion as to what a green area is, what constitutes a play area, playground. Future Planning applications should identify clearly what is required.

Members noted the following:

- There should be a standard model of playground
- Playgrounds should be in place before residents move in
- Some playgrounds are in a bad state of repairs
- The question asks for simple text wording, which is not present in the report for the motion itself, and clarification is required on this issue

Ms C O'Grady, Parks Department noted that the Parks Department work carefully with all sections of Planning. The guidelines for all applications are for play areas to serve units in a particular development and are natural play areas. These are different to flagship destination playgrounds that exist in Sallins and other areas of the county which have swings, nets ropes and moveable parts. Natural play spaces and opportunities are what is sought and is clear that these are different to destination playgrounds. The 2024 guidelines require minimum of 10% open space and must also include SUDS, play services, bike stands and sheds and bin stores etc. It is clear from pre planning meetings what is required for an estate to be taken in charge.

The District Manager noted that there is a rigorous approach for proposals for play areas in applications and some of these issues may be of a historic nature.

Councillor Moore noted that some of these issues could be legacy estates. The word play area is undefined and may be interpreted as beyond the minimum. A standard playground outlining the minimum could be helpful.

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

NS16/1026

Coffee Shop Tenders, Kerdiffstown Park, Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if the tenders for a Coffee Dock/Shop facility at Kerdiffstown Park, Naas have been issued?

A report was received from the Parks department informing the members that since Kerdiffstown Park opened to the public, a large number of requests have been received from suppliers expressing an interest in setting up tea/coffee and refreshment provision at the site. A list was established, and a tender request was issued to all interested parties in May 2026 setting out the terms and conditions under which a concession could be established and requesting a submission which would satisfy the terms and outline a proposal in terms of cost and projected revenue. This process resulted in receipt of one viable submission. Ultimately, no arrangement resulted from this tender competition. Following this an open call tender for service provision was advertised on eTenders in July 2026. This procurement process also concluded with no viable offer submission in place. The Parks Department is currently advertising an open call advertised through the Kildare County Council website and other channels for refreshment concessions at Parks Department managed sites across the county. Suppliers are requested to put forward proposals regarding location and format for consideration

Councillor Kelly noted that it was disappointing that there was only one viable submission and asked if the terms and conditions were onerous and enquired if one party will run all of the sites and if so, how many sites is that.

Ms C O'Grady, Parks Department noted that it was also a surprise that only one viable submission was received but that can be the case when tenders go to the market and there

is no control over that. Usually, coffee facilities in parks are well used. In relation to locations, any site proposed by the applicant will be considered. Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 02 November and will be assessed after this date. All parks' locations are for consideration and are listed on the Portal and it is approximately 10.

The report was noted.

NS17/1026

Trees Pruning Schedule, Naas Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council provide an update on the tree pruning schedule for this coming time period, September – March in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Parks department informing the members that the Parks Department is currently preparing a tree works tender for issue this month with a view to having a contractor on site in early December to work through the winter period.

Councillor Kelly noted that the season is September – March should tenders not be in place in preparation for this. The concern is if the tender process only starts in September, then time is lost with a contractor only coming on siter in December. Trees that are overhanging and leaning could potentially cause damage if there are storms in the interim.

Ms C O'Grady, Parks Department confirmed that the tender will go out this month and noted that Parks staff deal with storms and ongoing issues. It is a two-pronged approach, utilising both contractors and Parks staff.

The report was noted.

NS18/1026

Update on Playground for Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council update the members on progress to provide the long-awaited playground in Ballymore Eustace?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a location for a playground in Ballymore Eustace is subject to a proposed future planning application by Ballymore Group. The Parks Department will liaise with the applicant in relation to proposals.

Councillor Breen informed the members that she was not happy with the report, noted the increased population and enquired if Kildare County Council own any land in Ballymore Eustace that could be used to build the playground.

Ms C O'Grady, Parks Department informed the members that there is no centrally located public park or open space that is suitable for a playground. This is similar to other locations in Kildare, being dependant on a future planning application that comes in with a proposal. When this happens the Parks Department will work with the applicant to provide a flagship playground.

The report was noted.

NS19/1026

Supports for Community Garden in this Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon.
Can the council outline what supports are available to local groups in this municipal district to create a community garden?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that, to community groups who express an interest in developing a community garden on Council managed land, the Parks Department can provide advice, guidance and practical support to implement a garden.

