

**Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting held at 3.30 pm on
Tuesday, 11 May 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 P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Shannon, Mr D McDermott (Administrative Officers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms E Donohue (Executive Planner), Ms A Low (Senior Staff Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0521

Declaration of Interests

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

The members agreed to defer agenda item number 2 until later in the meeting.

NS02/0521

Municipal District Road Works

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

- Following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, works had commenced on the outstanding footpath upgrade scheme from 2020 with footpath works ongoing at St Martins Avenue, Naas.
- Restoration improvement works had recently commenced on the L6026 at Coolahocka.

- Road widening works were ongoing on the L6030 Hempstown Commons (Slate Quarries).
- Surface dressing works were due to commence in the second week of June.
- It was hoped that the Section 38 for the installation of bus shelters on the main street in Kill Village, on the R407 opposite Chapel Lane, Sallins and at the Odeon Cinema on the Dublin Road, Naas would be brought before the members for approval at their June meeting.

NS03/0521

Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B

A report in relation to the Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B was circulated to the members in advance of their meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by all the members that the Speed Limit Schedule of Proposed Amendments Rev. B Public Consultation Process be commenced.

NS04/0521

Permit Holder Parking at Chapel Avenue, Sallins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That the council allow permit holders only to park in the spaces around Chapel Avenue, Sallins.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that residential permit holders were issued with permits on the street on which they reside, or on the nearest side street (not in immediate town centres) once they had complied with the conditions as outlined on the application form. There were only two designated parking spaces on Chapel Avenue, Sallins.

The members made the following points:

- The current parking bye-laws may need to be reviewed.

- There had been an increase in population in Sallins since the permit system was introduced as part of the current parking bye-laws, and also an increase in people walking the canal.
- The carpark at the community centre was privately owned and charged €1 an hour for parking.
- Nine parking spaces around Chapel Avenue should be retained for permit parking by householders.
- The Greenway would be running through this area in the future.

Ms Pender confirmed it was the members decision if they wished to proceed to a review of pay parking bye-laws and Councillor Kelly's comments would be relayed to the Parking Section who would contact her directly in relation to the matter.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Breen that the report be noted and Ms Pender to relay Councillor Kelly's comments to the Parking Office for follow up with Councillor Kelly directly.

NS05/0521

Pedestrian Crossing at the Sycamores Estate

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

That the council construct a pedestrian crossing at Sycamores Estate on the Sallins Road, Naas.

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 based on the volume of pedestrian movements requiring to cross the Sallins Road in a northerly direction at this location, a signal controlled crossing would not be justified when applying a pedestrian warrants analysis. The possibility of providing an uncontrolled crossing point at this location may be investigated if funding was identified.

Councillor Clear stated that there was a narrow footpath on one side of the road only and the crossing at Wolfe Tone Street was very wide and asked how much a pedestrian crossing would cost.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he would revert to the members with an estimate costing.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and the Municipal District Engineer to revert to the members with an estimate costing.

NS06/0521

Sallins Bypass Post Construction Road Safety Audit

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear. That Kildare County Council provides members with the post construction road safety audit of the Sallins bypass.

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

A copy of the Stage 3 - Road Safety Audit for the Sallins Bypass was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The members made the following points:

- There were a number of issues since the opening of this road that needed to be addressed such as lighting, difficulties for cyclists and pedestrians and the impact on traffic in Sallins from the opening of the road.
- The signage on the road had recently improved.

The Mayor suggested that Councillor Clear group the issues together and forward them to the Roads Department.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Clear, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report be noted and Councillor Clear to group together the issues and forward them to the Roads Department.

NS07/0521

Pedestrian/Cyclist Counters

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council install pedestrian/cyclist counters linked to an information webpage on routes in the municipal district such as the Millennium Road or Southern Ring Road to incentivise active travel.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council would engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding this proposal and to see if any funding may be available.

The members made the following points:

- Pedestrian/cyclist counters were used in Dublin and abroad and were very successful.
- They would provide an incentive for people to cycle and could be linked to a website or notice board.

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

NS08/0521

Pedestrian Crossing at the Rathasker Road Intersection

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kenny. That the council install an uncontrolled or controlled crossing with beacons on the Southern Ring Road at the Rathasker Road intersection to facilitate the increase in walkers using this route since Covid-19.

