



Minutes Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, 14 July 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 and S Moore.

Online: Councillor E Sammon.

Officials Present: Mr D Creighton (District Manager), Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr C Galvin (Senior Engineer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms M O'Dwyer (Administrative Officer), Mr L McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr P Lynch (Executive Engineer), Mr N Hopkins (Executive Engineer), Mr S Merrins (Sports Partnership Coordinator), Ms C Brogan (LPT Coordinator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), Ms K Leslie (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0726

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.

NS02/0726

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 09 June 2026, along with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Brett that the minutes of the monthly Naas Municipal District meeting held on 09 June 2026 be confirmed and taken as read.

The progress report was noted.

NS03/0726

Municipal Districts Works Programme

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

Naas Municipal District Roadworks Update – July 2026

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	Design Stage
• R445 Dublin Road, Naas	Pre Construction Stage
• L2025 Ballymore Eustace (BME) GAA Road	Construction Stage
• L2014 Kill Main Road	Tender Stage
• L2026 Silverhill, Upper Road	Pre Construction Stage
• L6038 Broquestown Road	Pre Construction Stage
• L2996 Abbey Street, Naas	Tender Stage
• L80117 Craddockstown Way Estate, Naas	Tender Stage

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	To Commence
• 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 Patricks Park, Kill – Roads	Design Stage
• Monread Heights, Naas – Footpaths	Construction Stage
• Sallins/Bodenstown – Footpaths	Construction Stage
• Our Lady's Place, Pacelli and Sarto Road – Footpaths	Design Stage
• Dun na Riogh, Naas – Footpaths	Pre Construction Stage
• Killeel Junction – Visual Speed Sensor	Design Stage
• Oakfield Heights, Naas – Footpaths	Complete
• St Brigids Terrace, Sallins – Footpaths	Design Stage
• Millbrook Gardens, Naas – New Parking Space	Design Stage

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, Ballymore Eustace	Tender Stage
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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	Design Stage
• R410 West of Blessington Road, at Deerpark	Design Stage

Mr M McLoughlin informed the members that the District Engineer was unavoidably absent and sent his apologies.

The members raised the following:

- Could the yellow boxes and double yellow lines be refreshed and stop signs be replaced now that surface dressing works on the Kerdiffstown Road had been completed and when would this be carried out?
- Where specifically on the Blessington Road, Eadestown were Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works to be carried out and what did they consist of?
- There were concerns surrounding footpath surfaces at Monread Heights, Naas from residents with disabilities.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that all queries would be brought back to the District Engineer.

The report was noted.

NS04/0726

Remaining LPT Allocations 2025/2026

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

Councillor	Description	Amount
Cllr Brett	Sallins Sunshine Club - Expenses for trip to visit historical site	€1,000.00
Cllr Brett	Johnstown Community Association - Summer Fun Day and Christmas Santa Visit	€2,000.00
Cllr Brett	Kill Music and Drama Society - Staging of plays and musicals in Kill and Naas	€2,000.00
Cllr Brett	Kilteel Tidy Towns - Repairs to stone walls, removal of debris and hire of small machinery	€2,000.00
Cllr Clear	Sallins Men's Shed – Community Garden	€500.00

CLlr Kelly	Coiste Gaeilge – Contribution towards running Family Fun Day in Naas as Gaeilge	€1,000.00
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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all members present that the LPT allocations for the Naas Municipal District Committee be approved.

NS05/0726

Ramps at the Sallins Road Roundabout

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

That the council repairs the ramps at the Sallins Road Roundabout as a matter of priority.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office will arrange for an assessment of these ramps, and the necessary repair works will be progressed, subject to the availability of resources. In the interim, the area will continue to be monitored to ensure it remains safe for all road users.

Councillor Kelly questioned how bad the condition of the ramps had to be before they were deemed unsafe, noting that there were serious potholes.

Mr M McLoughlin advised that comments would be brought back to the District Engineer.

