

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 09 March 2021
on Microsoft Teams**

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr L McNeela (Municipal District Engineer), Ms M Hunt, Ms C O'Grady (Senior Executive Officers), Ms P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr A O'Mullane, Mr D McCormack (Executive Engineers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr P Harrington (Senior Executive Architect), D Creighton (Senior Architect), Mr M Corrigan (Senior Executive Librarian), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0321

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 09 February 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 09 February 2021, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS02/0321

Matters Arising

Clock on the Town Hall

Councillor Moore asked that the clock on the Town Hall be kept in working condition as it seemed to have stopped when the builders moved on site.

Boating Slipway on the Corbally Canal (NS24/0221)

Councillor Moore asked that this item remain on the progress report.

NS03/0321

Presentation from Music Generation Kildare

The Mayor welcomed Mr Corrigan, Senior Executive Librarian Kildare County Council and Mr Costello, Music Generation Development Officer, Kildare and Wicklow Education Training Board (KWETB) to the meeting.

Mr Corrigan informed the members that €30,000 was being sought per municipal district to support the delivery of the programme.

Mr Costello delivered a presentation to the members highlighting the following points:

- Music Generation is a National Partnership Programme, working with the Local Authority and Educational Training Board to deliver Music Generation Kildare.
- Music Generation Kildare provided children and young people the opportunity to access subsidised performance music education programmes and instrument rental which would transform and enhance their lives.
- A huge procurement process for instruments was carried out in 2020.
- Expression of interest forms were issued to all Primary Schools.
- Six schools in the Naas Municipal District completed the expression of interest form.
- St David's School, Naas and Scoil Mhuire, Ballymore Eustace would be commencing the programme on 15 March 2021.
- 34% of all participants were from the Naas Municipal District.
- Locally generated income would be matched by the Music Generation National Development Office.
- Currently in the process of setting up Local Music Education Partnership (LMEP).

In response to questions from the members, Mr Costello clarified the following points:

- The programme will be available to schools in all municipal districts.
- It was hoped that instruments would be rented over a term and the user would then own and keep the instrument and the money generated from paying to rent the instrument could be used to buy more.
- The focus was not just on schools but outside of schools also.

The Mayor and the members thanked Mr Corrigan and Mr Costello for the presentation and wished them well in their future work in this area.

NS04/0321

Municipal District Road Works

The Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works, making the following points:

- Some footpath works from 2020 were still on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- A contract had been awarded for the Footpath and Civil Works Scheme 1 – 2021 which was currently on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- A tender issued for road surfacing works as part of the restoration Improvement Works Scheme 1 – 2021.
- Works commenced on the Kill pedestrian crossing the previous Thursday.

In response to questions in relation to the Osberstown Road, Sallins and the Monread Road, Naas as part of the footpath and civil works scheme 1 - 2021, the Municipal District Engineer confirmed that works were needed on a section of the footpath on the left hand side as you turned onto the Osberstown Road and would commence when Covid-19 restrictions were lifted.

Footpath and drainage works were planned on the Monread Road past the roundabout at the Globe Retail Park on the left-hand side.

He confirmed that Irish Water had major sewerage upgrade works planned at this location later in the year and it may be possible to coordinate both projects to happen at the same time to minimise disruption.

NS05/0321

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2021

The members agreed and approved the Naas Municipal District Schedule of Works 2021 including the agreed list of roads projects (see Appendix 1 attached).

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all the members that the the Naas Municipal District Schedule of Municipal District Works 2021, including the agreed list of roads projects be approved.

NS06/0321

Saddlers Hall, Kill

The members considered the taking in charge of the housing estate known as Saddlers Hall, Kill.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of the housing estate known as Saddlers Hall, Kill be approved.

NS07/0321

Section 38 proposed traffic Calming at Arconagh, Naas, Co. Kildare

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 - Section 38, proposed traffic calming at Arconagh, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the Section 38 proposed traffic Calming at Arconagh, Naas, Co. Kildare be approved.