Councillor Sammon informed the members that the location is currently not in Kildare County Council ownership or management but is zoned open space and amenity and was looked at for as playground and was not accepted as the space. There is a great biodiversity group in Ballymore Eustace, and this will be investigated further in conjunction with the Parks Department. Councillor Sammon noted that she was happy with the report.

The report was noted.

NS20/1026

Enhance use of Potato Market, Naas

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

That the council establishes a multidisciplinary working group, comprising relevant council officials, local stakeholders, businesses, community representatives and elected members, to examine opportunities to enhance and increase the use of the Potato Market in Naas, and to bring forward proposals for its activation, improvement and promotion as a vibrant civic, cultural and community space.

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

A report was received from the District Manager, Naas Municipal District informing the members that the Potato Market is a wonderful space within the town and presents a great opportunity for new and established traders to display and sell their products. Kildare County Council invested significantly in leasing the space, carried out the works necessary to allow a market to be established, engaged with traders and advertised the market extensively before and after it was opened. It was intended that the market would then sustain itself with the traders taking a leading role in its ongoing operation. There remains a small but regular group of traders each week.

A meeting has been agreed with the existing traders which will be held week commencing 12 October with a view to looking at the operation of the Market and how this can be improved. The Municipal District Manager will report back to the Members after this meeting.

Councillor Kelly noted that the answer received only addressed the Saturday traders. The market is one of the most attractive public spaces but remains quiet for the rest of the week and its full potential as a vibrant civic destination is not realised. A dedicated working group could look at options to extend the usage to, for example, seasonal events, outdoor dining, public art, family activities etc to contribute to a vibrant and welcome town centre.

Councillor Sammon noted that this is focused on the market and it is good to see a meeting with traders. It is a fantastic space and took both an initial investment and ongoing

investment from Kildare County Council. To reach its full potential it needs to be looked at in a 7 day per week context and asked that after the meeting, items discussed be shared with members so as to track progress on what is needed. Councillor Sammon asked if any advice was received from the Irish Organisation of Markets or stall holders and advised that volunteers in Naas are available to help with the space.

Councillor Moore noted that the traders group need to be stronger in promotion and a wider range of products is needed. Currently the offering is too small and only customers come to the market for stalls they know are already there. Other locations such as Dublin and Cork need to be looked at to see how they work and provide a variety of stalls and uses to increase footfall. The space would also significantly benefit from some type of roofing as currently it was open to the elements.

Councillor Clear informed the members of his involvement in the Market and efforts to attract footfall and traders are ongoing. The current core group are good. It was hoped that it could be further managed by Kildare County Council.

The District Manager noted that a multidisciplinary approach would be welcomed. The meeting with existing traders will take place, investment and promotion initially was made with a view to getting it up and running and then the traders would take over the day to day running. This has not happened and traders should manage this themselves. In relation to expanding the offering to additional days this will take substantial resources. There have been some offers made in relation to extra stalls and a wider variety of products but these have not been accepted. Footfall has to be increased and this needs to be driven by traders with a variety of offerings and needs to be made more of a destination. This location is leased so the investment needs to be looked at, how much can be spent on a premises not in the council's ownership. It can be publicised more but a wider variety of products to drive footfall need to be made as well.

Councillor Kelly noted that the market needs to be expanded and think outside the traders on a Saturday. She queried if members could go and look at other towns and see their offerings.

Councillor Sammon agreed that most markets located in other areas are running themselves, facilitated by traders with minimal input from respective councils and noted that this is a commercial entity. People want to trade and they should have a desire themselves to trade rather than being constantly pushed by Kildare County Council.

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

NS21/1026

Timeline for Phase 1A of the Grand Canal Greenway

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly.
That the council confirms a timeline for when Phase 1A of the Grand Canal Greenway works are due to begin.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that SPPR are currently working through the procurement process for Phase 1A of the Grand Canal Greenway works. An indicative timeline cannot be provided until that process is closed out.

Councillor Kelly informed the members that tender processes are a matter for the department and enquired if there is an indication of the timeline in months or years noting that this was supposed to commence in May/June of 2026 and asked that members be kept informed of progress.

Ms M Dempsey, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department noted that she would consult the project manager and revert to members as soon as a timeline is identified.

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

NS22/1026

Halloween Anti-Social Measures, Kill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council engages with An Garda Síochána and Kill residents to ensure appropriate measures are put in place to avoid the Halloween anti-social behaviour experienced over the past two years.