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

NS06/0726

Disabled Parking Spaces in Sallins

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

That the council upgrades the disabled parking spaces in Sallins, at the former Post Office and Church Ave (opposite Café Grange).



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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that arrangements will be made for these locations to be inspected and the upgrading of the disabled parking bays, including appropriate lining and signage. These works will be progressed, subject to the availability of line marking contractor.

Councillor Kelly raised the following:

- The markings were very faded and the spaces needed to be painted blue along with upgrades to the signage.
- Did the council only have one line marking contractor?
- A year had passed waiting for line marking workings to be carried out at Arthurstown since funds had been allocated.

Mr C Galvin informed the members that there was more than one contractor, but they were limited, and that this was more a matter for the District Engineer. The District Manager advised that extreme weather earlier in the year had created a backlog and works on the car park at Áras Chill Dara had only been half completed as a result.

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

NS07/0726

Holy Child National School Safe Routes to School Scheme

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne.
That the council conducts a safety audit on the active travel scheme at the Holy Child National School at Ballycane, Naas that was introduced in November 2024.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that on completion of the Holy Child National School Safe Routes to School scheme in September



2024, a Stage 3, Road Safety Audit was carried out by an independent consultant and issues identified in the audit were addressed.

Councillor Dunne raised the following:

- It had been agreed at the time that there would be a Park and Stride but it was not working.
- There were 34 homes facing the school and residents were regularly being blocked in.
- Double yellow lines outside homes were not being adhered to.
- Could a traffic or community warden attend this location in the morning time to investigate?

Mr C Galvin advised that the Transport Department would engage with the school to ensure the Park and Stride be reinforced.

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

NS08/0726

Survey of Bus Use in Naas Town Centre

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

That the council undertakes a survey to establish the number of buses, including special services for schools, airport, tourism, rail station, special needs, local circuit, local link and commuter destinations that use Town Centre Naas as a Transport Hub in ever-increasing numbers and will now have a further 72 daily bus arrivals from the proposed new housing development in the North West Quadrant (NWQ) of Naas.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Active Travel Section can carry out an assessment of the bus use in the town centre. The National Transport Authority will be engaging in relation to the proposed bus routes for the town which are planned to serve the entirety of the town and not specifically the Northwest Quadrant.



Councillor Moore raised the following:

- It was heartening to see the council would look into carrying out a survey.
- The problem was at peak school times.
- There could be up to seven buses parked here at times.
- Even prior to any allocation from the NTA, the council should approve a list of locations.
- Buses should be routed around ring roads.

The members raised the following:

- Naas was expanding and they were working on establishing an integrated transport system.
- The 126 bus route from Dublin to Rathangan often had to leave people behind in Dublin, yet people living in Rathcoole used this route despite having a Dublin Bus service.
- The airport bus service had improved massively under its new ownership.
- The buses used for the 139 service needed to be bigger as students relied on it to commute to college and the bus towards Maynooth/Blanchardstown was often full by the time it reached Clane.

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

NS09/0726

Road Safety on the L2026

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

That the council introduces an urgent HGV ban on the L2026 local road between the N81 and the R413, and further, installs traffic calming measures, and a four-way stop, at the crossroads of the L2026 and the R411 to address ongoing road safety risks.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the placement of weight restrictions on a road under Article 17 of the Road Traffic (Traffic and



Parking) Regulations, 1997, (S.I. 182) Weight Restriction on Vehicles Entering a Road, is an executive function carried out following consultation with An Garda Síochána.

The Naas Municipal District Office will investigate the possibility of providing a vehicle weight restriction at this location in line with the relevant technical guidance documents. Issues to be considered will include, the road proposed for a weight restriction, accident history, identified alternative routes, design resources and cost.

The introduction of a four-way stop can be considered in the context of the right restriction.

Please note that if this proposal proceeds, enforcement will be a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Councillor Sammon informed the members of the following:

- This road was listed for resurfacing works, but there was no point with the current rate of HGV usage.
- HGVs had started using this route when the Kilcullen Road in Ballymore Eustace had been closed, but that route did not seem to have been re-instated despite the re-opening of that road.
- The Naas Municipal District Office had contacted truck companies about this matter.
- The crossroads were included on the list of ten priority crossroads in the municipal district.
- There were crashes once every two months and these numbers had previously been even higher.
- The crossroads were similar to Milemill Cross which had a four-way stop.