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 there was an uncontrolled crossing point provided at the junction of the Rathasker Road and the Naas Southern Ring Road – this was considered the most appropriate type of crossing at this location. To the East of the Rathasker junction a signal-controlled crossing point was provided at the Kilcullen Road Roundabout, to the West of the Rathasker Road junction an uncontrolled crossing with pedestrian refuge island was provided at the Elsmore Roundabout, it was considered that there was a sufficient number of crossing points provided along this route/pedestrian desire-lines.

The members made the following points:

- Due to Covid-19 a lot of people were finding new walking routes and as the road had been upgraded, it was now an attractive route to take.
- There was a proposal for a walking route straight into the town at Old Rathasker from the north side of the link road.

The Municipal District Engineer stated that he would relay the members comments to the Traffic Management Section.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Sammon that the report be noted and the Municipal District Engineer to relay the members comments to the Traffic Management Section.

NS09/0521

Yellow Box at Entrance to Craddockstown Walk

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That the council installs a yellow box at the entrance to the Craddockstown Walk Estate junction on the Craddockstown Road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location would be assessed by carrying out a traffic

count to determine if a yellow box was warranted in line with Kildare County Council's policy for the provision of yellow boxes.

The following points were made by the members:

- When would the traffic count be carried out?
- Residents of the Craddockstown Walk Estate were finding it difficult to exit this junction in the morning time.
- There were a number of schools in the area and the hospital.

Mr McNeela stated it was hoped to complete the traffic count before the end of the school term and that traffic counts were carried out to ensure Kildare County Council's policy regarding the provision of yellow boxes was adhered to. He confirmed the Roads Department had been holding off the carrying out of traffic counts as traffic levels had dropped due to Covid-19.

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

NS10/0521

Bollards from Stoneleigh Estate to the Community School

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breen. That for safety reasons, the council installs the extra bollards needed to fill the gap, stretching from the corner at the entrance to Stoneleigh Estate to meet the existing bollards in front of the Community School.

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 additional bollards would be installed at this location in the coming weeks.

Councillor Breen welcomed the report stating that it was in the interest of safety for school children.

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

NS11/0521

Minutes and Progress Report

The Meetings Administrator brought the members attention to Standing Order number 11 in relation to the minutes of a meeting, which stated “A Member may object, when the question that they be confirmed is put from the chair, provided the Member had given notice in writing to the Meetings Administrator by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Meeting, to any part thereof as not being an accurate record. Members shall be notified in advance of a Meeting of such objections”.

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13 April 2021 together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Kenny that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13 April 2021, of the Naas Municipal District be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS12/0521

Matters Arising

Undergrounding of Wirescape in Naas Town Centre NS01/0417, NS07/1703, NS03/0319

Councillor Moore asked that this item be added to the progress report for update when available.

Directional Sign at the Junction of the R407 and Bodenstown NS22/0321

Councillor Kelly asked to meet the Municipal District Engineer on site to identify the signs in question stating that it was the signs for Straffan and Kill that were missing and another sign could only be seen from one direction.

NS13/0521

Update on LPT Payments 2021

A discussion ensued amongst the members in relation to LPT allocation for the following projects:

- €1,500 for the Outdoor Theatre in Naas.
- €15,000 to The Moat Theatre (for this year and €15,000 every year going forward)
- €2,000 for the Croatia earthquake relief fund
- €3,450 for Greening of the lights on St Patrick's Day and virtual events.
- €150 for six posters for the Feel-Good Project.
- €418.20 for branding of the Community Bus

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all the members that LPT funding be allocated to the projects outlined above.

NS14/0521

Rubble Walls on the Slip Roads in the Kill/Johnstown Area

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett.
That the council carry out a survey on the condition of the random rubble walls on the slip roads in the Kill/Johnstown area.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this issue was being investigated by the Environment Section of Kildare County Council who would carry out an assessment of the walls in question.

Councillor Brett stated that a lot of money had been spent on the walls which had not been finished properly in the first instance.