NS08/0321

Pedestrian Only Walking Routes

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

That members would support and recommend to the Naas-Sallins Transport Strategy and to the councils Director of Roads, that, with the development of many new pedestrian and cycle permeability links throughout Community Naas, that established walking routes like The Old Railway Line, The Lakes Area and maybe others, would be preserved as 'Pedestrian Only' areas, to enable people with disabilities, people with medical vulnerabilities and parents with small children to enjoy these walking routes while not having to cope with multi-directional propelled transport systems like bicycles, electric scooters etc.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the final Naas/Sallins Transport Strategy was published in December 2018 following two rounds of extensive public consultation. Whilst the strategy was an evolving document it was not possible to review its recommendations at such an early stage. It was anticipated the strategy would be reviewed every five years to monitor progress and update recommendations where required. As the draft Naas Local Area Plan (LAP) was due to be published imminently, it was recommended that the member makes a submission to this plan highlighting their concerns and seeking to have them addressed, if necessary, through the LAP.

The members made the following points:

- People should be able to walk without having to compete with bicycles.
- It was important to be cognisant of the needs of elderly people, people with disabilities and different forms of abilities.
- Slí na Sláinte routes should also be examined.
- Electronic Scooters should be kept off walking routes.

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

NS09/0321

Age Friendly Parking Space at Poplar Square

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

That the council provide an age friendly parking space in Poplar Square.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as part of the 2017 review of Naas Parking Bye-Laws, two age friendly spaces were designated in consultation with the members and Kildare County Councils Age Friendly Officer. These were located on Main Street behind the bus shelter and opposite the Appointed Taxi Stand in close proximity to the post office, the bank and other services in the town centre. These designated age friendly parking bays were listed in Schedule N in the Naas Pay Parking Bye-Laws 2017 as adopted by the Elected Members of the Naas Municipal District. To move or provide additional age friendly spaces would require a full review of Naas Parking Bye-Laws.

Councillor Breen stated that she was receiving phone calls from elderly people who could not get parking at Poplar Square due to spaces being removed. She stated that she would like a review of the bye-laws to determine if an age friendly parking space could be installed.

The members made the following points:

- There was enough space on front of the bus stop to install three parking spaces, two set down and one age friendly.
- The parking bye-laws were due to be reviewed in 2022

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

NS10/0321

Illuminating of Structures and Buildings for St Patrick's Day

The committee agreed to consider items number 9 and 13 of the agenda together.

Item number 9 – Motion Councillor Breen

That the council consider illuminating the Naas Ball and the Canal Harbour green for St Patrick's Day.

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

Item number 13 – Motion – Councillors Brett, Kelly and Sammon

That the Naas Municipal District light up Naas Ball and the Town Hall in green for St Patrick's Day and facilitate the lighting of other business premises in green in Naas, Ballymore Eustace, Sallins, Johnstown and Kill.

The motion was proposed by Councillors Brett and seconded by Councillor Clear.

A report was received from the Facilities Department informing the members that Kildare County Council do not have responsibility for the Canal Harbour and would not have any role in "greening" this area. The grounds of Áras Chill Dara would be lit up green for St Patrick's Day.

A report was also received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Naas Town Hall site had been handed over to the contractor and was now locked down as all construction had ceased during level 5 restrictions. Unfortunately, it would not be possible on this occasion to grant access to the site for this purpose.

A further report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that if they agreed, the council would contact Transport Infrastructure Ireland to make arrangements to have the Naas Ball lit up green for St Patrick's Day.

The members made the following points:

- It was important to light up the Naas Ball for St Patrick's Day.

- The Main Street would be illuminated green from Wednesday 18 March to Sunday 21 March and Green filters would be supplied to businesses to showcase Naas, Sallins, Ballymore Eustace, Kill and Johnstown.
- A 30-minute virtual Irish dancing tutorial would be available for families to watch and learn Irish dancing and people could also upload their Irish dancing videos. These plans were being put in place to promote fun and the feel good factor.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, Brett, Kelly and Sammon, seconded by Councillor Clear that the reports be noted.

NS11/0321

Flood Relief Measures in Johnstown Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council carry out flood relief measures in Johnstown Village at its junction with the Punchestown Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District Office agreed to investigate the flooding issue at this location and would carry out the necessary remedial works in 2021 subject to available funding.

Councillor Brett stated that following works undertaken by the broadband installer three/four years ago, Johnstown Village was left in a mess and the trench had now subsided.

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

NS12/0321

Traffic Calming Measures and LED Radar Sign on the R411 Ballymore Road

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

That the council provide traffic calming measures and an LED radar speed sign on the Ballymore Road on the R411 between Vista and the Ballymore.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a speed survey and site assessment would be conducted to check if a sign was warranted/would be beneficial at this location. The installation of such a sign would be subject to available funding.

