



**Draft Minutes of Naas Municipal District Meeting
held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 20 September 2022 in the Council Chamber**

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

Officials Present: Mr E Ryan (Municipal District Manager), Mr D Reel (Municipal District Engineer), Mrs P Pender (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Ms C Barrett (Chief Fire Officer), Ms E Doyle (Administrative Officer), Mr J O'Doherty (Facilities), Mr B Griffin (Facilities Manager), Mr G Conlon (Senior Executive Officer), Ms V Cooke (Administrative Officer), Ms O McGee (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Fogarty (Meetings Secretary) and others.

NS01/0922

Declaration of Interests

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

NS02/0922

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Naas Municipal District held on Tuesday, 12 July 2022 together with the progress report.

Councillor Moore provided a list of outstanding items for the progress report and requested an update for them.

The members made the following points regarding the progress report:

- A lapse on timing for allocation of LPT funds for projects, example the Grand Canal Sallins
- The report on Parklets, why were members not identified on circulation?
- Cemax Site – This issue needs to be highlighted to Applegreen



The district manager advised he will update the members on the outstanding items at the next municipal district meeting in October. He stated that the master plan was carried out by Kildare County Council and the council want to work with all parties involved. There is a 9-month delivery process for the Greenway.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the minutes of the monthly and annual meeting held on Tuesday, 12 July 2022 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

NS03/0922

Municipal District Road works

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

Naas Municipal District Roadworks Update – September 2022

Road Resurfacing

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2022

The following road improvement works projects are now at construction stage:

- L2019 – Baysland - Complete
- L6051 – Bawnogue - Complete
- L6038 – Rathmore - Complete
- R407 – Sallins - Complete
- L6066 – Rathasker - Complete
- L2007 – Kill to Straffan - Complete
- R411 – Broadleas, Ballymore Eustace - Complete
- L6043 – Craddockstown Road, Naas - Complete
- L4444 – Friary Road, Naas - At construction stage
- R445 – Newbridge Road & Main Street, Naas - To commence.

Surface Dressing Works



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The Naas Municipal District have completed Surface Dressing works at the following locations:

- Kilmalum Complete
- Tipperkevin Complete
- Slieveroe Complete
- Tipper Road, Naas Complete
- Osberstown Complete
- Ladycastle Complete
- Castledillon Complete

Footpaths

A tender has been awarded for works at the following locations which have commenced construction:

- Friary Road, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- St. Conleth's Place, Naas (road/ footpath improvements) - Complete
- The Sycamores, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- The Paddocks, Naas (footpath improvement) - Complete
- Monread Road (Footpaths at Globe Retail) - Complete
- Liffey Heights, Ballymore Eustace (footpath improvements) - Complete
- St Brigids Terrace, Ballymore Eustace (footpath) - at Construction
- St Brigids Terrace, Sallins (new parking bay) - Complete
- Sarto Road, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Kingsfurze (ramp maintenance) - Complete
- Main Street, Naas footpath (Dunnes Stores) - Complete
- Riverwalk, Ballymore Eustace – CDA Project - Complete
- Ashgrove, Naas (road/ footpath improvements) - Complete
- Cherry Grove, Naas (footpath improvements) - Complete
- Johnstown Gardens (road improvements) - Complete
- Mountain View, Naas (footpath improvements) - at Construction
- Johnstown (Parking area drainage) - Tender Stage
- Sundays Well (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- St. Patricks Park, Kill (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage



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- St Brigids Terrace, Kill (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- River Lawns, Kill (footpath improvements) - Tender Stage
- Railway Walk, Naas (footpath improvements) - Design stage
- Rathasker Heights (footpath improvements) - Design stage
- Mill lane raised table (footpath improvements) - Design Stage

2022 Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads

The Naas municipal district have received funding from the Department of Transport for the following 2022 Safety Improvement Works:

- R410 Philipstown (approx. 1.2km south of Eadestown) - Complete
- L6011 / L6012 Junction at Sherlockstown, Sallins Q4 2022
- L2018 / L6030 Junction of 2 local roads at Killeel Q4 2022

2022 Local Property Tax (LPT) & carparking funded schemes

The Naas municipal district are delivering a programme of works for the delivery of LPT funded projects, following the approval of funding by the Naas municipal district Councillors at the March 2022 meeting.

