



Minutes Naas Municipal District Annual Meeting
held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, 14 July 2026
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

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

Apologies: Councillor E Sammon.

Officials Present: Mr D Creighton (District Manager), Ms M Richardson (Meetings
Administrator), Ms K Leslie (Meetings Secretary) and others.

Councillor Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a review of his past year as Mayor of the Naas Municipal District, raising the following:

- Naas Municipal District towns and villages provided a strong national image as one of the fastest growing areas in Ireland and had outstanding records in housing and integration.
- The council's planners and elected members had put together an excellent formula to provide an expanding population with satisfactory amenities, facilities, services and supports.
- He had welcomed the President and National Executive of the AILG National Organisation of Elected Members to Naas and given a speech identifying the phenomenal growth of Naas and Kildare, and the huge social infrastructure pressures this was imposing on the council.
- Highlights of the year included the five day weekly opening of De Burgh Oldtown Woodland Gardens, the successful return of the Bealtaine Festival, and the acquisition by the Housing Department of the majority of the houses on Basin Street.
- The approval and delivery of social and affordable housing schemes at sites including Rathasker Road, Craddockstown Road, Barracksfield and Sarto Road.
- The advancement of the Sallins Settlement Plan, the Naas Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan, and a variation of the County Development Plan, which would cater for significant housing delivery and population growth.



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- Advances in Town Regeneration projects, including the acquisition of St. David's Castle, the future shaping of the Naas Canal Quarter, and the completion of the Naas – Sallins Greenway.
 - The opening of Naas Convent School and the Naas Plaza Car Park.
 - Construction on the Applegreen Irish Headquarters.
 - Sallins Amenity Lands had been awarded a €3 million grant from the Government, in conjunction with a further €3.5 million from Development Levies collected by the council.
 - Arts projects including the unveiling of the Liam Óg O'Flynn sculpture in Kill by Mary McAleese, and progress on a sculpture to commemorate Naas being named Ireland's Cleanest Town three times.
 - The continued success of sporting groups in Naas, Sallins and Eadestown.
 - Recognition to the work of great local organisations.
 - The upcoming Taste of Kildare Food Festival.
 - He thanked his fellow members for their continued support, noting that their municipal district is known for its cohesion and focused outlook.
 - He thanked the Chief Executive, the District Manager, Service Groups, Directors, Senior Executives and staff, the Meetings Administrator, and the Corporate Services Team.
 - He thanked Councillor Dunne for doing a splendid job when he took over the mayorship role on his behalf for a number of weeks, displaying the talents for a future Mayor of the district.
 - He thanked the press for putting out exactitude versions of events and ensuring honesty and verification in political life, as well as friends, family, and the public.

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Election of Mayor

Councillor Moore invited nominations for the position of Mayor of the Naas Municipal District.

Councillor Dunne proposed Councillor Clear, and this was seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Councillor Dunne informed the members that Councillor Clear had been elected in 2019 and had topped the polls in 2024. As a member of the AILG and Corporate Policy Group, Mayor



of the Naas Municipal District from 2023-2024, and chairperson of the Environment and Water Services SPC and Naas Tidy Towns, he brought a wealth of experience to the role.

Councillor Moore asked if there were any other nominations.

Councillor Breen proposed herself for the role. As there was no seconder, the proposal fell.

As there were no other nominations, Councillor Clear was deemed elected as Mayor of the Naas Municipal District.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by members that in accordance with Section 37 (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended that Councillor Clear be elected as Mayor of the Naas Municipal District.

Councillor Clear took the Chair. He thanked the members for entrusting him with the role and noted that Councillor Moore had done a fantastic job and had represented the municipal district well. His priorities for the year included the regeneration of Naas to bring back the high quality of the town centre, supporting Tidy Towns, businesses and retailers, and ensuring that huge changes coming for areas like Sallins and Johnstown were done right. He thanked the Council Executive, the District Manager and the Members' Services Team.

The members congratulated Councillor Clear. They thanked Councillor Moore for his stewardship, even through difficult times, and gave special mention to Councillor Dunne for being a safe pair of hands when he temporarily stepped into the role.

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Election of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Clear invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor of the Naas Municipal District.

Councillor Moore proposed Councillor Dunne, and this was seconded by Councillor Kelly.



Councillor Moore informed the members that Councillor Dunne had done an excellent job stepping in to help organise Bealtaine Festival at the last minute and had done the municipal district proud.

Councillor Clear asked if there were any other nominations.

As there were no other nominations, Councillor Dunne was deemed elected as Deputy Mayor of the Naas Municipal District.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all members that Councillor Dunne be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Naas Municipal District.

Councillor Clear advised that he looked forward to working with Councillor Dunne, who had played a blinder in his past year in the role.

Councillor Dunne thanked the members, noting this it was an honour to be elected.

The meeting concluded.