The following points were made by the members:

- People parking on the side of this road were crossing straight over to the Vista Clinic or Pharmacy without being aware of traffic.
- If a problem with speeding existed on this road, An Garda Síochana should be contacted.

The Municipal District Engineer informed the members that a speed detector would be used on this road when the restrictions were lifted and traffic levels were back to normal and a decision on how to progress the matter would be made following this.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted.

NS13/0321

Footpath on Fishery Lane opposite Naas Industrial Estate

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

That the council examine the section of missing footpath on Fishery Lane opposite Naas Industrial Estate and provides solutions to prevent trucks from parking there.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department

informing the members that the area in question would be examined and appropriate measures would be implemented.

The members made the following points:

- This was an issue for the residents of Fishery Lane for a long time as trucks were parking at this location where there should be a footpath.
- The installation of plastic bollards would be a low-cost solution to the problem.

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

NS14/0321

Traffic Calming and other Projects for Sallins Village

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the members be briefed on plans for traffic calming and other projects for Sallins Village.

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

A PowerPoint presentation was given to members at the meeting by Derek McCormack and Andrew O'Mullane, members of the Sallins Village Traffic Management Measures Project Team.

Mr McCormack provided information to the members in relation to funding, the team, projects and the plan.

He made the following points:

- Funding was sought from various departments, combined to a multidisciplinary approach to enable the delivery of the right solution, which was the creation of a village environment, a calm traffic environment, a more balanced pedestrian and cycle centric environment.
- A typical cycle project could take up to three years to commence.

- The purpose of the Public Realm Health Check was to identify the viability and vitality of the village: accessibility, activities, tourism and visitor profile etc.
- It was hoped that the interim (temporary) traffic management measures would commence in Quarter 2/Quarter 3 2021. The design would be completed inhouse and the emphasis would be to reduce and slow down traffic to make it safer.
- The Public Realm Health Check and interim Traffic Management Measures would feed into the NTA Cycle Project (which included footway and permanent Traffic Management Measures) and these would take priority in 2021.
- It was hoped that these projects that funding had been secured for could feed into other projects such as the Part 8 Greenway.

The members made the following points:

- A copy of the presentation was requested by the members.
- It was hoped that a temporary cycle scheme in the Sallins area would be examined.
- An accessible village centre was needed.
- They suggested examining the infrastructure before any Part 8 projects were commenced.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear that the report be noted and a copy of the presentation to be made available to the members as soon as possible.

NS15/0321

Illuminating the John Devoy Statue

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council supply an answer to a 2020 written request for the installation of submerged street lighting to illuminate the John Devoy statue during upgrading work in Poplar Square?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no immediate plans to install lighting at this location. However, the provision of lighting could be considered if/when future upgrade works were carried out on Poplar Square.

The report was noted.

NS16/0321

EV charging point in Johnstown Village

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

Can the council confirm if it has any plans to install an EV charging point in Johnstown Village?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that they were currently engaging with relevant stakeholders regarding the installation, maintenance and upgrade of EV charging points across the county with consideration to be given to future proofing EV points, cost analysis, including continued upgrade and maintenance. Once the Department had more information the members would be informed.

The report was noted.

NS17/0321

Resurfacing Works on the Turf Bog Road

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

Can the council confirm if the turf bog road from the four crossroads Kilteel to its junction with the Rathcoole Road near PDM is on the council's schedule of resurfacing works for 2021?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this road (L6026) was included for resurfacing in the draft roadworks programme for 2021.

The report was noted.

NS18/0321

Active Travel Infrastructure in the Naas Municipal District

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

Can the council give an update on the amount of money spent on active travel infrastructure (cycling & walking) in the Naas Municipal District since 2018?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the breakdown of spend on active travel measures since 2018 was as follows:

2020

- General Maintenance and LPT Funded Schemes approximate expenditure - €378,000
- Killashee Footpath Scheme including NTA funded bus stops approximate expenditure - €160,000
- Bus Shelter Buildouts (Newbridge Road Naas and Johnstown Village) - €68,000
- NTA July Stimulus Package works - €202,000

2019

- General Maintenance, IPB and LPT Funded Schemes approximate expenditure - €484,000

2018

- General Maintenance and LPT Funded Schemes approximate expenditure - €200,000

The report was noted.