Drainage

Drainage improvement works at Johnstown were completed in January 2022. Further works are being developed in line with the road improvement works for 2022.

NS04/0922

Remaining LPT Allocations 2022

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that requests had been received for LPT funding to be allocated to the following projects:

Councillor A Breen:

- €2000 to the Parks Department for survey of trees ref replacement of footpaths in Roselawn
- €1000 For free Santa gifts for Christmas Lights Committee



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- €5000 For Kingsfurze to upgrade the tennis court on the condition that the court is opened to everyone

Councillor F Brett:

- €1000 for Kill History Group
- €3000 for Kill Parish Bi-Centenary
- €15000 from Twinning Allocation to County Twinning

Councillor C Kenny:

- €500 Down Syndrome Kildare Branch Halloween Party

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

NS05/0922

Finished, unfinished, and estates in the Naas Municipal District

The members received a report on finished, unfinished, and estates under construction in the Naas Municipal District.

A detailed report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Councillor Kelly asked how is it that a group of estates in Sallins that have not been taken in charge yet, planning permission was given to build more houses/apartments there?

The district managed advised he would have to investigate this.

NS06/0922

Taking in charge of Castle Farm, Naas

The members agreed to take item 6 and 15 together.

Item 6: The members considered the taking in charge of Castle Farm, Naas.

Councillor Clear made the following points:

Part of the planning document submitted, 4 speed ramps were to be installed, instead the developer put in a chicane on one side. This is a road safety issue; the residents are at a loss as to why this happened.



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Ms P Pender advised there was nothing more to add to the report, but she will send the Senior Executive Engineer to go out to the locations and look at it.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of Castle Farm, Naas be approved.

Item 15: The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Clear
That the council provide a report on the traffic calming measures at Castle Farm Estate, Naas outlining why the four speed bumps were replaced with one chicane to reduce traffic speeds, despite being part of the original planning permission.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that Kildare County Council Roads & Planning Section is satisfied that the Applicant/ Developer has complied with Condition 18 of Planning Reference 16-1145 below and that the chicanes have been designed, auto tracked, and installed to the proper standards. A Road Safety Audit Stage 2 was also carried out on the proposed design.

18. The Applicant shall remove the chicane opposite house units No.s 175/176. The Applicant shall provide opposing chicane adjacent to Unit No. 47. Details including width and surfacing of each chicane, shall be agree with Naas Area Office prior to commencement of development. The Applicant shall carry out a Road Safety Audit and auto tracking on proposed chicane design prior to commencement of development and all recommendations of RSA shall be incorporated into the design. The cost of the design and implementation of these works shall be borne solely by the Applicant.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and traffic safety.

Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section has inspected the traffic calming arrangements within the Castle Farm Estate and are satisfied that there are currently adequate traffic calming measures within the estate to help reduce traffic speeding by motorist. Chicanes were preferred over speed ramps as part of the planning process where the design and location of the chicanes was agreed with the Kildare County Council Roads Planning Section. The use of horizontal deflection i.e., chicanes over vertical deflection i.e., speed ramps is recommended by the DMURS standards. The chicanes as installed require



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motorists to stop/ slow down and to give way to oncoming traffic. It should be noted that there are several chicanes located throughout the estate. Speed ramps also generate noise and are a future maintenance issue.

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

NS07/0922

Taking in charge of Carter's Hill, Eadestown

The members considered the taking in charge of Carters Hill Eadestown.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of Carter's Hill, Eadestown be approved.

NS08/0922

Taking in charge of Glendara Close and Cill Latin, Kill, Co. Kildare

The members considered the taking in charge of Glendara Close and Cill Latin, Kill.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by all the members that the taking in charge of Glendara Close and Cill Latin, Kill. be approved.

NS09/0922

Taking in charge of Millennium Park Road, Naas

The members considered the taking in charge of Millennium Park Road Naas.

The members agreed to defer this item until a later date.

