



**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 14 March 2023
in the Council Chamber**

Members Present: Councillor E Sammon (Mayor), Councillors F Brett,
B Clear, C Kelly, C Kenny, A Breen

Apologies: Councillor Moore

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (District Manager), Mr D Reel (District Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin, Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officers), Ms S Walsh (Executive Engineer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) Ms P O'Rourke (Remotely) (Climate Action Co-ordinator) Ms S Bookle (LCDC Co-ordinator) Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0323

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations from the members of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

NS02/0323

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 14 February be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.



NS03/0323

Mayors Business

Councillor Brett raised the issue of lack of communication from the Minister on plans to house refugees in Kill Equestrian centre. Members had the following concerns Elected members were not being advised of what was happening. Members were receiving queries from the public which they could not answer. This was unfair. This lack of communication was causing anxiety in the local community. Elected members needed to be kept informed so they could deal with queries from the public. The Minister should meet with the local councillors and TD's

NS04/0223

Municipal District Road works

The Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works.

Road Resurfacing

The Naas Municipal District Restoration Improvement (RI) and Restoration Maintenance (RM) works programme for 2023 are being developed in line with the 2023 allocation from the Department of Transport.

Footpaths

A tender has been awarded for works at the following locations which will commence construction in the coming weeks:

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| • Roselawn (footpath improvements) | - Complete |
| • Sundays Well (footpath improvements) | - Tender Stage |
| • St Brigids Terrace, Kill (footpath improvements) | - Construction Stage |
| • River Lawns, Kill (footpath improvements) | - Construction Stage |
| • Mill Lane raised table (footpath improvements) | - Tender Stage |
| • Blessington Road (footpath improvements) | - Tender Stage |
| • Ballymore Eustace (uncontrolled crossings) | - Tender Stage |



LPT/Carparks Funded Works

The Naas Municipal District Local Property Tax (LPT)/Carparking works programme for 2023 will be developed in line with the 2023 allocation, as agreed with the Naas Municipal District Councillors.

Drainage

The Naas Municipal District drainage programme for 2023 will be developed in line with the 2023 allocation from the Department of Transport.

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works

The Naas Municipal District have received funding from the Department of Transport for the following 2023 Safety Improvement Works. It is proposed to develop these projects with delivery by Q4 2023:

- R410 – Beggars End to Eadestown - Design Stage
- L2010 – Sherlockstown to Kileenbeg - Design Stage
- L6018/L6019 – Castlewarden Cross - Design Stage

Councillor Kelly asked when could they expect works to be carried out for the footpath improvements at Sundays Well?

Mr D Reel advised that the council expected the works to begin in April at Sundays Well. He said that the Parks department were advising on which type of tree's that are more appropriate to be planted there.

NS05/0323

Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2023

The members considered the below headline items in relation to the Naas Municipal District Schedule of Works 2023 which included funds from LPT and pay parking.



Department	Amount
Roads	€ 520,000.00
Community	€ 360,506.00
Econ Dev, Planning & Heritage	€ 300,000.00
Libraries & Arts	€ 75,375.00
Environment	€ 44,054.00
Recreation & Amenity	€ 47,500.00
Totals	€1,347,435.00

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by all the members that the Naas Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2023 be approved.

NS06/0323

Taking in charge of The Sidings, Sallins

Ms SJ Walsh advised the members that a report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and that it was the recommendation of the Building and Development Control Department that DC4101 The Sidings, Sallins be taken in charge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear, and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of DC4101 The Sidings, Sallins be approved.

NS07/0323

Taking in charge of Kilashee View, Naas

Ms SJ Walsh advised the members that a report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and that it was the recommendation of the Building and Development Control Department that DC9807 Kilashee View, Naas be taken in charge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Breen, and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of DC9807 Kilashee View, Naas be approved.



NS08/0323

Issues with the taking in charge of Primrose Gardens

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen
Can the council provide an update on issues with the taking in charge of Primrose Gardens, Naas?

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Further to the Municipal District meeting on the 14 of February 2023, Kildare County Council have been informed that a pumping station audit has been complete. No information has been received by Kildare County Council to date. Kildare County Council continue to engage with the Developer regarding the outstanding information.