NS19/0321

Graduated Distance Markers

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

Can the council confirm if it has plans to provide graduated distance markers at intervals for walkers on popular walking routes like the Naas Ring Road/Millennium Road footpaths and the canal?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council did not have any plans at present to provide distance markers at the locations outlined. The Naas Municipal District Office was happy to discuss this proposal further with Councillor Kenny but the provisions of such markers would require a budget allocation.

The report was noted.

NS20/0321

Pedestrianisation of Main Street, Naas for St Patrick's Day

The member considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council inform members what would be involved in making Naas Main Street from Dunnes to the Courthouse, pedestrianised for St Patrick's Day?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a local authority may close a road under Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 and Article 12 of the Road Regulations 1994. The process involves the local authority giving 14 days' notice of its intention to close a road and giving a further 7 days' notice of its decision to close a road. These notifications were to be made by way of newspaper advertisement and in writing to the Superintendent of An Garda Síochana and shall also invite objections to be made. Given the timeframe involved, it would not be possible to close Main Street to vehicular traffic for St Patrick's Day.

The report was noted.

NS21/0321

Road Marking at the Bus Stop at Hunterswood, Sallins

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

Can the council confirm when they intend to complete the works, to include road marking at the bus stop at Hunterswood Sallins?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that these works would be carried out in the coming weeks. The report was noted.

NS22/0321

Directional Sign at the Junction of the R407 and Bodenstown

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly. Can the council confirm when it will replace the damaged multiway directional sign at the junction of the R407 and Bodenstown?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location would be assessed, and any damaged signage would be replaced in the coming weeks. The report was noted.

NS23/0321

Standing Orders for the Naas Municipal District

The members considered the revised Standing Orders for the Naas Municipal District Committee.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all the members that the revised Standing Orders for the Naas Municipal District Committee be adopted.

NS24/0321

Part 8 Report on Craddockstown Demesne, Naas

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on the Craddockstown Demesne, Naas (Ref P8 2020.06).

Mr Harrington made the following points:

- The development consisted of three houses on the Craddockstown Road, Craddockstown Demense, Naas, Co Kildare, an area of open space and six visitor carparking spaces.
- The development was proposed by KARE.
- A footpath and pedestrian link to the neighbouring residential development to the north was also proposed.
- The intention was to create a community to allow KARE service users to participate in the community.

Mr McCartney, Project Officer for KARE, informed the members of the services KARE provided and outlined the requirements needed to provide these services. He stated that the current accommodation of the three service users, whom it was proposed to move to the new units, was not suitable for their needs.

Mr Harrington outlined the Part 8 process and the modifications listed in the Chief Executives Report.

Councillor Clear raised a concern regarding the lack of a footpath on the Craddockstown Road coming in from the main junction. Mr McCartney stated that the three individuals who would be residing in the houses were not capable of independent living and would have Carers with them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He also confirmed that each of the service users would have dedicated transport.

Mr Creighton confirmed it was not possible at this stage to extend the footpath from the entrance at Eustace Demense and stated that they could commit to examining the possibility of providing a footpath but could not commit to providing the footpath itself.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on the Craddockstown Demesne, Naas (Ref P8 2020.06) be adopted.

NS25/0321

Damage to St David's Castle

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That as a result of pictures obtained recently showing prolonged trespassing, coupled with indiscriminate internal damage by persons unknown, of rooms, roof and outbuildings of David's Castle, an 800 year old protected structure in the centre of Naas, that members seek reports from Kildare County Council Planning Section and the local Garda Superintendent, on how or why this was allowed to happen under normal law and order, vigilance and responsibility.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Developments and Public Realm informing the members that St David's Castle was a private property which was not managed by the council. Over the last number of years, there had been easy access and poor natural surveillance and hence was the subject of anti-social behaviour. The District Manager raised the issues of theft of slates/building materials, vandalism, and drug use on the site with the local Garda Superintendent at a recent Municipal Joint Policing Committee Meeting. St David's Castle was now under new ownership and CCTV, sensors and security lighting had now been installed at the site. The owner was actively engaging with the council to secure and protect the site and its buildings. A meeting had now been scheduled for early March between Kildare County Council officials and the new owner. Given the significance of the Castle and grounds to Naas, the Planning Department was very keen to work proactively with the new owner to safeguard St David's Castle and grounds and would keep the members informed of progress with respect to same.

Councillor Moore stated that Kildare County Council had a responsibility to ensure the protection of buildings such as St David's Castle and highlighted the link between vacant buildings and trespassers. He acknowledged the absence of a report from An Garda Síochána.