Councillor Moore queried whether the council supplied enforcement information to Google and other third-party navigation apps.

Mr M McLoughlin advised the following:

- The suggestion of a four-way stop at these crossroads had merit.
- The enforcement of HGV bans was challenging as third-party navigation apps would send drivers down these routes anyway and refuse vehicles could be impacted.



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- The Transport Department had supplied information to the companies responsible for these apps in the past and would continue to do so, but there was no formal mechanism in place for this.

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

NS10/0726

Removal of Bollards at Basin Street/Abbey Street Junction

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to remove the bollards at the Basin Street/ Abbey Street junction to facilitate a one-way system onto Abbey Street and to allow Canal bank residents a second entrance to their homes when Town Hall Lane is blocked by delivery trucks?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the council's Transport Department in consultation with the NTA have recently commenced an assessment of the Naas to Sallins Active Travel Scheme in terms of how it is impacting on both the users of the scheme and the local residents. One area that is being looked at as part of this is the Abbey Street/Basin Street junction. The members will be updated as this progresses.

Councillor Brett noted the following:

- Abbey Street was wide until it reached the junction with Basin Street.
- There was a derelict property here owned by the council which was narrowing the road and should be demolished.
- If bollards were removed, a one-way system could be established.
- Town Hall Lane was often blocked when deliveries were being made to O'Connors Pub.

The report was noted.



NS11/0726

Flooding Issues on the Sallins Road

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm if it is working on a plan to alleviate the flooding issues North bound on the Sallins Road around Hennessey's Garage (Applegreen)?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that a coordinated solution involving the Roads, Parks, and Environment sections will be required. The Parks Section has indicated that a Conservation Master Plan for the adjacent lands is expected by year end and will consider drainage issues.

Flooding typically occurs during short, heavy downpours, while gullies are functioning, there is a lag before water dissipates.

The Municipal District Office will continue to monitor the situation and progress the matter with the relevant sections.

Councillor Kelly informed the members that this road flooded every time there was a heavy downpour. Councillor Clear suggested the water could be drained into the adjacent De Burgh Lands.

The report was noted.

NS12/0726

Road Improvement Works at Murtagh's Corner

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council provide an updated report on the proposed road improvement works at Murtagh's Corner, Naas including the current status of the project, progress made to date, the anticipated timeline for each remaining stage of the project and the expected commencement and completion dates for construction?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the design is currently being finalised to incorporate some additional works along Loch Bui. Kildare



County Council has applied for funding through the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund to deliver this project and are awaiting a response to this application. It is hoped that the tender for the works will be issued before the end of 2026 with works to start in 2027.

Councillor Clear informed the members that this site in the centre of the town had now become derelict and was killing Naas Tidy Towns. There had been many instances of anti-social behaviour and dumping at this location and it needed to be prioritised this year.

The report was noted.

NS13/0726

Relocation of Public Bin to Naas Courthouse

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

Can the council confirm the current situation on the relocation of the public litter bin to the area in front of Naas Courthouse including the anticipated timeline for its installation, as agreed at a previous municipal district meeting?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Naas Municipal District Office has engaged with Courthouse building management, and agreement has been reached in relation to the relocation of the public litter bin to the area in front of Naas Courthouse.

The relocation will be carried out in due course, subject to the availability of resources.

Councillor Clear queried what resources were needed and informed the members that Naas Tidy Towns had to clean up the area in front of the Courthouse every day as the Courts Service never did. This was an iconic building which was owned by the council.

The report was noted.



NS14/0726

Traffic Calming Measures on Barrack Street, Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon.
Can the council confirm whether the drawings for traffic calming measures on Barrack Street, Ballymore Eustace have been completed yet?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the drawings are currently being finalised and will be issued this month.