Kildare County Council have requested Blackpadd Construction Limited to provide the following information:

- CCTV surveys of the storm and foul lines along with matching as-constructed drawings. As-constructed drawings to be carried out in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy 2008. All storm attenuation/petrol interceptors/flow control devices to be shown on the as-constructed drawings.
- Data sheets and O&M manuals required for same. – the council have been advised complete – no report received
- Pumping station report – audit complete no report received.
- Leak detection survey
- Confirmation that all landscaping has been carried out in accordance with approved landscaping plans.
- Confirmation that all public lighting is in working order and installed in accordance with planning permission – the council have been advised complete – no report received.
- Taking in Charge Map. This is the display map that will be used when the estate is advertised for TIC. – the council have been advised complete



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- Vesting Map. This is the legal land transfer map that will be used by the solicitors for the vesting of the areas when TIC to the council – the council have been advised work in progress.
- Contact details of the solicitor that will be acting on the developer's behalf for the purposes of vesting the common areas in the council upon TIC. – None received to date
- Confirmation that the registered owner of the lands to be transferred will complete land transfer upon TIC. – the council advised that the Developer has engaged a solicitor and that work is progressing in relation to wayleave/easement agreements and Land Transfer information

The report was noted.

NS09/0323

Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Rathasker Heights

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed double yellow lines/ Parking Restrictions at Rathasker Heights, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Rathasker Heights, Naas, Co. Kildare to proceed to a Section 38 be approved.

NS10/0323

Maintenance costs for bollards, Sallins Road Cycle Scheme

The members agreed to take item 9 and 10 together.

Item 9:

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

That the council provide a breakdown on maintenance costs associated with the Interim Sallins Road Cycle Scheme to include the cost of replacing and cleaning bollards and road sweeping.

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



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A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that to date The Naas Municipal District Office have incurred costs of approximately €4,200 for the hire of mini road sweeper to clean the cycle track area and approximately €2,600 to purchase replacement bollards (40 units) to date. There is also a cost for the crews replacing and cleaning bollards, including traffic management. This cost is ongoing and could be reviewed when the current works are complete.

Item 10:

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear
That the council replace all broken bollards in Sallins that were installed as part of safety for cyclists travelling through the town.

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will continue to replace bollards in Sallins and have scheduled this work for March.

Councillor Kelly said that she fully supports the traffic calming measures in Sallins, however €4,200 for the hire of a mini road sweeper is a lot, she asked how many sweeps were done, and what colour are the replacement bollards at a cost of €2,600 going to be?

The members made the following points:

- The bollards were installed to segregate vehicles from cyclists.
- These safety measures have been put in place due to 2 fatalities in the village in recent years, the bollards are needed but more Hi Viz ones would be better.
- It is working well but cars are getting damaged by the broken bollards.

Mr D Reel said that between 8 – 10 sweeps on the bollards have been carried out so far. He said another 80 bollards have been ordered and they are orange, he said this is a positive project, but obvious costs and maintenance will accrue. He said that the current works should be complete in the next couple of weeks.



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

NS11/0323

Road Narrowing' sign on the Craddockstown Road

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen
That the council provide a 'Road Narrowing' sign warning motorists that the road narrows suddenly and significantly leaving the town on the Craddockstown Road just past the Craddockstown Nursing Home at the Eustace Demesne Estate.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Sammon

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the The Naas Municipal District office will provide a Road Narrows sign at this location.

Mr D Reel advised the Road Narrowing sign had now been installed at this location.

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

NS12/0323

Public waste bin in the Piper's Hill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen
That the council provide a public waste bin in the Piper's Hill area on the Kilcullen Road.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Kelly

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office will review this location and identify a possible location for a bin. Please note that there is currently a bin on the Kilcullen Road at Broadfield View.



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The members raised the following points:

- The Tidy Towns Volunteers go out 2 to 3 times per week, and the members would like to compliment them for this.
- Would a bin from another area be removed and be relocated at the Piper's Hill area on the Kilcullen Road?
- The piloting system in Poplar Square was working well.

Mr D Reel said the following:

- Under the replacement programme the council look at areas that have more bins than they need and move them to other areas that need them
- There were a lot more bins in the Naas area compared to other Municipal Districts

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

NS13/0323

Town bus service

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

That this council writes to the Local Link bus service requesting a town bus service be reinstated in Naas serving the approximately 2000 extra residences of Pipers Hill area and John Devoy Road and onto Sallins Train Station. These are in place for towns with the same or less of a population than Naas.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kenny

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that with the members agreement, Kildare County Council would write to Local Link as outlined in the motion.

The members made the following points:

- In the age of active travel, surrounding areas needed a bus service.



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- Navan with a smaller population in it than Naas had a bus service.
- An orbital route was needed.
- In Galway there was a bus service route every 2 hours, this is something the council should look at.

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

NS14/0323

Road restoration on the R407

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett
That the council carry out full road restoration on the R407 Clane to Sallins Road.

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

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this project is included as part of the 2023 restoration improvement works programme for 2023.