The Municipal District Manager stated the he had taken on board the comments made and confirmed that the council were looking at using Section 59 and Section 60 of the Planning and Development Act going forward. He informed the member that the council would like to work with the new owner on matters regarding St David's Castle.

The Meetings Administrator clarified that it was subject to the members agreement that a letter would be written to An Garda Síochána in relation to the vandalism at St David's Castle. As the members had given that agreement, a letter would now issue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Breen that the report be noted, and a letter be issued to the An Garda Síochána in relation to vandalism at St David's Castle.

NS26/0321

Bandstand in Naas

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council make an application under the Reimagining Public Spaces scheme which is to equip, adapt or create outdoor spaces for culture, arts and night-time events, for a bandstand in Naas as previously requested in 2019.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Developments and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Public Realm Team in collaboration with the County Librarian, the Arts Officer, Parks Department, and the Heritage Officer were currently examining a number of proposals and locations in respect of this scheme. However, under this funding stream criteria, only one shovel ready application from each Local Authority would be considered.

The members raised the following points:

- If Covid–19 restrictions were eased, the provision of a bandstand would enable the facilitating of outdoor events.
- The original design of the lakes in Naas included a bandstand in the central area.
- Could the Harbour area be considered for a potential permanent bandstand.
- The use of a temporary bandstand in Poplar Square as the space was available at the location.
- The possibility of the area on front of Áras Chill Dara to be used for a bandstand.

Ms Hunt made the following points:

- The Reimagining Public Spaces Scheme required a project with a quick turnaround time.
- A meeting would be taking place next week with the County Librarian and the Arts Officer to discuss proposals and locations and the members would be informed of the outcome.
- Funding from the Reimagining Public Spaces Scheme was for the provision of a permanent structure.
- A calendar of use and management of use for a potential bandstand was important to avoid it being left idle and possibly becoming a target area for anti-social behaviour.
- Research carried out from around Europe highlighted the benefits of installing something that could double up and would be suitable for several types of uses.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and the members to be informed of the outcome of the meeting with the County Librarian and Arts Officer.

NS27/0321

Public Realm Square in front of the old Sallins Post Office

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

That the council include the area in front of the old post office Sallins as a public realm square as part of the Sallins Regeneration, that recently received some grant funding.

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

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Developments and Public Realm Department informing the members that Kildare County Council had received funding for the development of traffic calming infrastructure in Sallins and to carry out a town health check, the health check would study the town in relation to:

- The quality of existing streets
- An assessment of walk-ability and accessibility, and prioritisation of active modes
- Building use, and vacancy
- Socio-demographic profiles; economy, employment and retail
- Land-Use
- Environment quality and infrastructure – footpaths, streetscape/passive surveillance, street furniture, litter, crime (and data).
- Tourism, Recreation, Sport, Arts and Culture facilities
- Business support, promotion initiatives and potential opportunities

Public consultation, surveys and stakeholder workshops will be integral to the health check process. The health check process and associated Town Renewal Plan will guide future development of the town.

The funding for traffic calming within Sallins will cover the Main Street and Clane Road between Monread Road and the By-Pass roundabout. The scheme will include speed reduction features, such as carriageway narrowing, and provision of facilities for vulnerable road users including cycle tracks and safe pedestrian crossing locations. Public realm improvements recommended in the Town Renewal Plan will feed into the design of the traffic calming scheme. The council anticipate

and will include the ongoing strong community input into the traffic calming plan for Sallins. Together, these schemes will be transformative for Sallins. The council will work closely with local landowners and stakeholders to include as much privately managed parts of the public realm, such as the area in front of the former post office, to seek inclusion in relevant regeneration works.

The following points were made by the members:

- The possibility of undertaking a project similar to that which took place at Poplar Square and trialling it over the summer months.
- One side of the Post Office was private property however the other side was owned by Kildare County Council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted.

NS28/0321

Town Area of Naas

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can the council provide members with a map of what now constitutes the Town Area of Naas for Central Statistics Office, Local Area Plans and Referendum purposes?

A copy of the map outlining CSO and LAP boundaries was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that a copy of the map showing the Municipal District boundaries was available on our website

<http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/AllServices/ElectionsandVoting/Elections/LocalElectoralAreaMaps/>

Councillor Moore asked which map of Naas would be used if there was a Plebiscite. The Municipal District Manager stated that he would revert to Councillor Moore in relation to this question.