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

NS15/0521

N7 Widening/Sallins Bypass

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Brett. That the council engages with the N7 widening/Sallins bypass contractor to ensure that their temporary works site at Johnstown is reinstated properly and that the shrubs planted by the local community and removed by the contractor, are reinstated.

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 following discussion with Councillor Brett, a map identifying the area had been provided to the NRO office for their review. A member of the NRO office will contact Councillor Brett directly.

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

NS16/0521

Traffic Calming Measures on Barrack Street in Ballymore Eustace

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Sammon. That the council explores implementing traffic calming measures on Barrack Street in Ballymore Eustace.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location would be assessed in line with Kildare County Council's Traffic Calming Policy. The Municipal District Engineer would liaise with Councillor Sammon regarding the issues and possible solution in relation to traffic calming on Barrack Street.

Councillor Sammon stated that she was happy with the report and would be meeting the Municipal District Engineer on site to discuss the matter.

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

NS17/0521

Location of Road Signs on Roundabouts

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny. Can the council confirm if it has plans to review the location of road signs on roundabouts in the Naas Municipal District to ensure that the visibility for motorists, cyclists and walkers is not obscured?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office carried out ongoing maintenance, repair and replacement of damaged, broken or poorly positioned signage. The Municipal District Office would undertake to review signage at roundabouts and could address issues if there were specific locations of concern. The report was noted.

NS18/0521

The Introduction of Jake's Law

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breen. Can the council inform the members what plans they have to make provision for the introduction of Jake's Law in the older established estates in Naas Town?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council were carrying out a County Speed Limit Review which was the legal process for the adopting speed limits. The speed limit review would be carried out in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2004 and the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland. As part of the County Speed Limit Review, all the residential developments in Naas Town were being reviewed to implement a slow zone with a maximum speed limit of 30km/h in

accordance with Jakes Law. Kildare County Council Speed Limit Review team had prepared a document titled “Schedule of Proposed Amendments Revision B”, and in Strand 3 of the document, recommends a list of residential developments in the Naas Municipal District suitable for slow zones maximum speed limit 30km/h in accordance with Jakes Law. The “Schedule of Proposed Amendments Revision B”, a copy of which had been provided at item 4 on this agenda, seeks Members approval to advance the Kildare County Council Speed Limit Review Process to Public Consultation stage. It should be noted only housing developments that are taken in charge by Kildare County Council under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 11 of the 1993 Roads Act, can implement 30km/h Slow Zones, as required under “Jakes Law”.

The report was noted.

NS19/0521

Provision of Yellow Box at Aylmer Estate

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Brett.
Can the council confirm if it will install a yellow box at the entrance to Aylmer Estate as previously requested?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council intended to resurface the junction of Monread Road/Monread Avenue as part of its 2021 Roadworks Programme. As part of these works, the resurfacing was likely to extend back to the entrance of Aylmer Park. The provision of a yellow box at this location could be considered at this time subject to assessment under Kildare County Council’s policy for the provision of yellow boxes.

The report was noted.

NS20/0521

Municipal District Sports Ground

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore. That Naas Municipal District members/officials agree to sell the land bank of 8 acres, lying idle and undeveloped on the west side of Naas for the past 17 years and presently zoned for Residential Development, to finance the cost of acquiring and developing a large municipal sports grounds for clubs, teams and events, that need a profile ground on special occasions, in the 25,000 population of Naas or wider County Kildare area.

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

A joint report was received from the Municipal District Manager and the Housing Department informing the members that the land bank in question was the former wastewater treatment works site to the north of the Harbour Area. This land was currently proposed as Strategic Reserve in the draft Naas Local Area Plan recently placed on public display, with the eastern boundary along the stream identified as part of a proposed Linear Park – Open Space and Amenity Zoning. Access to this land for development purposes was from the canal area to the east of the site and was currently limited. Access for development may be provided as the zoned lands to the south are developed. The site is also located along the route of the future Bus Only Route as identified in the Naas & Sallins Transport Strategy (which is contained as an objective of the Draft LAP) with a view to providing a quick service from Sallins Railway Station into the Harbour at Naas.

A masterplan for the area is proposed once the OPW's revised flood risk assessment for the area is complete. A portion of the lands are subject to flood risk and identified in the OPW's CFRAMs maps.