Mr D Reel advised he would discuss further with councillor Brett offline.

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

NS15/0323

Improve the signage at Swans Junction

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny
That the council contact John Cradock Ltd, contractor on the Kilcullen Road scheme, to improve the signage at Swans Junction where the R411 joins the R448 to discourage traffic travelling unnecessarily southbound to the stop at Rathasker Heights and rerouting down Patrician Avenue to join the detour on the Ballymore Road R411.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Breen



A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the issue has been communicated to the contractor and a review of the traffic management plan has taken place. The aim of the amendments is to reduce unnecessary traffic through Patrician Avenue but also maintaining continuous access to Rathasker Heights and the local businesses south of the Ballymore Road junction. The traffic management arrangements are reviewed on an ongoing basis and will be subject to change over the course of the works.

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

NS16/0323

Car parking spaces in Millbrook Court

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon
That the council explore providing more car parking spaces in Millbrook Court, Naas as vehicles are parking on the green areas due to the lack of parking spaces available.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sammon, seconded by Councillor Kenny

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that It is possible to provide approximately 4 car parking spaces in the green area, but it will involve the removal of 3 trees and is estimated to cost in the region of €15,000. Due to limited resources, it is not possible to facilitate this request at this time.

Councillor Sammon said that it was not realistic to only have one car space per household, an overflow was needed. She asked was it funding or resources that was the issue?

Mr D Reel said there was no funding for this and maybe LPT could be considered for it? He also said there was a limited number of resources.



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

NS17/0323

Updated on Kildare's Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly
Can the council provide the members with an updated Kildare's Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS) report for this municipal district?

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are currently eight requests on KLIPS for the Naas Municipal District. Seven requests are to be assessed when additional funding becomes available while it is not proposed to consider one of the requests which is an unsuitable location.

There are seventy-three requests for new lighting on KLIPS across all Municipal Districts however no funding source has been identified.

	MD	Location	Job Description	Request Date
Awaiting Funding	Naas	Kingsfurze Ave	Additional lighting	
	Naas	Wyndham Park, Straffan Road Kill	Continuation of Street lighting	Jul-18
	Naas	Sallins Bridge	Additional light o/s 183 (Magic Years Creche)	Jan-20
	Naas	Millbridge Estate	Spring Garden-Millbridge (Pedestrian Footbridge) Millbridge Ave - Millbridge Way	Apr-21
	Naas	Sallins	Additional Light Osberstown Cottages (White City)	Dec-21
	Naas	Aylmer Park	Additional lighting from Entrance off Monread Ave to Light no 60 Alymer Park	Jan-22
	Naas	Rathasker Road	Additional lighting Requested	Jan-23
No Works Proposed	Naas	Cromwellstown, Killeel	Additional Lighting - not a suitable location	Jan-20



Councillor Kelly asked where does the funding for lights come from? She said that there was a motion last year about lighting on the canal, this was not on the KLIPS, was it on the Greenway?

Mr M McLoughlin said that the Greenway project does not have a fund for lighting. He said that the council were reviewing it, but funding was an issue.

The report was noted.

NS18/0323

Plans to install a bus stop on the Newbridge Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear
Can the council confirm if there are plans to install a bus stop on the Newbridge Road at Jigginstown Castle on the approach to Naas, similar to the one on the other side heading for Newbridge?

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a new bus stop (into Naas) is included in proposals for the Newbridge Road Active Travel Scheme. Civil engineering works are required to ensure the safe boarding and alighting of passengers and the installation works are contingent on the scheme being funded by the National Transport Authority.

The report was noted.

NS19/0323

Renovate the footpath on the easterly side of the R407

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny
Can the council confirm if it plans to clean up and renovate the footpath on the easterly side of the R407 from the Rathmore, Blackhall turnoff to Alexandria bridge?

A report was received by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District office propose to include this as part of its works on the R407 in this area.

The report was noted.



NS20/0323

Progress report on the Aylmer Bridge

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

That the council provide a progress report on the Aylmer Bridge to Sallins Greenway.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Soil nailing, a slope-stabilisation process, is continuing from Sallins towards the railway bridge, this work is necessary to stabilise the bank and widen the towpath to facilitate the 3 m width.

- Railway bridge to Ponsonby bridge excavation, geogrid, ducting and subbase is installed.
- Ponsonby Bridge to Devonshire Bridge, vegetation strip, duct installation and laying of sub-base commenced.
- Capping to underbridge at Devonshire Bridge currently being installed.