The Mayor informed the members that the Meetings Administrator would provide the members with a map each on the Municipal District boundaries and he would examine the possibility of a map which outlined the local roads.

The report was noted.

NS29/0321

St David's Castle Planning Applications

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen
Can the council confirm if there has been any planning application made in respect to the renovation of St David's Castle in keeping with the preservation of protected buildings?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that no planning application had been received in respect of the above.

Councillor Breen stated that there were people working inside the grounds of the castle cutting down the trees and asked if that was allowed under planning laws.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he would ask someone to check the site to determine whether work on cutting down trees was being carried out and revert to Councillor Breen.

The report was noted.

NS30/0321

Original Old Boundary Wall at the Shopping Centre

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen.
Can the council confirm if there are building works currently in progress at the shopping centre providing adequate protection for the original old boundary wall?

A report was received from the Municipal District Manager informing the members that the council was not aware of any building works currently in progress at the

shopping centre and would have regard to any existing heritage features in any future planning application.

Councillor Breen stated that works to remove some of the protected wall from St Corban's Lane had commenced.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he thought the Roads Department had received a request in relation to the replacement of hoarding and confirmed that the matter would be investigated.

The report was noted.

NS31/0321

Tree Planting in Naas Town

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillors Clear. Can the council confirm if it has plans to plant trees in Naas Town as part of the Public Realm e.g. Main Street and Poplar Square?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team submitted an application in July 2020 to the Urban Regeneration Development Fund for a Town Renewal Masterplan for Naas Town Centre. We await notification from the Department as to whether our application has been successful. In the event that this application was successful it would enable the transformative regeneration of Naas Town Centre in a plan, led, evidence bases, urban design and economic focussed approach through the preparation of a Naas Town Renewal Plan for the historic core of the town including Main Street, Corban's Lane, Friary Lane and Friary Road and incorporating key sites such as St David's Castle, Naas Town Shopping Centre and Church of Ireland Presbytery. The Town Renewal Plan would be prepared by a multi-disciplinary team which would include expertise in the areas of urban design, engineering, planning, landscape architecture and architecture. Healthy Place- Making, Liveability, Enhanced amenities and heritage along with permeability and economic vibrancy would be at the core of the Town Renewal

Masterplan, which would incorporate a public realm strategy. The public realm strategy would identify and specify suitable locations, quantity and type of street trees, additional planting and high quality street furniture and lighting to complement the town centre and landscaping.

The report was noted.

NS32/0321

Funding Applications for the Naas Municipal District

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon. Can the council outline their preparations for funding applications for the Naas Municipal District for funding streams that might become available throughout 2021?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that the criteria set out for Town & Village Renewal Scheme (T&V) limits this funding stream to towns with a population of less than 10,000. As Naas has a population well in-excess of 10,000 it was not eligible for T&V funding ordinarily, but an exception was made in 2020 in response to Covid-19. It was not expected that this funding would be available in 2021. However, Naas was eligible for funding under Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF). The aim of the URDF was to stimulate new residential and commercial development in our larger cities and towns. These new developments would be supported by new services and amenities and would help achieve the 'compact growth' that was set out in Project Ireland 2040. An application in respect of Naas was submitted to the URDF in May 2020 (on which we are still awaiting a decision) to initiate the transformative regeneration of Naas Town Centre which included a Naas Town Renewal Masterplan for the historic core of Naas that will include urban block structures defined by Main Street, Corban's Lane, Friary Lane and Friary Road. This core historic area includes the curtilage of the important St David's Castle, the attractive Church of Ireland Presbytery, an under-utilised amenity in the form of a stream, in addition to a range of under-utilised town centre sites. The area also encompasses the unfinished Naas Town Shopping Centre (the former Marshallsea

development) which has just recently been sold with an ambitious programme for redevelopment and completion.

The report was noted.

NS33/0321

Parks Works Programme 2021

The members considered the Parks Works Programme 2021 and agreed that they would forward any question they had directly to the Parks Section.

The members welcomed the report.

NS34/0321

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure

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

That the council create a plan for the Naas Municipal District for Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure, and that applications are made for the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme when it becomes available.