The remaining development land may be considered for social housing, particularly in light of the diminishing land bank of lands in the Council's ownership. The preservation and implementation of the bus only route and the ability to engage with other landowners with an interest in supporting the route is critical. It would be premature to sell these lands in advance of the Masterplan as the site is critical to

the sustainable expansion of Naas to the North West Quadrant/Millennium Park and making a coherent and legible link to the new Junction 9A on the M7/Millennium Park. It is intended that that masterplan for this area will identify significant land for active open space and sporting grounds. It should also be noted that the Draft Local Area Plan has identified and zoned other lands for Municipal Sports Grounds for Clubs and events – notably at Jigginstown, the Naas Racecourse and at Kerdiffstown and the Council is pursuing the delivery of these.

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

NS21/0521

Free Legal Advice

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore. Can members of the Naas Municipal District be provided with free legal advice by a non-vested legal advisory company, on the councils attempt to overturn a legally binding Part 8 Roads decision made previously by elected members?

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the engagement of solicitors to provide legal advice was an executive function and any advice given was provided to the executive in the first instance. Individual members or groups of members do not have a right to engage or access legal services on behalf of the council. The council may by resolution in relation to the exercise or performance of reserved functions request legal advice and in such circumstances it would be a matter for the Chief Executive or relevant Director of Service to obtain the legal advice and report back to the council in this regard. There is also provision in the act for a council to request a second opinion (Section 132 Local Government Act).

A report was also received from the Planning Department informing the members that the road referred to was an objective of the County Development Plan and the current LAP – so regardless of the Part 8 decision, there was still an objective to provide a road link there until such a time as both objectives were removed. Also,

the Part 8 was for a specific detailed design, which could in theory change and a different design could be presented to the members for consideration. Part 8 decisions were not legally binding – the council was either granted to do something (some works) or not. Therefore, no legal advice was required.

Councillor Moore expressed his disappointment with the report and stated he had a letter from Minister Burke's Office which appeared to contradict the reply given. The Meetings Administrator requested a copy of the letter.

The reports were noted.

NS22/0521

Temporary Hoarding at the back of Castlesize, Sallins

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm when it will install the temporary hoarding at the back of Castlesize, Sallins as agreed with the residents?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the NRO office were engaging with the contractor to confirm the timeline of works. Members would be advised of the timeline when the schedule was confirmed.

Ms Pender informing the members that she had received confirmation in advance of the meeting from the NRO that the contractor had been instructed to complete the works. This would be commencing in June 2021 noting that there was a delay in getting timber due to Covid-19.

The report was noted.

NS23/0521

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021

The members considered the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 (see appendix 1 attached).

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Breen and agreed by all the members that the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 be approved.

NS24/0521

Strategic Housing Development at Devoy Barracks, Naas

Ms Donohue, Executive Planner outlined the three stages of the strategic housing development process and the application details received from the Land Development Agency in respect of a Strategic Housing Development reference 21/309954 at Devoy Barracks, Naas.

She informed the members that the proposed development contained:

- 221 residential units – 36 houses and 185 apartments/duplexes ranging in height from two to five storeys.
- A childcare facility.
- An outdoor playing area.

She stated that the pre-planning meeting between the applicant and Kildare County Council was held on 18 August 2020 and the tri-partite pre-planning meeting on 07 December 2020. Both meetings were held via Teams. She outlined An Bord Pleanála's opinion, the site layout and the design detail and unit mix.

She highlighted the timelines and next steps and stated that the purpose of presentation was to seek the members views in relation to the proposed development which would be included in the Chief Executive's Report to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála by 09 June 2021.

The members raised concerns in relation to the following matters:

- Childcare facility should be developed in the first phase.

- Linkages and access to the Military Road, Arconagh and the new road.
- Cycle lanes
- Concerns in relation to the five storey structures and whether they would be overlooking neighbouring estates.
- Bicycle parking
- Electric charging points
- Age friendly units
- Properties should be available to first time buyers and social and affordable housing.
- Green open spaces
- Management Company
- The number of parking spaces for apartments.
- The number of units per hectare.
- The size of the three bed apartments.
- Preservation of hedgerow

Ms Donohue made the following points:

- The creche should be developed in the first phase.
- The five storey structures were located to the front of the estate and the two story dwellings were located along the boundaries.
- There was a sufficient number of bicycle parking spaces and electric charging points.
- The mix of houses and apartments tied in with the County Development Plan and Naas Local Area Plan.
- The council would be satisfied with the proposed density of the units.
- The quality of the bicycle parking was good, secure and sheltered from the element.

