

**Minutes of the Athy Municipal District Meeting held on  
Monday, 20 April 2015 at 10.00 a.m. at Rathstewart, Athy**

**Members Present:** Councillor M Miley (Cathaoirleach), Councillors A Breslin, M Dalton, I Keatley, T Redmond and M Wall

**Officials Present:** Mr J Coppinger (Senior Engineer), Mr D O’Flaherty (District Engineer), Mr G Duff (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Ms A Corbett (Senior Community Worker), Ms P Berry (Athy Enterprise Centre), Ms M Quinn (Assistant Staff Officer), Ms A Aspell (Meetings Administrator) and Ms AM Gough (Secretary)

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**AY01/1504**

**Confirmation of Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 9 March 2015 and the special meeting held on the 30 March 2015.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Redmond, that the minutes be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**Matters Arising**

**Housing Information on Kildare County Council Website**

Councillor Redmond stated that he was given assurances at the March meeting that the criteria for social housing support would be put prominently on the council website and to date this has not happened.

**Resolved:** that Mr McLoughlin would discuss with the Director of Services.

**Ard na Laoi- Castledermot**

Councillor Wall stated that it seemed there was no progress on this matter other than another site visit. Mr Dunne informed the members that there was a slight change in direction as the matter had been assessed by the councils’ legal advisors and that action would be taken under the Waste Management Act instead of the Derelict Sites Act as it would be stronger. He informed the members that this process had begun.

**AY02/1504**

**Update on Community and Economic Development Issues**

Ms Berry gave the members a comprehensive update of community issues/events coming up in the near future and events that had taken place since the last meeting.

- St. Patrick's Day – Ms. Berry stated that the theme of the St. Patrick's Day parade was environment which got many people involved and with 150 people attending the awards night.
- Tidy Towns - A meeting took place with tidy towns and Ms Berry met with resident associations, and that clean ups were on going.
- Athy Enterprise Network – A Regeneration of Athy workshop would be taking place on Wednesday 22 April.
- Dragon Boat race – This will be held on the 3 May and a clean up on the river is being carried out on Saturday.

Councillor Miley congratulated Ms Berry on the work that was being carried out and stated it was a great investment by the council. He stated that 1700 bags were handed out in Moone for the cleanup and 1600 were collected.

Councillor Wall thanked Ms Berry for the work she is doing and stated that it was great to see the clean ups happening and he thanked the council for collecting the rubbish and hoped that they would continue to do so. In response to a query from Councillor Wall with regard to Athy Enterprise Network, Ms Berry detailed the members of the committee. .

Ms Berry agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April with the municipal district members and the group.

**AY03/1504**

**Southern Distributor Road**

Mr Coppinger informed the members that the contractor would be appointed in the coming days, with the contract being awarded and signed as the statutory period for objections had finished on Friday. When this was done he stated that he would inform the members of the consultant that was awarded the contract. He stated that the office work should be able to start in the next few weeks. Councillor Redmond enquired if it was possible for the next meeting to have a time frame for funding. Mr Coppinger stated that it was not possible and there had been no change in the funding. Mr Coppinger hoped that it would be ready to go to

An Bord Plenala by this time next year. Councillor Dalton stated that it was important that the traffic survey be carried out before the end of May as the secondary schools will be finishing up.

**Resolved** that this matter remain as a standing item and members kept updated.

**AY04/1504**

**Presentation from Road Safety Officer**

As Mr Keogh was unavailable this was adjourned to next month's meeting.

**AY05/1504**

**Housing Open Day for the municipal district**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Redmond  
That we have an open day for people in our municipal district with queries and problems regarding housing and to include MABS and other organisations. This would be a pilot for all other municipal districts.

A report from the housing department was circulated to the members advising that the Council provide a full housing service from Aras Chill Dara in Naas and a Customer Service point which operates in Athy. The Housing Department in Naas operates a counter service whereby staff are available to deal with individual queries. Housing related information can also be accessed on the Council's website: <http://kildare.ie/countycouncil>

There are four citizen information centres in the county (Athy, Newbridge, Naas, Maynooth) whereby information covering a range of topics including housing, social welfare, education, money advice, health, employment etc. can be assessed. Citizens Information provide further relevant information at <http://www.citizensinformation.ie> There are also MABS centres in the county which can be contacted through their MABS Helpline: 0761 07 2000 (9am - 8pm, Monday - Friday) or by email: [helpline@mabs.ie](mailto:helpline@mabs.ie)

The Council would encourage anyone with housing related issues to make contact with the housing department where their issues can be addressed. The Housing Department are not in a position to resource an open day for any municipal district at this time.