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

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that part of the Parks Section works programme for this year involved compiling a list of projects which meet the criteria for this grant application scheme. This required the input of the elected members and community groups to identify projects which meet the schemes criteria and the three strands of funding available. Once a list was compiled it was proposed to identify what extent of work was required to have these ready for applications. All applications for grant funding had to be 'shovel ready' which meant all design and tendering works had to be complete to ensure the project meets the grant application criteria and that they could be delivered within the timeframes if the projects were awarded grants. Depending on the type, scale and scope of projects, consideration would also have to be given to what Department or Section within the council should lead the projects identified or if community groups could also assist with developing the projects. If

the Parks Section were to lead a potential application(s) then the work required to prepare an application would have to be considered in the context of existing projects and priorities already identified within the Municipal Area and the capacity of the section to progress these. Match funding would also have to be identified to facilitate any applications.

Councillor Sammon stated that €65 million had been announced the previous day and Kildare did not feature. She suggested that a plan be put in place going forward that the members could feed into to ensure that the council were ready to apply for these types of grants when they became available.

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

NS35/0321

Free Sanitary Products in the Naas Library and Cultural Centre

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Sammon. Can the council confirm that they will consider the provision of free sanitary products in the Naas Library and Cultural Centre when it opens?

A report was received from the community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare Library Service were currently piloting the provision of free sanitary products in Leixlip Library – unfortunately due to the closing of library buildings under COVID-19 public health restrictions we have been unable to complete the pilot and carry out a review. Once libraries are re-opened, we will continue to provide free sanitary products in Leixlip Library in order to complete the pilot and we will implement and/or extend the provision as per the findings of this review. We will aim to have the pilot and the review complete well in advance of the opening of the new Naas Library and Cultural Centre in 2022.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

Appendix 1:

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2021
Naas Municipal District
Year 2021

	Project Details	Agreed Budget LPT: €915,986 Payparking: €78,573 Total: €994,739	Spent/Transfer €	Unspent Budget €
Roads	<u>Roads Projects</u>			
	St. Brigid's Terrace, Sallins	€5,000	0	5,000
	Monread Avenue, Naas	€10,000	0	10,000
	Fairgreen, Naas	€10,000	0	10,000
	Sallins Playground Entrance / Community Centre	€25,000	0	25,000
	Hartwell Green / Hartwell Rd., Kill	€40,000	0	40,000
	Liffey Heights and St. Brigids Park Ballymore Eustace	€45,000	0	45,000
	Kingsfurze, Naas	€5,000	0	5,000
	Woodlands, Naas	€30,000	0	30,000
	The Paddocks, Naas	€15,000	0	15,000
	The Sycamores, Naas	€15,000	0	15,000
	Morell Avenue, Naas	€15,000	0	15,000
	Esmondale, Ballymore Roundabout, Newbridge Rd.	€15,000	0	15,000
	Vista Clinic	€5,000	0	5,000
	St Conleths Place, Kilcullen Road, Naas	€40,000	0	40,000
	Elmwood, Naas – Footpaths	€15,000	0	15,000
	Johnstown Junction	€10,000	0	10,000
	Eadestown works	100,000	0	100,000
	Taking in Charge	40,000	0	40,000
		Roads Sub Total	440,000	0
Economic, Community & Cultural Development	<u>Residents Associations</u>			
	Residents Association	75,000	0	75,000
	<u>Community Projects</u>			
	Municipal District Reserve Fund	70,000	0	70,000

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	Christmas Lights - Naas	40,000	0	40,000
	Christmas Lights - Sallins	5,000	0	5,000
	Christmas Lights - Kill	2,000	0	2,000
	Christmas Lights - Ballymore Eustace	2,000	0	2,000
	Christmas Lights - Johnstown	1,500	0	1,500
	Christmas Lights - Eadestown	1,500	0	1,500
	Text Alert	8,500	0	8,500
	Town Twinning	8,000	0	8,000
	Croatia / Earthquake	2,000	0	2,000
	4g Pitch Naas CBS	100,000	0	100,000
	Community Sub Total	315,500	0	315,500
	<u>Economic Development, Planning & Heritage</u>			
	Capital Fund Urban Regeneration	154,739	0	154,739
	Econ Dev, Planning & Heritage Sub Total	154,739	0	154,739
	<u>Libraries & Arts</u>			
	Music Generation	30,000	0	30,000
	Decade of Commemorations	12,000	0	12,000
Libraries & Arts Sub Total	42,000	0	42,000	
Recreation				
	Parks			
	Tree Surgery	30,000	0	30,000
	Glyphospate	12,500	0	12,500
	Recreation & Amenity Sub Total	42,500	0	42,500
	Total LPT Funding	994,739	0	994,739