NS10/0922

Declare a public road in charge from the Western Link Road at Ploopluck to R407

Sallins Roundabout

The members considered to declare a public road in charge from the Western Link Road Ploopluck to R407 Sallins Roundabout

The members agreed to defer this item until a later date.



NS11/0922

Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Esmondale,

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Esmondale, Naas, Co. Kildare

A report has previously circulated by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kenny, seconded by Councillor Moore, and agreed by the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Esmondale, Naas, Co. Kildare be approved

NS12/0922

Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Earls Court

The members considered the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions at Earls Court, Kill, Co. Kildare to proceed to a Section 38.

A report has previously circulated by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and agreed by the members that the Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 - Proposed Double Yellow Lines/Parking Restrictions Earls Court, Kill, Co. Kildare be approved.

NS13/0922

Designating roads in the municipal district as unsuitable for trucks

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

That the council investigate the feasibility of designating the following narrow roads in the municipal district as unsuitable for trucks - Toberton Lane (L6033-0) at Johnstown and the walled gardens road at Forenaughts (from L6032 at Forenaughts to the L2019 at Haynestown).



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department 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 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. If this proposal proceeds, enforcement will be a matter for the An Garda Síochána.

Councillor Brett made the following points:

- He was getting complaints over trucks using these roads
- A haulage company stopped their own trucks using Turberton Lane
- Can a 3-ton limit be put in?

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

NS14/0922

Safety measures in Killteel Village

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

That the council update safety measures in Killteel Village to include improved street lighting and traffic calming measures.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that a full Traffic Management Project for Killteel to include safety measures, improved street lighting and traffic calming measures is a significant project which would be beyond the scope of the municipal district office low-cost safety improvement works, as it likely requires significant design inputs, planning, public consultation, land acquisition etc. The Roads Projects and



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Planning section is operating at capacity and therefore does not currently have the resources or funding to deliver what would be a significant Capital Project in Killeel.

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

NS15/0922

Age friendly seating

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

That the council install more age friendly seating on approaches and in proximity to locations like graveyards, churches, and Hospitals in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department That the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team can review this proposal as part of the URDF Town Renewal Masterplan process.

Councillor Moore thanked the district engineer for the age friendly seating that was already in place.

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

NS16/0922

Raised table on the Tipper Road

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

That the council install a raised table on the Tipper Road L6037 / Kingsfurze rd. near the junction with Tipper North Road to allow Pedestrians cross from the south side to north side of L6037 road and continue a new approximately 70-metre-long footpath/ cycle lane to the approved Naas Racecourse pedestrian entrance for leisure walkers etc to access the Racecourse trackside.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department Due to limited resources, it is not possible to deliver this project at this time. This project may be considered in 2023 if funding is identified and lands are available.

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

NS17/0922

Bike bunkers and “fietsvlonder”

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

That the council install both bike bunkers and “fietsvlonder” bike parking platforms to facilitate secure bike parking in confined public realm spaces and near apartment blocks or terraced housing in this municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that the Council has no plans to install bike bunkers as part of our 2022 Sustainable Transport/Active Travel work programme. It is an issue that will be considered for 2023 when feedback is received from similar initiatives in other local authorities in the Greater Dublin Area.

Councillor Kenny noted the following points:

- Waterford Co Council have these bunkers and it's working very well
- New apartment blocks are going up so these would be ideal for residents
- Council is trying to promote bike use

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



NS18/0922

Trees between Monread Avenue and the IDA

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

That the trees between Monread Avenue and the IDA on the Monread Road be pruned as a matter of priority.

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

A report was received from the Parks Section that the location will be assessed, and any works required will be considered for the 2023 tree works programme. Some of the trees at the location are in private ownership and will require the assistance of the Naas Area Office to issue notices to the landowners if pruning is also required to these trees.

Councillor Kelly asked if this can be brought forward as it's only a small section that needs to be done. Councillor Clear advised it should be done as it was a Health and Safety matter.

Ms E Doyle advised that she convey the comments to the Parks Department.