NS25/0521

Creche at Castle Farm

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Clear.
Can the council advise members why the creche at Castle Farm is not built despite the estate being completed?

A report was received from the Planning, Strategic Development and Public Realm Department informing the members that they were advised at their last meeting that the planning permission on the above was an extant permission and accordingly the developer was still required to complete the childcare facility (Planning ref.: 16/1145 Ardstone). The above permission expired in June 2022, excluding statutory extensions (including Covid-19 related legislation). The council was not in a position to advise, at this time, why the childcare facility was not completed however the developer was refused permission to remove the childcare facility under planning reference 20/301.

The report was noted.

NS26/0521

Litter Free Zone

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Moore.
That Naas Municipal District members and the councils Environment, Roads and Parks Sections, working with Tidy Towns, local community groups, school teachers, Gardai, parents & children, social media activists, environmental and climate change activists, service providers and members of the public agree to adopt 'one Naas area' for 'one weekend in every month' to support and create a 'litter free zone', to exemplify that Naas people 'Can do an Australia', in taking home their waste food and cans, litter and rubbish from that area.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that they would support the members on this initiative, if the members so agreed.

The members made the following points:

- The members, council officials and the public needed to work together to find a way to overcome the issue of littering.
- One area for one weekend in every month should be adopted for the initiative and signage supplied indicating that it was a litter free zone and litter should be brought home.
- Businesses could supply a bag to be used for bringing litter home.

The members agreed that an initiative similar to the Green Kilometre initiative currently running in rural areas, should be extended to urban areas to create a litter free zone.

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

NS27/0521

Litter Picking/Street Sweeping Schedule

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Kelly. That this council be supplied with a copy of the litter picking roster/routes and or zones as per the Litter Picking Schedule for the Naas Municipal District.

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

The Environment Department provided a report in relation to the street sweeping schedules for the Naas Municipal District in advance of the meeting.

Naas Town:

All bins emptied and checked each weekday, Monday to Friday. Footpaths from Poplar Square to Murtagh's Corner are blown and streets swept Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, including

- a) out the Newbridge Road to Harbour Hotel,
- b) Dublin Road to Maxol,
- c) Kilcullen Road to Swans, and
- d) Sallins Road around Wolfe Tone Street on these mornings

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings early we litter pick main street. On Saturdays and Sundays we empty bins and litter pick main street only.

Remaining Naas and Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District

a) Mechanical Sweeper

- Kilcullen on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Kill on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Johnstown on Monday and Wednesday
- Sallins on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Caragh on Tuesday and Thursday
- Brannockstown on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Ballymore Eustace on Tuesday and Thursday

b) Bins

- Kilcullen on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Sallins on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Kill on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Johnstown on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Caragh on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Ballymore Eustace on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Brannockstown on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Also, on the Tuesday of a Bank Holiday weekend, the crew tackle the bins in all villages.

The members made the following points:

- The report only outlined when litter picking took place in Naas Town however the motion asked for the litter picking schedule for the Naas Municipal District.
- If Tidy Towns groups were aware of the council's litter picking schedule in the towns and villages, they could concentrate on areas that were not on the schedule for that particular day.
- The schedule provided did not bear resemblance to what was actually happening.
- Until such a time as CCTV becomes available and people received fines for littering, the issue would remain.

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

NS28/0521

Vesting Orders

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Moore.
Can the council confirm how many Vesting Orders, per year, under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, has Kildare County Council made on sites in Naas since 2014 following its takeover of such responsibilities after the abolition of Naas Town Council and when is the next Vesting Order likely to happen?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that there had been no CPO's or Vesting Orders made in Naas Municipal District since 2014 and none were currently planned.

The report was noted.

NS29/0521

Reverse Vending Machine

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kelly.
Can the council confirm when will the Reverse Vending Machine for plastic bottles and cans be installed in Naas?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the Naas Municipal District members set aside funding (€20k) towards the provision of a reverse vending machine in Naas Town. The project was being led by a former councillor and the member was to follow up directly in seeking participation from interested local business(es).