Councillor Sammon advised that she would like to see these drawings as soon as possible in order to share them with residents and get ahead of any concerns or feedback. Ballymore Eustace was experiencing significant growth and was seeing more visitors who did not know where to slow down.

The report was noted.

NS15/0726

Double Yellow Lines and Signage for Patrician Avenue

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm whether the reinstatement of the double yellow lines and signage for Patrician Avenue, Naas are on the works programme for this year?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office is awaiting the road marking contractor to reinstate the double yellow lines at Patrician Avenue and will follow up with the contractor to ensure completion.

The report was noted.

NS16/0726

Outdoor Gym Equipment in Monread Park

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dunne.
That the council provides outdoor athletic sports equipment for use by the public in Monread Park, Naas.



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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that Naas Tidy Towns were awarded a Sports Capital Grant to provide outdoor gym equipment in Monread Park. The Parks Department is working with them to have the equipment installed.

Councillor Dunne queried when the grant was awarded, for how much, why Tidy Towns were the ones delivering this project, and how were they progressing.

Councillor Clear informed the members of the following:

- Naas Tidy Towns had applied for a grant of €15,000 in 2022.
- They had delivered a similar project at The Lakes previously.
- The grant had taken a long time to draw down due to requirements from the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport.
- Any group could apply for funding with permission from the council on their lands.
- They were in the process of getting quotes but had only received one so far.
- There was a possibility the project would fail, but they would give it one last push.

Mr S Wallace advised that the Parks Department was working with Naas Tidy Towns and would assist them in getting quotes.

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

NS17/0726

Tree Pruning Schedule

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

Can the council provide a copy of the Tree Pruning Schedule for the Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a schedule of tree works is being compiled at the moment. It is proposed to tender this in the next 3-4 weeks and to have a contractor in place to carry out work in mid to late autumn. Once the



Parks Department has appointed a contractor, the schedule of works will be forwarded to all members.

Councillor Sammon accepted the report, advising that she had put in several requests for tree pruning over the past year and would like to check them off her list.

The report was noted.

NS18/0726

Fire-Damaged Council Houses

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

Can the council outline why there are prolonged delays in returning fire damaged houses to habitable re-use and how many such houses are currently out of use in Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that Housing Maintenance can confirm that there are currently no fire-damaged Kildare County Council owned housing units in the Naas Municipal District.

The timeframe for returning fire-damaged council houses to use varies significantly depending on the circumstances of each incident. Before any assessment or repair work can begin, properties often remain inaccessible until forensic investigations are completed. This can include investigations by An Garda Síochána, the Fire Service, the Health and Safety Authority (where relevant), insurance companies and other relevant parties. Once a property is fully released to the council, stripping out, clearance, surveys and assessments can commence.

Delays may arise due to the extent of structural damage, particularly where adjoining properties are affected. Where a fire leaves a building unsafe, the council may first need to undertake partial or full demolition and debris removal before detailed assessments can take place. Remedial design works are subsequently prepared, and the project is tendered in accordance with procurement requirements before the works can be carried out.



Kildare County Council has a dedicated team allocated full time to the management of fire damaged properties to ensure they are returned to use as quickly as possible.

Councillor Moore informed the members that there had been a few occasions where frustrated comments had been made to the Housing Department and he had wanted their response to be put on the public record. This was not a question of the Housing Department treading water as there were many external factors that caused these delays.

The District Manager advised that the council had a very experienced team working full-time on this. Although these situations could be tricky, they were dealt with competently.

The report was noted.

NS19/0726

Playground at Castle Farm, Naas

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

That the council prepares a report for the elected members on the currently closed playground at Castle Farm, Naas, outlining its current status, the reasons for its closure and fencing off, and the actions and timeline required to restore the playground for public use.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Team informing the members that the playground at Castle Farm was constructed under planning permission ref. 24/381. Although the playground construction is complete, it remains closed to allow for establishment of the planting/landscaping associated with the playground area. The Taking in Charge of Castle Farm was advertised with the period for submissions ending on 01 July 2026. The overall development including the playground will be reviewed in line with the granted planning permission and having consideration to submissions received during the consultation period. Any additional works required will be directed to the developer in advance of bringing Castle Farm forward to the members to consider Taking in Charge.