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

NS19/0922

Residents Only' Parking signs

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

That the council erect 'Residents Only' Parking signs in Patrician Crescent Naas.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department that Installing 'Residents Only' signage in public places across the County would be contrary to legislation and would not solve any issues residents are having around parking in the estate. The Transportation Department suggests including this area in the review of the Naas Parking Byelaw and propose €3.00 per hour with a maximum stay of one hour which is like St. Ita's Place Naas and St. Patricks Park Celbridge. This method of regulation works exceptionally



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well and discourages general vehicle parking in these areas, therefore, freeing up spaces for residents for which they can purchase a residential parking permit.

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

NS20/0922

Repair works to the Johnstown Footbridge

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

Can the council provide an update on the repair works to the Johnstown Footbridge.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that during refurbishment works of Johnstown Village Footbridge, structural defects to the stairs on the northern side of the structure were identified. A decision was taken by Leinster Regional Bridge Management to close the footbridge in its entirety on public safety grounds. Currently Kildare County Council are obtaining a quotation and works proposal from the works contractor to remove the defective stairs such that the footbridge (ramps only) can be re-opened to the public. This quotation is to be submitted to Kildare County Council for their acceptance this week (w/c 12th Sept). Subject to this quotation being acceptable to Kildare County Council it is envisaged that these interim works could be undertaken within the coming two weeks.

The report was noted.

NS21/0922

Eadestown Village safety measures

The mayor noted that items 22 and 28 on the agenda were both relating to the same topic and suggested that the two be taken together. All the members present agreed.

Item 22:

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

Can the council update members on the Eadestown Village safety measures where after two years and an allocation on €100,000 LPT by the members, no progress seems to have been made.



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the roads design team have carried out an on-site analysis of Eadestown. A survey of the area has been carried out and a preliminary Traffic Calming/Management design is currently being drafted.

The report was noted

Item 28:

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

Can the council provide an update on the progression of the Eadestown Traffic Calming/Management Scheme?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Design team have carried out an on-site analysis of Eadestown. A survey of the area has been carried out and a preliminary Traffic Calming/Management design is currently being drafted.

The report was noted

NS22/0922

Broken phone box

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

Can the council outline what the process is for getting an obsolete and broken phone box removed from Chapel Lane as it is currently being used for anti-social behaviour?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this is a matter for the owner of the facility, in this instance EIR. With the members agreement we can write to EIR to have this fixture removed.

The report was noted.

NS23/0922

Five axel Ban

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

Can the council outline what the process is for a five axel ban to be put in place on the residential end of Fishery Lane forcing trucks coming from Naas Industrial estate to use Dublin Road to access the motorway, instead of this small country road?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety 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 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. If this proposal proceeds, enforcement will be a matter for the An Garda Síochána.

The report was noted.

NS24/0922

Car Parking Charges to Friends of Naas Hospital

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

Can the council confirm if the Car Parking Charges accepted during Christmas 2021 Free Car Parking Period, have been paid to Friends of Naas Hospital as agreed by members?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Transportation Department can confirm that the relevant documentation has not yet been provided by Friends of Naas Hospital. Proof of registered charity status is required before funding can be transferred.

The report was noted.

NS25/0922

Yellow box for the entrance to Cleevaun and Lacken View

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

Can the council confirm when the yellow box for the entrance to Cleevaun and Lacken View Estates and Ballycane School will be installed?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Naas municipal district will assess the provision of yellow box junctions at this location in line with the relevant technical guidance document.

The report was noted.



NS26/0922

Traffic counter

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

Can the council confirm if a date has been set for a traffic counter to be installed at the Millicent Road/Clane Road junction?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Design will contact Councillor Carmel Kelly to discuss details and will schedule this Traffic Count in next week's programme.

The report was noted

NS27/0922

Traffic solutions at Pipers Hill Campus

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

Can the council confirm if any further meetings have taken place between the council and KWETB regarding traffic solutions at Pipers Hill Campus?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the KWETB have engaged a consultant engineer and constructive engagement with the Roads Planning team is ongoing. A planning application submitted by KWETB, to assist in resolving the issues at the site, will be considered by Kildare County Council.

The report was noted.