Drone footage of the works will be made available on the website under the '*Grand Canal Greenway*' updates available at

<https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Planning/PublicRealm/>

Councillor Kelly thanked the department for the report and asked the following:

- Were the council on schedule and could the members get a quarterly report?
- Would there be branding guidelines similar to the Blueway?
- There is a lack of lighting down by the Bridgewater, could the council look into this?
- Could one compactor bin be put down by the Bridgewater?
- Was provision made for pedestrian crossing coming off the bridge?
- The bridge needed to be named.

Ms P Pender said the following:

- The project was on track to be completed by October.



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- She would talk to public lighting team.
- She would talk to Mr D Reel regarding the compactor bin.
- There were guidelines relating to branding, similar to the Blueways
- Updates would be provided through the progress report.

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

NS21/0323

Parklets in Naas Town

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

Can the council confirm what plans, if any, it has for parklets in Naas Town in light of the decision to remove the current parklet in North Main Street?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that the provision of parklets and similar infrastructure at locations around the town will be considered as part of the pathfinder project. Businesses interested in providing a location for an infrastructure should contact the Strategic Projects and Public Realm section.

Councillor Breen asked if there were any plans to install more parklets when the majority of business do not want them and when will the current one be removed?

Ms P Pender advised the council were working on removing the parklet that's in Naas town but it needed to be assessed before it could be removed safely. She said the council have no plans for now for any more parklets.

The report was noted.

NS22/0323

Masterplan for the Applegreen/Cemex site

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

Can the council confirm if work on the masterplan for the Applegreen/Cemex site on the Dublin Road has commenced as required by the Naas Local area plan 2022, whether there



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has been ongoing contact with Applegreen on this plan and when will it be available to the members?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the attention is drawn to URD 1.13 of the **Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027** adopted by the Elected Members in October 2021 which states that it is an objective of the Council to “Prepare a Traffic Modelling and Access Strategy for lands zoned Mixed-use at the Junction 9 (Maudlins) Key Development Area (KDA) within 12 months of the adoption of the local area plan, in consultation with relevant stakeholders including Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the owners of the KDA lands.

- (i) This Strategy will identify the use, quantum and intensity of development that could be facilitated at the location complementary to safeguarding the strategic function and safety of the national road network, in accordance with the provisions of official policy outlined in the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines ‘Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (DoECLG, 2012).
- (ii) The Strategy will also identify any improvements required to the local transport network to facilitate development at this KDA.
- (iii) The masterplan required under URD 1.14 shall not be finalised until such time as the Council has completed and agreed the traffic modelling with the stakeholders identified above.

The Traffic Modelling and Access Strategy was commenced in Q2 of 2021 in accordance with the LAP in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the owners of the KDA lands and is currently being finalised and will be made available to the Elected Members on completion. As highlighted above, the LAP explicitly limits the preparation of the Masterplan until such time as the council has completed and agreed the traffic modelling with the stakeholders identified above. The report was noted.

NS23/0323

Number of “Green Kilometre” groups

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny
Can the council provide the number of “Green Kilometre” groups operating in the Naas Municipal District and what support for litter picking does the council give to these groups?



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A report was received from Environment and Water Services Department informing the members that as entry to the scheme is open all year, in 2022 the total number of Green Kilometres registered in the Naas Municipal District was 45. The supports available for participants are bags and litter pickers to collect the litter, collection of the bagged waste by the environment crew by arrangement. It isn't possible to quantify the tonnage of waste gathered within the Municipal District as the collection routes include other Municipal Districts, but it would be a minimum of two tonnes over the course of the year.

Participants are also offered a supply of native saplings to plant along the adopted stretch of local road. Of the 45 participants last year, 32 availed of this, so the saplings are a good incentive for taking part in this scheme.

The report was noted.

NS24/0323

Local Economic and Community Plan

Ms S Bookle advised the members that a report had been circulated to members prior to meeting on the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028.

Ms S Bookle gave the presentation informing the members of the purpose of Local Economic and Community Plan's (LECP). The process to develop Kildare LECP Initial views of progress/blocks-and the next steps needed.

The Mayor thanked Ms Bookle for the presentation and advised the members if they had any questions or queries, they could email them to Ms Bookle.

NS25/0323

Open Space Management 2023

M P O' Rourke advised the members that a report had been circulated to members prior to meeting on Open Space Management 2023.

Ms P O'Rourke gave a presentation on Open Space Management in Kildare to the members and informed them of progress on some of the initiatives taken and advised the members if they had any questions or queries, they could email her.

The report was noted.



NS26/0323

Parks Works Programme 2023

Mr S Wallace advised the members that a report had been circulated to members prior to meeting on Parks Works Programme 2023 and queried if the members had any questions.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear seconded by Councillor Kenny and agreed by the members that the Parks Works Programme 2023 be adopted, and the report be noted.