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

A report was received from both the Community Department and the Parks department informing the members that From the perspective of the Community Department, and the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP), in terms of meeting with An Garda Síochána on matters of local concern in the future, members may wish to note that the re-introduction of Municipal District specific non- statutory meetings with An Garda Siochana has previously been raised following a motion resolved by Kildare County Council on 25 May 2026. Correspondence subsequently issued to Chief Superintendent Buckley seeking the reinstatement of in-camera Garda briefings for elected members at Municipal District level. In a response received, Chief Superintendent Buckley advised that he did not wish to undermine the LCSP model or create a parallel structure that could conflict with its objectives and effectiveness. He therefore declined the request at that time, pending clarification from the Garda National Community Safety Partnership Support Unit regarding Garda attendance at Municipal District meetings. Accordingly, the matter has already been pursued at county level and the current position of An Garda Síochána is that such meetings cannot be facilitated at this time.

However, members should note that, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Kildare LCSP, a dedicated meeting for elected representatives will be scheduled before year end. It is expected that elected members will have an opportunity to submit questions in advance of the meeting for consideration. An invitation to this meeting will issue in due course.
In addition, consultation has commenced on the first Kildare Community Safety Plan. All stakeholders are invited to participate in the consultation process.

The input of elected members will be particularly important in identifying local community safety priorities and issues, and this engagement will help inform the objectives and actions contained within the Plan. The consultation process provides a significant opportunity for members to contribute to the future direction of community safety policy and initiatives across the county. Full details of consultation can be found on Kildare County Council website: www.kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Community/LocalCommunitySafetyPartnership However, notwithstanding the above, the decision to write to An Garda Síochána seeking a meeting as set out in the motion, is a matter for the elected members.

Kildare County Council's, Parks Department will participate with colleagues from other Departments in any engagement addressing anti-social issues during the Halloween season.

The Council's Parks Department will also liaise with An Garda Síochána to collect material when and where feasible.

Councillor Brett thanked the department for the report and informed the members that it is easy to see why there is so much anti-social behaviour now when members used to have quarterly in committee meetings with Gardai and could identify areas where anti-social behaviour was taking place. Now with no meetings happening there is no longer engagement on these issues and this infringes on other stakeholders. Councillor Brett noted that any information that compliments the work will only help with this issue and not hinder it. He noted that CCTV was proposed for some locations and every time, there was an issue with it in relation to data protection. There were Facebook posts during the week looking for bonfire materials and bonfire in Monread Park. The Superintendent is happy to meet with members, but the Chief Superintendent says he cannot meet. A letter should go to the Chief Superintendent to rescind the order not to meet.

Members noted the following:

- Minister does not want two groups working on this
- LCSP is trying to find its feet at the moment
- Meeting with An Garda Síochána happened first in Naas and was successful
- As a result, other services extended
- Waited a long time for the partnership to be established
- Terms of reference changed numerous time

- The in committee JPC meeting is not being reflected in this committee
- Good to sit down with local Community Gardai
- Gardai can no longer speak to members openly about issues
- Members should be able to help in any way they can
- Speaking to Members should be an aid or conduit and not a barrier

Councillor Brett agreed to draft a letter which will be sent by Corporate Services to the Chief Superintendent on behalf of members of Naas Municipal District.

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

NS23/1026

Letter to Amazon regarding Driver Behaviour

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council writes to Amazon reminding them of the duty of care their drivers must exercise in housing estates in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from Corporate Service informing the members that this is a matter for members to agree.

Councillor Brett noted that he received complaints about driver behaviour in Kill with some drivers reversing down residential areas and a letter needs to issue to Amazon in this regard.

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

NS24/1026

Letter to HSE - Provision of GP services Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon.
That the council writes to the HSE regarding the provision of GP services in Ballymore Eustace and when a contract will be advertised.

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

A report was received from Corporate Service informing the members that this is a matter for members to agree.

Councillor Sammon informed the members that the current GP health centre is to cease provision on October 20. There is a 700-signature petition looking for a GP and while the HSE do not appoint GPs it would be good to write to the HSE to seek a full time GP and asked when the contract will be advertised. Several GPs are interested and the Health Centre in Ballymore Eustace is one of the last dispensaries in the county, in a rural location. The letter is drafted and it will be sent to members services for issue.

Councillor Dunne asked that the letter also be sent to the Minister for Health and the members agreed.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members that a letter be written to the HSE and Minister for Health and that the report be noted.

NS25/1026

Update on Works in Tinnycross Park, Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon.
Can the council provide an update on current works in Tinnycross Park, Ballymore Eustace as part of the Taking in Charge process?