NS28/0922

Part 8 Report for Storage Facility at Military Road

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report for Storage Facility at Military Road Industrial Park, Newbridge Road, Naas, Co. Kildare (Ref P82021.02)

A copy of the report had previously been circulated to members by Corporate Services for their consideration.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Clear and agreed by the members that the Part 8 Report for Storage Facility at Military Road Industrial Park, Newbridge Road, Naas, Co. Kildare (Ref P82021.02) be approved.



NS29/0922

Part 8 Report for a Residential Development

The members considered the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report for a residential development and associated works at 25 Corbans Place, Naas, Co. Kildare

A copy of the report had previously been circulated to members by the Housing Department for their consideration

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kenny and agreed by the members that the Part 8 Report for a residential development and associated works at 25 Corbans Place, Naas, Co. Kildare be approved.

NS30/0922

Unnecessary lighting in the Aras Chill Dara building

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

That the council implement a plan to reduce and control the use of unnecessary lighting in the Aras Chill Dara building after hours, in the evening and at night, in the interests of energy conservation, particularly in the light of the current energy crisis.

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

A report was received from Corporate that the Lighting management system installed in Aras Chill Dara automatically turns off all lights after closing and turns them on again 15mins before staff are scheduled to arrive in the morning.

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



NS31/0922

Energy-saving measures

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

That the council outline the energy-saving measures it is taking in all Council-owned buildings in Naas Municipal District.

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

A report was received from Corporate that the Aras Chill Dara was constructed with several energies saving measures in place such as:

- Reflexive lighting panels to maximise the lux level gained from lights.
- Natural ventilation system which reduces the need for Air Handling Units
- Automatic dimming systems which dim lights during the day while still maintaining correct Lux levels
- 36 solar panels for providing hot water

Since then, Facilities have continued along this path by:

- Installing a further 270 solar PV panels which provide approx. 70,000kw of electricity annually.
- Constant monitoring and servicing of all HVAC equipment
- Recently installed a new state of the art Light Management System to better monitor the use of lighting around the building.
- Currently installing a new Building Management System which will carefully monitor all aspects of the HVAC system.

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



NS32/0922

Vacant houses in Basin Street

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

Can the council confirm the up-to-date position on the the Vacant Houses Officers' investigation and liaison with the owners of the vacant houses in Basin Street.

A report was received from the Housing Department that the Vacant Homes Officer continues to investigate and liaise with the owners of privately owned vacant properties on Basin Street to bring these properties back into use.

The report was noted

NS33/0922

Public Realm projects

An update on Public Realm Projects in the Naas Municipal District was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The report was noted.

NS34/0922

Outdoor Seating Facility

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

That the Public Realm Outdoor Seating Facility on the north side of the entrance to the Church of Ireland Grounds on North Main Street, Naas be transferred across to the south side of the entrance on Health & Safety Grounds.

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

A report was received from Public Realm that the public parklet outside Grá café is set back just under 1m from the start of the yellow box at the entrance to St David's Church. It is designed with railings on the corner to afford some visibility when turning right on exiting the Church grounds. If the parklet is moved to the other / south side of the entrance, this space will revert to its original use as carparking spaces and as shown in the google maps screenshot, a car, SUV, or van parked in the carparking space affords less space and visibility when turning right.



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On 13.09.2022 during a busy lunchtime, a member of the SPPR team tested the right turn when exiting the Church ground and concluded that a review of the planting would help. Some of the planting has grown high and some has died so a planting refresh with low planting might help. On exiting the Church grounds there is some visibility however, a car does need to nudge its way out cautiously and arguably this scenario is no worse than if a vehicle was parked in the carparking space (as shown in the google image below)



Councillor Moore said he had no objection to parklets, he is all for them once they are in a safe place/area. He was asking for consideration for it to be moved.

The district manager advised he discussed this with the public realm team, and they are happy to do a review and come up with more options and get consensus from the members of the public.

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



NS35/0922

Compliance documents for Dunne Stores

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

Can the council confirm if it has received compliance documents as regards condition 18 for planning reference number 171433 ("No right turn sign") at Dunne Stores exit on North main street, and if not, when does the council expect to receive same from the developer?

A report was received from the Planning Department that Compliance documents were received in respect of Condition 18 of planning ref. 17/1433 however this aspect of the compliance response was not deemed compliant. The Transportation Department are investigating.