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Councillor Clear informed the members that this was a beautiful estate, but the playground was in a terrible state and was completely overgrown. He stressed the importance of getting this right, and suggested some passive equipment be installed.

Councillor Moore noted that the council had cleared the way for developers to walk away by allowing them to sell houses once development levies had been paid.

Mr L McNeela advised the following:

- There had been interaction between residents and the Development Control Team.
- Revised planning permission had been granted in 2024.
- In terms of the taking in charge process, the council was tied to what was granted, and they could not ask for any works to be carried out by the developer beyond this.
- The playground was a key aspect of the planning conditions.
- He would liaise with the Parks Department regarding the actual quality of the equipment.

The District Manager noted that there was a move towards natural features in playgrounds as traditional equipment was much easier to damage.

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

NS20/0726

Boundary Wall between Barracksfield West and Arconagh

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

That the council provides a substantial, secure boundary wall between Barracksfield West and Arconagh to replace the existing fence, which is inadequate and fails to provide residents with an acceptable level of security, privacy, or visual screening.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Team informing the members that the boundary treatments for the Barracksfield West development are set out



under the granted planning permission. Construction work is ongoing and as a result, the landscaping works, including boundary fencing and supplementary native planting adjacent to Arconagh, have not yet been completed. The native planting is scheduled to take place in the autumn, allowing sufficient time for establishment over the winter months and into the following spring.

Councillor Clear informed the members that the chain link fence in place here was already falling apart and that a proper boundary fence was needed.

Councillor Breen advised that the green area in Arconagh was nearly gone. Councillor Moore noted that representatives of the Residents' Association should take some responsibility for what they agreed with the LDA.

Mr P Lynch advised the following:

- Boundaries were being put in as per the granted planning permission.
- There was currently harris fencing here and the boundary would look better once it was removed.
- A chain link fence had been agreed to at a meeting between the LDA and the Residents' Association.

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

The members agreed to take items 21, 22 and 23 together.

NS21/22/23/0726

Taking in Charge of Blessington Manor, Kilmalum and St. John's Grove, Johnstown Item 21

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

That the council provides a comprehensive update regarding the taking in charge of Blessington Manor, Kilmalum, Blessington specifically addressing the infrastructure audit, Uisce Éireann alignment, financial status of the bond, and a clear timeline for adoption.



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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Team informing the members that Blessington Manor has been identified as a priority legacy estate within the Naas Municipal District. While some works and surveys were carried out in recent years, progress stalled more recently due to lack of resources. Development Control has recommended engagement with Uisce Éireann and will progress additional investigative surveys over the coming months. The bond has been called in and will be utilised to address defects ahead of the completion of the taking in charge process.

Councillor Sammon queried whether a timeline could be provided and if the council would have to find funding.

Item 22

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen.
That the council progresses the taking in charge of Blessington Manor, Kilmalum, Blessington, following the submission of a plebiscite on behalf of the residents in 2021.

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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Team informing the members that Blessington Manor has been identified as a priority legacy estate within the Naas Municipal District. While some works and surveys were carried out in recent years, progress stalled more recently due to lack of resources. Development Control has recommended engagement with Uisce Éireann and will progress additional investigative surveys over the coming months. The bond has been called in and will be utilised to address defects ahead of the completion of the taking in charge process.

Councillor Breen informed the members that this estate had been built 20 years ago and needed to be taken in charge sooner rather than later.

Item 23

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



Can the council outline a timescale for the taking in charge of the St John's Grove Estate in Johnstown and Blessington Manor at Kilmalum, Blessington now that the completion of remedial works at Primrose Gardens is imminent?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Team informing the members that St. John's Grove and Blessington Manor have both been identified as priority legacy estates within the Naas Municipal District. A tender is currently being prepared for works to address surface defects in St. John's Grove. In relation to Blessington Manor, while some works and surveys were carried out in recent years, progress stalled more recently due to lack of resources. Development Control has re-commenced engagement with Uisce Éireann and will progress additional investigative surveys over the coming months.