A report was received from the Building Control Department informing the members that good progress has been made in addressing the outstanding matters associated with the proposed Taking in Charge of Tinnycross Park. Following an assessment by Kildare County Council over the summer, a schedule of surface and drainage defects was issued to the developer and works to address these items are currently underway. A number of items also remain outstanding on Truce Road. In parallel, the developer is carrying out alterations to the pumping station at the entrance to the estate, as requested by Uisce Éireann. These works are ongoing. Once the outstanding works have been satisfactorily completed, it is intended

to readvertise the proposed Taking in Charge of Tinnycross Park and subsequently bring the matter before the Members at a Municipal District meeting for consideration.

Councillor Sammon informed the members that the site at this location is in upheaval and thanked the Executive Engineer for his phone call on this issue and noted that she hoped that it would be in a position for Taking in Charge when works are complete noting there were issues with ESB poles here. Councillor Sammon noted that there is a piece of land on the site that is not part of the Taking in Charge and asked for this to be looked at.

Mr P Lynch, Executive Engineer, Building Control informed the members that staff will be back on site on Monday morning.

The report was noted.

NS26/1026

Maintenance, Old Graveyard at Tipper, Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council update the members on any progress to restore/ repair/ maintain the old graveyard at Tipper, Naas?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the old graveyard at Tipper, Naas is in private ownership and therefore restoration, repair and maintenance are the responsibility of the landowner.

Councillor Breen noted that the graveyard is in private ownership and noted that this is part of history, as there was a church on the site from 1216 and it should be a protected site and sent to the monuments committee. There is a lot of work needed here.

Ms O Harvey, Planning Representative informed the members that this graveyard is in private ownership and therefore restoration, repair and maintenance are the responsibility of the landowner and noted that if Councillor Breen would like to make arrangements for the owner to meet with officials, they would be open to meet.

The District Manager informed the members that this was registered as a monument previously and works were carried out to the boundary wall and roads in the past.

The report was noted.

NS27/1026

Naas Draft Budget Plan 2027

To discuss the Naas Draft Budget Plan 2027

Ms E Hanlon, Director of Finance informed the members that the draft budget plan was circulated to members ahead of the meeting and noted the period of budget uncertainty, further details from central government in relation to funding are awaited, inflation is at 4.1%, Roads and Parks departments have sought a 10% increase for non-payroll expenditure for 2027 items such as diesel, vehicle hire, bitumen etc. There is an increase in the overall budget reflected in the local roads' maintenance and Parks street sweeping and public realm maintenance. The Director of Finance informed the members that other allocations remain the same as 2026 which is understandably disappointing for members and noted that these cannot be increased at the moment. If there any change in circumstances between now and the budget meeting of 23 November this can be revisited. Members have the option to approve or amend as necessary. Pay parking figures on page three are based on the increase of the tariffs and so are not included in the budgetary plan but are reflected here.

Councillor Moore informed the members that whatever allocations are received they must be used and it has to be made work and noted increases in some sections and noted an attempt at balancing contributions, the difference is €21,000 euro and thanked the department for their work on the budget. In relation to allocations across the Municipal Districts, Councillor Moore noted that Newbridge get €6.2 million and Naas gets €4.2 million, Naas is a capital town and the current population of Naas greater than Newbridge with the only area being lesser is the number of elected members.
He enquired as to how there can be a €2 million difference in the two Municipal districts. Car parking brings in a profit of €613k per year but looking at overall in Kildare it is only twice this amount. Naas takes in half of profit, the rest of Kildare takes in €622k and noted he did not want to see Naas being the town that underpins the contractor.

Councillor Brett informed the members that issues he was going to raise were raised by Councillor Moore and noted that the pot for residents' associations grants was getting smaller each year with new estates being built and even with subventions from LPT it is getting smaller. More money should have been allocated for festival grants, and a lot of volunteers are doing great work, costs are rising each year, they have to source their own insurance. It is increasingly difficult to deliver events.

The Director of Finance informed the members that LPT is now divided based on population and the number of elected members in a given Municipal District is a reflection of that Municipal District's population. Kildare Newbridge is similar to Clane Maynooth Municipal District in relation to size and population so a larger proportion of road maintenance, street sweeping and other coasts that has to be met.
Naas run an efficient car parking service, the use of APCOA is on a limited basis and costs are low compared to other Municipal Districts. In relation to allocations for Festivals, it would be hoped that LPT could be allocated by members if appropriate.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all members that the Naas Draft Budget Plan 2027 be approved.