NS27/0323

Survey of estates in the municipal district over 10 years

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

That the council commission a survey of estates in the municipal district over 10 years old to establish if unsuitable trees are planted therein.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kenny

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that there are a number of factors to be considered relating to problematic trees, these are:

- The view of residents and residents' association on trees. These could vary considerably. The size, height, leaves, seeds, flowers and position could be all reasons why trees are considered problematic.
- Growing conditions vary from estate to estate depending on well the estate was landscaped by the developer. This could determine whether tree roots are problematic. Equally the quality of the tree planted.
- The species of tree planted and the size of the verge.
- The age and size of tree.
- The cost of tree removals is expensive, and this has to be balanced against other works mainly pruning.



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- There is a need to retain trees for biodiversity and climate change.
- Alternatives to removal have to be consider such as increasing the rootzone area or improving the root zone when paths are being fixed.

Requests for tree works across the municipal districts occupy a significant amount of time of the Parks Section already and there is not sufficient capacity to undertake the survey requested across the municipal districts. However, we could work with the members and the Area Engineer to identify if there are particular estates or locations where issues reoccur particularly with paths. These could be surveyed when we are compiling future programmes for tree works.

Councillor Brett asked the members to each look at their own estates and surrounding areas and liaise with each other.

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

NS28/0323

Pembrokeshire-South East Interregional programme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny
That the council engage with the Southern Regional Assembly's Interregional programme to support the twinning link between Naas and St David's in Pembrokeshire as part of the Pembrokeshire-South East Interregional programme.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Sammon

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the decision to enter into a twinning arrangement is a reserved function. The possibility of strengthening the twinning link between Naas and St David's in Pembrokeshire could be brought forward to the Twinning Liaison Committee which has a strategic overview of all twinning arrangements throughout the county and is focused on developing stronger economic, cultural and tourism links. They also provide support and advise to local twinning committees.



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

NS29/0323

Presentation from Naas Community First Responders

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon
That the Naas Municipal District Committee receives a presentation from Naas Community First Responders regarding funding defibrillators in housing estates locally.

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

A report was received by the Meetings Administrator informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree.

The members all agreed to receive a presentation from Naas Community First Responders regarding funding defibrillators in housing estates locally in April.

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

NS30/0323

Sallins Playground maintenance

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly
Can the council confirm that the Sallins Playground is scheduled for a maintenance check?
A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Sallins Playground receives maintenance visits every Saturday and Monday each week. Additionally, an annual independent safety inspection is carried out each year along with quarterly inspections.

In addition to that the following works have been carried out in the last year.

- The tiger mulch at wheelchair carousel, and slide runout have been replaced. Carousel bearings lubricated last autumn and due again.



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- Swingo rotating seesaw removed after bearing damage and replacement bearing on order since middle last year.
- Mini basket swing removed (wear on bushing wore into metal of upright and is due to be replaced in the next few weeks.
- The pirouette pole spinner has also been completely replaced after bearing failure.

The Report was noted.

NS31/0323

ESB to withdraw supply at River Lawns, Kill

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

Can the council confirm how long it has been waiting for the ESB to withdraw supply at River Lawns, Kill to facilitate the removal of overhanging trees?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that an application for a power output was made 12 months ago and to date the council have not had an indication of when this could be done despite contacting them on several occasions since the initial application.

The report was noted.

NS32/0323

Clean out the "no man's land" area in Sallins

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to clean out the "no man's land" area in Sallins between Castlesize Close and Castlefen?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this area is not under the control of the Parks Section. A clean up of the area is a matter for the residents of both estates.

The report was noted.

NS33/0323

Trees at Elmwood/Chestnut Hill

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

Can the council confirm if the trees at Elmwood/Chestnut Hill, Naas are on the schedule of tree works for 2023?



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A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the trees at this location will be assessed for tree works to see what is possible. The scheduling of the works will depend on the cost of the overall works that are required across the Municipal District versus the available budget. Councillors will be circulated with the proposed works once the tenders for the work are completed.

The report was noted.

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Upgrade works in Monread Playground

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

Can the council confirm when upgrade works will begin in Monread Playground?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that a tender has been issued for the addition of new equipment to the playground. The equipment proposed is a new slide, sandpit with digger and small basket swing. This is due to close at the end of March. The council hope to have the equipment installed over the summer. However, this is dependent on receiving valid tenders and the lead time to getting a contractor on site.

A more substantial upgrade and possible relocation of the playground is planned as part of developing an overall masterplan for the park.

The report was noted.