The report was noted.

NS36/0922

Tree removal in Bodenstown Graveyard

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

That an update be given on the status of tree removal in Bodenstown Graveyard.

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

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department that following Ministerial consent, works will commence shortly on the removal of the trees. In turn, this will result in the provision of additional plots in the short term The Council are also currently in the process of trying to identify lands for either an extension or a new cemetery and some progress is being made in this regard. The members will be kept informed

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



NS37/0922

Climate Innovation Fund

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

Can the Kildare County Council Climate Innovation Fund for novel projects in the Naas Municipal District be used instead for climate mitigation locally if it is not allocated to a winning climate innovation project?

A report was received from the Climate Action Officer The second call under the Climate Innovation Fund closed on 11th September and any submissions will be adjudicated upon soon. The funding is based on LPT allocation, and the councillors of Naas Municipal District would be required to amend the usage including the potential rolling over of the monies into 2023.

The report was noted.

NS38/0922

Status of the Market House

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

Can the council confirm the status of the Market House in relation to being a Derelict Building which appears on the Kildare Site of Derelict Buildings, listed DS-2005 – No 2 dated 24/04/2015, updated 21/07/2022 confirming what notice/s of enforcement have been issued to the owner (s), any response received and what action has the council taken?

A report was received from Environment and Water Services Department that the above property was placed on the derelict sites register on the 24/04/2015 and levies have been issued each year since. The property was re valued on the 4 November 2020. Mr J Boland has arranged for a further inspection to be carried out.

The report was noted.

NS39/0922

Ballymore Eustace Water Treatment Plant

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

Can the council confirm if it was made aware of the accidental discharge to the river Liffey of 0.8% sodium hypochlorite from the Ballymore Eustace Water Treatment Plant via a surface water drain between approximately 17.15 on the 15 June and 11.15 on the 16 June 2022?

A report was received from the Environment and Water Services Department.



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That Kildare County Council Environment were informed of the incident by the plant operator on the evening of the 16 June. Inland Fisheries Ireland confirmed that they are investigating the incident and we are liaising with them. Kildare County Council awaits a final report on the matter.

Councillor Sammon asked can the report be circulated to the members when its complete.

The report was noted.

NS40/0922

Recent weed infestation

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

That the council investigate and identify the reason/s for the recent weed infestation that appeared on the lakes at the Vista and Lakelands and outline what course of action can be taken to prevent it happening again.

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

A report was received from the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

That the Parks Section in conjunction with the Heritage officer will investigate the growth in the lakes to ascertain its origin and what measures can be used to control it. The findings of the investigation will be forwarded to members once its available.

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

NS41/0922

Development Levies

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

That an annualised report be given to members at the September Municipal District meeting on all Development Levies received in each electoral sub section of the municipal district since 2014 and where amounts of finance have been either totally or partially allocated to fund Community Development in each of those sectors.

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



A report was received by the Economic Community and Cultural Development that the table below shows the total development levies received to date which have been allocated to Community projects in the Naas municipal district.

	Contributions Received March 04 - 31/08/22	Projects Funded/Committed to 31/08/22
Contributions Received	2,273,740	
	€	€
Projects		
Broadband		3,240
Naas Area Community Project		136,930
Johnstown Garden Centre Land		65,000
Mauldins Avenue Community Centre		26,106
Johnstown Community Centre		200,000
Naas Public Lighting		22,358
Naas Community Facilities		526,808
Monread Community Centre		93,298
Economic Hub - MERITS		1,200,000
Overall Position	2,273,740	2,273,740

Councillor Moore was happy with the report but mentioned the following points:

- He would have expected that the Community Section or the Chief Executive would have flagged any expenditure over €1million to the members.
- He felt that the development levy contributions for the MERITS project should have been spread across all municipal districts and perhaps even across the Mid-East Region, as it was a big draw on the Naas municipal district fund.

The district manager made the following points:

- That this was an executive function
- The capital programme was coming up for review soon
- There will be a preliminary budget meeting in October so they can look at all the historic/projected levies and LPT



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- He would raise it with the Chief Executive and the Director of Services in Economic Development before the October budget meeting

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

The Meeting Concluded