NS28/1026

Group Insurance Protection for PPN registered clubs/groups in Naas Municipal district

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm if it is possible and an appropriate time for Kildare County Council to consider the purchase of a Group Insurance protection for PPN registered clubs and groups in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Finance Department informing the members that Kildare County Council is not in the position to purchase a group insurance protection scheme for PPN registered clubs and groups in the Naas municipal district. The Tidy Towns insurance is a national scheme offered by our insurer.

The report was noted.

NS29/1026

Emergency Resilience Facilities upgrades in Naas Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm if it plans to upgrade existing community and sporting infrastructure facilities for Emergency Resilience in Naas or is the council proposing to construct multi-purpose local infrastructure that can double as badly needed Community and Sports Infrastructure for the expanded Naas population?

A report was received from the Community department informing the members that he Community Department has a role, along with other Departments, in the designation and activation of Community Support Centres (CSCs) as part of emergency planning- more information here. Following Government Circulars in this area, the Community Departments focus, as part of its emergency preparedness planning, is assessing the electrical infrastructural requirements of two locations within Naas Town that have been designated as CSCs, Naas Library and Monread Community Centre. The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that the facilities can effectively fulfil their intended role during emergency events, in terms of continuity of electrical supply, predominantly as a result of the aftermath of a Red status weather event where supply is seriously impacted. This impact is however more likely of course in rural, sparsely populated areas with these Centres in Naas Town likely to serve as a contingency. Subject to the outcome of this assessment, very limited electrical works may be required at CSCs. These works would primarily relate to the installation of electrical transfer switch infrastructure/wiring to facilitate the connection of mobile backup generators during prolonged power outages (3+ days typically).
This work is part of a larger countywide assessment of CSCs, that will then form part of a single grant application to Government to carry out the required electrical works.
The Council does not have resources for other works related to emergency preparedness at the Centres, of a capital nature, and even depends on the above referenced grant application for the electrical work. That is the scope of the current proposals.

Councillor Moore noted that he had envisaged a wider range calamity in relation to Community Support Centres (CSCs) and noted that issues like electricity and generators being available need to be considered, as well as medicines and communication systems.

Councillor Moore noted that this was a very good initiative and thanked the Community department for the extensive report.

The report was noted.

NS30/1026

Provision of CCTV at Corbans Lane Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Dunne.
Can this council provide an update on the provision of CCTV cameras on Corbans Lane in Naas to help provide evidence on the illegal dumping that takes place in this area and allow the council to issue fines?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that there is no dedicated funding stream available for CCTV. A request was made to each Municipal District at the beginning of the year for LPT funding. CCTV systems are being prioritised for the Municipal Districts with funding approval. Aside from this, a business case and Data Protection Impact Assessment are required for each CCTV scheme. Corban's Lane is not considered a suitable location for a CCTV scheme due to its close proximity to residential properties. CCTV has proven most effective where dumping is carried out from passing vehicles, allowing perpetrators to be identified using vehicle registration numbers. There is currently no evidence to indicate that the dumping at Corban's Lane is being carried out from passing vehicles; therefore, the installation of CCTV at this location is unlikely to be effective.

Councillor Dunne noted that Corbans Lane has a serious issue with illegal dumping and is constantly being cleaned up. It is an ongoing issue of concern and he enquired as to how evidence that dumping is not carried out by passing vehicles had been compiled and noted that CCTV would be a deterrent in this area.

Mr M Byrne, Environment Department informed the members that a request was made to each Municipal District at the beginning of the year for LPT funding and the focus will be on the Municipal Districts who had provided funding. In relation to evidence, this was found by the community warden who issued litter fines, and on the 05 October, there was a court case in Naas District Court in which a fine was issued for €1000 plus costs. Currently there is no

evidence to indicate that the dumping at Corban's Lane is being carried out from passing vehicles; therefore, the installation of CCTV at this location is unlikely to be effective.

Councillor Dunne enquired as to where the €1000 will be paid to.

Mr M Byrne, Environment department informed the members that this is a matter for the Courts Service who will process the case and in time submit the amount to Kildare County Council.

Councillor Kelly noted that members will have to meet and set aside money for CCTV in the Municipal District.

Councillor Dunne enquired if there has been an improvement in the situation since.

Mr M Byrne, Environment Department that he was not aware of any fines issuing recently and noted dumping in the area had been linked to individuals in the area.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.