Councillor Brett noted that these were both legacy estates from the crash and that it was shameful that the community centre in St. John's Grove had been out of use for 25 years.

Mr L McNeela advised the following:

- There had been issues surrounding staff resources, but the Engineer vacancy in the team had now been filled.
- Progress was being made on Primrose Gardens.
- These two estates along with Sallins Wharf and Pier were now priority.
- The tender had gone out for St. John's Grove last week.
- Blessington Manor was currently at the survey stage and there were too many moving parts to provide a timeline.
- The bond would cover works.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillors Sammon and Breen, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all members that the reports be noted.

NS24/0726

Illegal Fencing on the Former McInerney Lands

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

Can the council confirm why the illegally installed fencing on the recently acquired, former McInerney Lands at Canal Road, Naas, has not been removed?



A report was received from the District Manager informing the members that the transfer of the McInerney Lands at the Canal in Naas to Kildare County Council has not concluded. The council will investigate the installation of fencing identified in the question.

Councillor Moore queried when information would be given regarding mapping and whether any calls had been made to Tailte Éireann. The issue was worth pursuing as the council currently could not develop the lands for future use, and they should be incorporated into plans for the Naas Northwest Quadrant.

Councillor Brett informed the members that there was a new owner in situ.

The District Manager advised that there was no further information on a timeline. If fencing was deemed illegal, the council would deal with it.

The report was noted.

NS25/0726

LPT Funded Sports Grants 2026

The members considered the LPT Funded Sports Grants allocations for the Naas Municipal District for 2026.

Naas Municipal District Local Property Tax Sports Grant 2026				
No		Project	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
1	Naas Adult Camogie	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
2	Naas Triathlon Club	Equipment & Training Costs	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
3	Monread Football Club	Equipment	€ 1,948.00	€ 1,948.00
4	Naas AC	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
5	Naas AFC	Goalposts	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
6	Naas Street League	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
7	Naas GAA Juvenile Camogie	Equipment	€ 2,985.00	€ 2,985.00
8	Sallins GAA	Juvenile Goals & Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
9	Kildare Hunt Pony Club	Equipment	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
10	Sallins GAA	Equipment	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
			Total for Approval	€ 27,933.00
			Budget	€ 60,000.00

Mr C O'Toole informed the members of an amendment to the list which was previously circulated to them. One of the clubs originally listed was no longer in the Naas Municipal District; therefore, this grant would not proceed.



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by members that the LPT Funded Sports Grants allocations for the Naas Municipal District for 2026 be approved and that the report be noted.

NS26/0726

Creosote Odours in Kill

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

That the council, on behalf of the residents of Kill, Co. Kildare, engages immediately with the EPA about the ongoing nuisance of odours emitting from the Scanpole facility at Oldmilltown, Kill and their failure to deal with this serious health hazard.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the council has engaged with the EPA concerning the odours in the vicinity of Kill. The EPA has issued an Interim Monitoring Report which identified the ESB Networks (ESBN) pole storage yard at Oldmilltown, Kill as the main source of the creosote odours. The HSE Public Health referred the EPA's interim report for independent review by the Centre for Radiation, Chemicals and Environmental Hazards (CRCE), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). This review concluded that the available monitoring data indicates that the odours do not exceed applicable environmental or public health thresholds and they pose no significant risk to health from ambient exposure.

Following receipt of the HSE and EPA findings, Kildare County Council's Environment Department has scheduled a meeting with ESB Networks (ESBN) to discuss possible mitigation measures, implementation timelines, and ongoing monitoring arrangements.

The Environment Department will continue to engage with ESNB, the EPA, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure appropriate actions are taken to reduce odour impacts on residents in the area.

Councillor Brett raised the following:

- He had received many complaints from residents.