Councillor Redmond stated that he had contacted MABS and they still have centres in Athy, Castledermot and Monasterevin. He stated that it was very difficult for people to travel to Naas and especially if the buses are being cut, it would be very beneficial if the officials were

in Athy once a week. Mr McLoughlin informed the members that the housing department did not have the resources to provide the service at this time. Councillor Breslin stated that issues of homelessness need to be addressed in Athy that people cannot make their way to Naas and requested that a member of the Homeless Unit or Tenant Liaison Officer be available in Athy at least once every fortnight. Councillor Wall stated that the members had fought hard to get a Customer Service Point but it was still not advertised enough. He acknowledged that the homeless outreach workers have been in Athy but they are required more often. Councillor Keatley requested that a record be kept in the Athy customer service office of the amount of people coming in regarding housing and what their issues are.

**Resolved:** that a member of the Homeless Unit or Tenant Liaison officer be available in Athy at least once every fortnight and that a record be kept in the Athy Customer Service Office of the amount of people coming in regarding housing and what their issues are.

#### **AY06/1504**

##### **€86 million allocation from the Government**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wall  
That given the recent €86 million allocation from the Government for social housing to County Kildare, that the council confirm what this will mean for the Athy Municipal District and the County of Kildare and that the Council will be building houses on their land banks in the Athy Municipal District.

A report from the housing department was circulated to the members advising that the Council has been notified of an allocation of €86,858,105 for the delivery of social housing units during the period 2015-17. The Council made a submission to the Department of Environment in February 2015 outlining proposals for the delivery of social housing throughout the County, however, the Council has not received an indication from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, to date, on the specific details of the allocation.

Councillor Wall informed the members that he had received information that the Department had issued a response to the Council with details of the allocation. Mr McLoughlin stated that he had not received the response yet. Councillor Miley requested that the members of the full Council be informed of the response when received. Councillor Redmond expressed his concern that the €86 million would not alleviate the housing problem. Councillor Dalton

stated that the Council would have a land bank that could reduce the cost of the provision of housing and requested details of the land available for the provision of housing. Mr McLoughlin informed the members that the council would also be looking at unfinished estates and voluntary housing associations for the provision of houses that they would not be building estates with a hundred units. Councillor Miley stated that it was important to have a mix of developments.

**Resolved:** that the full council be informed of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government details of the allocation of the €86 million and a report be prepared on the land bank available to the council for the provision of houses in the Athy municipal district.

**AY07/1504**

**Footpath and kerbing upgrades St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dalton:  
That a schedule of footpath and kerbing upgrades be carried for in St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin.

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that the Municipal District Office had made contact with the Residents Association and had agreed on a number of areas that require attention.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted

**AY08/1504**

**Footpath extension to connect Cowpasture with Brocan Wood estate in Monasterevin.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Dalton  
That a footpath extension be provided to connect Cowpasture with Brocan Wood estate in Monasterevin.

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that there is no footpath between Cowpasture and Brocan Wood housing estate. There is a current Planning Application for a development at Brocan Wood and discussions are ongoing with the developer in relation to this infrastructural deficit.

Councillor Dalton sated that he hoped the planning application would include a condition for the provision of a footpath.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted

**AY09/1504**

**Traffic calming measures Shanrath estate, Athy**

The committee agreed to consider motions 7 and 9 together.

**Item 7 – Councillor Breslin**

That the council puts in place traffic calming measures to eradicate the serious problems on the Castledermot Road, Athy that the residents of Shanrath estate are encountering including extending the 50 km/h speed limit measures to allow the residents turn right into the estate safely and issues at the main Castledermot/Dublin Road Junction.

**Item 9 – Councillor Wall**

That the council immediately move to make the entrance to Shanrath estate, Athy safe given the problems raised by the residents of the estate.

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that within the last year a number of improvements have been undertaken in this area – lighting, footpaths and improvement of sight distance at the entrance to the estate. In relation to the issues raised – extending the 50kph speed limit can be considered in light of the speed limit review although the sight distance at the entrance is within the design criteria; there is a solid white line running across the entrance which makes it illegal to overtake at this location; the issues on the N78 turn-off to Castledermot have been raised before; if traffic adheres to the road markings the junction is safe.

Councillor Breslin welcomed the fact that the 50kph could be extended and enquired if a right turning lane could be provided. Councillor Wall stated that residents from Shanrath estate informed him that when they are turning right into the estate vehicles are passing them on the right hand side and appealed for a right turning lane to be installed. He also complemented the council on the work carried out on the footpath which has improved pedestrian safety. Councillor Keatley enquired if the road layout would change with the Southern Distributor Road.