The report was noted.

NS30/0521

Air Quality Monitor

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Kenny.
Can the council confirm if there is an air quality monitor installed in the Naas Municipal District to comply with the clean air for Europe directive?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that there were air quality monitoring stations in Celbridge, Newbridge and Naas.

The monitor in Naas was installed in April. The following link will bring you to the air quality data on the EPA website <https://airquality.ie/station/EPA-83> for this location.

Further information and links to monitoring data for the three locations is also available on the Kildare County Council website

<https://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/AllServices/Environment/Airandnoise/AirPollutionControl/>

The report was noted.

NS31/0521

Grant Awards Under Various Grant Schemes

A report on the grant awards under various grant schemes was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting (see appendix 2 attached).

Mr Shannon recommended the approval of 24 Community Grants applications with a value of €32,135. Mr McDermott recommended the approval of 15 Festival Grants with a value of €10,790.

Councillor Moore asked that the item be deferred until next month and that grants for Residents Associations be considered as part of the same band of grants being considered today.

Mr Shannon clarified that the Community and Festival Grants budget was separate to the Resident's Associations budget, which was decided when the budget was being adopted and was calculated per house.

Councillor Brett stated that the members had allocated €75,000 for Tidy Towns and Residents Associations as part of their 2021 LPT allocation.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breen, seconded by Councillor Sammon and agreed by all the members that the grant awards under the various grant schemes administered by the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department be approved.

NS32/0521

De Burgh Woods

The committee agreed to consider items number 30 and 31 of the agenda together.

Item number 30 – Question Councillor Clear

Can the council confirm when it is planning to open De Burgh Woods to the public now that the transfer of lands is completed?

Item number 31 – Question Councillor Sammon

Can the council confirm when will the council's De Burgh Lands be opened to members of the public?

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council were committed to a managed opening of Oldtown Demesne. These amenity lands were a very significant asset and the council was committed to their conservation and preservation. To this end the lands require a conservation management plan to protect its associated historical, biodiversity and amenity value. It was intended this would also inform what works were required to develop and manage the lands and the cost of these. The appointment of consultants to prepare this was one of the objectives of the Parks Works programme for this year. Timescales in relation to opening the lands for public use could only be determined once the conservation plan was finalised and its recommendations costed.

The report was noted.

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Swan Warning Signs at the Lakes

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

Can the council confirm when will the signs warning/alerting motorists to the dangers of swans/signets crossing the road adjacent to the lakes, be erected.

A report was received from the Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the signage for the swan crossing had been put in place.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.

Appendix 1: Community Heritage Grant Scheme Projects 2021

No	App No	MD	Group	Project Detail	Amount
1	6	Athy	Narraghmore Development CLG	Heritage Poster	800
2	15	Athy	Ballitore Tanyard Community CLG	Local Community Archive	300
3	20	Athy	Ernest Shackleton Autumn School	Annual Nimrod journal	800
4	43	Athy	Shackleton Museum Athy	History education pack	1,000
5	9	Celbridge	Leixlip History Club	Erect plaque	1,000
6	32	Celbridge	Celbridge Guided Tours	Bicentenary Commemoration Lady Louisa Castletown	800
7	35	Celbridge	Inland Waterways Association of Ireland IWA/I Kildare Branch	Research into history & heritage of Corbally Brach of the Grand Canal. Produce booklet & video	1,000
8	44	Celbridge	Ballyoulster Utd	Wildflower meadow	1,100
9	45	Celbridge	Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Kildare's Great War video as part of Ireland's Great War Programme	1,200
10	49	Celbridge	Tea Lane Graveyard Committee	Method statement - restore the swift Celbridge Abbey	1,295
11	50	Celbridge	Wolstan Haven Residents Assoc	Pollinator area	800
12	2	Kildare	Robertstown Community Amenities Association R.C.A.A	Produce and place small heritage plaques at historical sites and walks	1,100
13	7	Kildare	7th Kildare Rathangan Scouts	Extend beekeeping project	600
14	13	Kildare	Cill Dara Historical Society	Calendar, mount and display photos	1,000
15	14	Kildare	Rathangan Tidy Towns	Planting	1,300