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- Scanpole used coverings on poles, but poles were being taken to the ESNB pole storage yard with none.
 - EU Regulations meant that creosote would be banned in the coming years.
 - How could safety be measured?
 - Poles did not need to remain covered permanently as the odour subsided after about a week.

Councillor Clear noted that the odours were breathtaking and had become much worse with the recent hot weather. He suggested comments be passed on to ESNB that the members were not happy with the current situation.

Mr N Hopkins advised the following:

- The two major issues at this site related to the odour and groundwater flooding.
- A mitigation plan was developed to tackle flooding whilst the odour issue was referred to the UKHSA.
- The Environment Department had met with ESNB last Wednesday, who came up with some proposals.
- The council had not yet accepted any proposals and had referred them to the EPA.
- One suggestion was that they refrain from moving poles during hot weather or when the wind was blowing towards Kill.
- The lands consisted of 45 acres and covering all poles would not be feasible.
- EU legislation was set to bring in non-creosote poles.

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

The members agreed to take items 27 and 28 together.

NS27/280726

Briefings between Elected Members and An Garda Síochána

Item 27

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



That the council arranges quarterly in-camera briefing sessions for the elected members with An Garda Síochána to discuss ongoing anti-social behaviour and drug related issues in our municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members of the following:

Please see below motion adopted at Full Council on 25 May 2026:

"Noting the establishment of Kildare's Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP), and acknowledging its statutory basis, and the strategic and county-wide focus of the LCSP, that, without prejudice to the functioning of the LCSP, it is now appropriate to consider the introduction of in-camera, municipal district-level operational briefings between elected members and An Garda Síochána, to discuss policing matters in their localities, and that a letter issue to An Garda Síochána in that regard."

Following a resolution made at the May 2026 Council meeting, the Community Department wrote to the Chief Superintendent of the Kildare/Carlow Garda Division on 26 May seeking consideration of the Council's request.

The correspondence outlined the resolution passed by the elected members and proposed the re-instatement of in-camera municipal district-level operational briefings, a mechanism for regular engagement and information sharing between An Garda Síochána and elected members on local policing matters.

The council is currently awaiting a response and will follow up with An Garda Síochána in due course. It is acknowledged that such engagement would need to be arranged having due regard to the operational responsibilities and commitments of Garda management, with the frequency and format of briefings to be agreed accordingly.

Councillor Brett advised that these briefings had been commonplace before the Joint Policing Committee was disbanded and that members needed to be dealing directly with An Garda Síochána on the ground when it came to tackling antisocial behaviour.



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

Item 28

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

That the council invites An Garda Síochána, Naas to a special meeting with elected members, specifically to allay fears that road bollards on routes from Poolpluck Bridge to Canal Road, via Abbey Street and Basin Street, are limiting the abilities of Gardai in patrol vehicles, in apprehending persons engaged in trafficking and selling drugs.

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

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due regard to the operational responsibilities and commitments of Garda management, with the frequency and format of briefings to be agreed accordingly.

Councillor Moore noted that he was a member of the LCSP and that his motion was not meant to undermine their work, but to enhance it. Patrol cars could currently not access certain areas due to bollards, and culprits took advantage of this.

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

NS29/0726

Disabled Parking Bay Markings at K Leisure

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

That the council renews and reinstates the current faded lines at the disabled parking bays at K Leisure.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the parking area at K Leisure is under the management of K Leisure Centre and has not been taken in charge by Kildare County Council. Therefore, any requests regarding the renewal or reinstatement of disabled parking bay markings should be directed to the management of K Leisure Centre.

Councillor Breen advised that she would write to K Leisure. She noted that there were also issues with flooding.

Councillor Moore noted that capital funding had been set aside for the last four years for K Leisure to expand their car park. Councillor Dunne suggested Councillor Clear bring this up as a member of K Leisure's committee.



Councillor Clear informed the members that K Leisure had tendered for construction of the car park along with reinstatement of line markings and other upgrades, including drainage. He confirmed that he would bring this up to the committee.

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

The meeting concluded.