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16	16	Kildare	Suncroft Community Outreach Group	6 week nature based summer camp for children	1,100
17	17	Kildare	Kids Community Garden - Kildare Town	Interactive learning online - heritage and biodiversity	1,200
18	21	Kildare	Portarlington Monasterevin Select Vestry	Paint railing of St. John the Evangelist, Main Street, Monasterevin	1,100
19	24	Kildare	Milltown Tidy Towns	Heritage signage	1,000
20	31	Kildare	Newbridge Local History Group	Archiving - headstones and death records	1,200
21	38	Kildare	Kilcullen Community Action	pollinator friendly spring bulbs, in line with biodiversity plan	1,200
22	39	Kildare	Irish Military Heritage Foundation CLG	Speaker Conolly Summer School Exploring Identity, Diversity and Reconciliation, Castletown House	1,100
23	40	Kildare	Passlands Graveyard Committee	Restoration of damaged/decayed railings surrounding graves	1,200
24	41	Kildare	Melitta Park Residents Association	Biodiversity garden	800
25	3	Maynooth	Clane Local History Group	Publication annual history journal & photography exhibition	950
26	8	Maynooth	Coill Dubh N.S.	Sensory garden for children in ASD classes	1,100
27	10	Maynooth	Newtown Community Group	planting an orchard & native Irish trees	1,100
28	12	Maynooth	Lyreen Manor Management	Planting	800
29	18	Maynooth	Prosperous Heritage Society	War of Independence - filming scenes of events around Kildare	800
30	19	Maynooth	Newtown National School	Planting school orchard	800
31	36	Maynooth	Kilcock Tidy Towns	Community garden & signage	900
32	37	Maynooth	Courtown Park Residents Association	Biodiversity planting	800

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33	47	Maynooth	Cloncurry Heritage Committee	Heritage Information Board	1,100
34	1	Naas	Kill History Group	Zoom History Talks	280
35	4	Naas	Ballymore Eustace Trout & Anglers Assoc.	Fishing survey	1,098
36	5	Naas	Annie Gough	Re-painting monument	400
37	23	Naas	Naas Local History Group	Digitise photos - Naas town and surrounding areas	600
38	27	Naas	Millbank Residents' Association	Landscape entrance to estate	800
39	33	Naas	Ballymore Eustace Tidy Towns	Boat planter feature, professional advice, add manure fertiliser, plant perennials	400
40	34	Naas	Johnstown Community Association	Conservation mgmt. plan for historic graveyard of Johnstown Church	1,250
41	48	Naas	St. John's Church Kill, 200th Anniversary	Historical booklet	1,250
42	11	County Kildare	Irish Midlands Ringing Group	Sand Martin ringing	1,000
43	22	County Kildare	North Kildare Bee Keeping Assoc	Wildflower meadow, expand apiary, buy heather press	1,000
44	25	County Kildare	Co. Kildare Archaeological Society	Journal of County Kildare Archaeological Society	800
45	30	County Kildare	The Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Bumblebee Monitoring Project on Lullymore West	1,000
46	42	County Kildare	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare Branch	Furnishing Naas lakes with suitable nesting, resting, roosting architecture for water birds	1,000
	Total				43,223

Projects not funded in 2021

Ardclough Community Council	Does not meet the criteria of grant scheme
Old Kilcullen Area Community Association	Does not meet the criteria of grant scheme

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Caragh Tidy Towns	Does not meet the criteria of grant scheme
Kildare Town Community Garden	Duplicate Application

Appendix 2: Community and Festival Grant Awards 2021

Community Grants 2021 for approval			
No.	Group	Project	Proposed grant
1	Sallins Womens Shed	hold tutor-led craft courses	€1,000.00
2	Sallins Road Safety Action Group	hold an educational day on road safety.	€600.00
3	Blessington Allotments Campaign	purchase seeds & edible-plants to encourage 185 students to grow their own.	€585.00
4	Sallins Business Association	hold a Christmas experience for the community	€2,100.00
5	Cill Dara le Gaeilge	hold Meitheal Chill Dara, an annual bilingual conference	€750.00
6	Naas Youth Project	hold a two day online workshop designed to build awareness of environmental and social issues	€800.00
7	ICA Ballymore Eustace Guild	install some much needed garden furniture in the garden	€1,670.00
8	Naas Garda Youth Diversion Project	engage and support young people to reflect on their own attitudes and behaviour and reduce anti-social behaviours.	€920.00
9	Naas Community Men's Shed	facilitate additional wood working/turning/membership training	€2,550.00
10	Castlefen Residents Association	provide vital centre equipment	€1,255.00
11	Naas Youth Project	deliver a Summer Fun Camp	€1,560.00
12	Naas Access Group	organise a wheelchair friendly picnic bench on the Fairgreen in Naas	€2,100.00
13	Naas Flower and Garden Club	host the National Flower Festival in Naas and prepare for club reopening.	€1,785.00
14	Sallins Dramatic Society	perform 2 matinees and 2 evening performances over the period of a week.	€1,540.00
15	Naas Art Group	provide Art workshops online for members or in person	€540.00
16	Kill Community Text Alert	support elder people living on their own	€635.00
17	Naas Photography Group	present the end of year club league competition results on Zoom	€520.00
18	23rd Kildare (Sallins) Scout Group	fit out of new den facility/site	€2,400.00
19	Kill and District Mens Shed	purchase small power tools and necessary materials	€695.00
20	Naas Arch Club	provide a weekend away or a day trip.	€1,200.00
21	Ballymore Eustace Community	carry out an upgrade to our outdoor spaces to allow for and encourage outdoor activity	€2,080.00

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	Development Association		
22	NaasPoint	purchase a 20ft Container to store food for the homeless and those most in need	€2,250.00
23	Rathmore Youth and Community Development Association Ltd.	upgrade entrance and car park	€1,600.00
24	Naas Pythons Special Olympics Club	purchase of equipment and kit for the athletes and volunteers.	€1,000.00
Total of grants for award			€32,135.00

Funding not being awarded		Reason
1	Sallins Tidy Towns	Tidy towns grants available separately from Environment Dept.
2	Kill Musical & Dramatic Society	No specific projects. Grant requested for running costs.
3	Castlesize Residents Association	Refer to Road Safety Officer.
4	Millbank Residents Association	Civil works in a private estate rather than a community project.
5	The White Box Gallery Art Group	Not a community group.
6	Pipers Hill Community Group	Open space maintenance grants available for residents associations.
7	Sallins Pier Residents Association	Open space maintenance grants available for residents associations.
8	Landen Park Residents Association	Open space maintenance grants available for residents associations.
9	St Brigid's Residents Association, Kill	Open space maintenance grants available for residents associations.

Festival Grants 2021 for approval			
No	Group	Project	Proposed Grant
1	Monread Heights RA	Summer BBQ for residents Halloween & Christmas events	€250
2	Sallins Business Association	To provide a day event later in Summer	€1,690
3	Sult na Solláin	Feile na Sollain 2021 / Sallins Tradfest 2021	€2,000
4	Sult na Solláin	Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022	€2,170
5	Glendara Residents Association	Glendara Halloween Trail on 31 October 2021	€150
6	Glendara Residents Association	Santa's Special Visit to Glendara on 24 December 2021	€100
7	CASTLEFEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	HELLO NEIGHBOUR FESTIVAL	€250

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8	Johnstown Community Association	Johnstown Festival Fun Day	€930
9	Sallins Dramatic Society	to perform 2 matinees and 2 evening performances	€250
10	Mcauley Place	Gingerbread workshop	€500
11	Mcauley Place	A halloween festival consisting of Pumpkin carving workshops	€250
12	Millbank Residents' Association	Community gathering	€250
13	Pipers Hill Community Group	Summer barbeque and Winter carols event	€250
14	Landen Park Residents Association	Series of events over the August Bank Holiday weekend	€750
15	Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association (IDHBA) National Breed Show, Punchestown	2021 IDHBA National Breed Show @ Punchestown	€1,000
Total of grants for approval			€10,790

Funding not being awarded		Reason
1	Sallins Road Safety Action Group	Funding to this group under community Grants
2	Sallins GAA	Sports clubs not funded.