The district engineer stated that this entrance was supposed to be a temporary entrance as the Southern Distribution Road works were carried out in the estate by the developer. He

stated that the line markings could be redone but that it was down to driver behaviour and the problem at the Castledermot Road is due to drivers cutting the corner. He also stated that the road at this point at six meters was not wide enough for a right turning lane and that a land take would be required in order to provide it. Councillor Breslin requested a costing for the provision of a right turning lane at this location.

**Resolved:** that a report be provided on the cost of providing a right turning lane at the entrance to Shanrath estate, Athy.

#### **AY10/1504**

##### **Yellow box at the junction of the Kilkenny Road and Barrowhouse Road, Athy.**

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

That a yellow box be installed at the junction of the Kilkenny Road and Barrowhouse Road, Athy.

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising the Athy Municipal District Office will undertake this work as part of the road marking schedule which is to commence shortly.

Councillor Dalton requested that the entrance into Woodstock Close be looked at again in conjunction with this yellow box. The District Engineer stated that there was conflict at this location but that he would refer it to the roads design section for investigation.

**Resolved:** that the roads design section look at the entrance into Woodstock Close for vehicles turning into the estate.

#### **AY11/1504**

##### **Improvement of the ramps in Calverstown village.**

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

That the council give the municipal district an update on the improvement of the ramps in Calverstown village.

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that this work will be undertaken in conjunction with the upgrade of the Calverstown to Narraghmore road and is part of the Restoration Improvement Scheme as funded by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted.

**AY12/1504**

**Improvement of Road Markings**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Keatley  
That the council improve the road markings at the Castledermot/Athy Road Junction, Old Grange Cross and Spratstown Cross on the R448 as all are serious accident blackspots that have regular serious road accidents.

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising the Municipal District Office will be upgrading delineation during the summer and these areas can be programmed into the schedule of works.

Councillor Keatley stated that the lines at Spratstown Cross might need to be changed to a continuous white line, and noted accidents that had occurred at Oldgrange. The District Engineer stated that works were carried out as part of the R415 upgrade. He stated that the sight distance coming out of St. Laurances is limited and a land take was required, as the wall needed to be removed and there may be a protection order on it. Councillor Miley fully supported the motion and enquired if some other measures of traffic calming could be carried out for example reducing the speed limit. Councillor Keatley also requested that this be referred to the Heritage Officer to see what restrictions were involved with removing the wall. As an interim measure the District Engineer stated that he would upgrade the signage under a low cost scheme.

**Resolved:** that the removal of the wall at St. Laurences be referred to the heritage officer to see what restrictions are involved and the district engineer to upgrade the signage.

**AY13/1504**

**Cycle path from Calverstown to Ballyshannon National School.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Keatley  
That the council apply to the NTA for funding for a cycle path from Calverstown to Ballyshannon National School.

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that there is no National Transport Authority (NTA) funding currently available for this project as other projects have been prioritised with that Authority for delivery by Kildare County Council. The priorities for the provision of cycle infrastructure are set out in the report on the Greater Dublin Cycle Network and the County Development Plan.

Priority is established with reference to potential levels of utility and recreational use. On this basis a link between Calverstown and Ballyshannon National School would not rank highly.

Councillor Keatley requested that the District Engineer look at this again as there is about one hundred pupils in Ballyshannon national school and there are parking problems at the school and the provision of a cycle path would elevate some of the problem. Councillor Wall and Redmond supported the motion. The District Engineer informed the members that a number of schemes had been put forward to the NTA but the amount that was approved was dramatically reduced. He stated that he would put it forward to the NTA for 2016 funding. Councillor Keatley stated that the NTA had a specific scheme for cycle paths.

**Resolved:** the District Engineer to apply for funding to the NTA for the provision a cycle path from Calverstown to Ballyshannon National School.

#### **AY14/1504**

##### **Obsolete public payphones in the municipal district**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Dalton  
Can the council request an audit of public payphones in the municipal district and ensure that all obsolete units are removed?

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that there are very few public phones left in the Municipal District. The only payphones that the Municipal District Office is aware of are on either side of the Barrow bridge in Athy.

The District Engineer stated that in some instances the phone had been removed but the infrastructure remained on site. Councillor Dalton requested that operators be encouraged to remove the infrastructure.

**Resolved:** that the District Engineer make contact with the public payphone providers to have infrastructure which is no longer required removed.

#### **AY15/1504**

##### **Footpaths in Abbeylands, Castledermot**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Redmond  
When can we expect to have safe and decent footpaths in Abbeylands, Castledermot?

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that the Municipal District Office has earmarked Castledermot as one of the areas where footpaths are going to be improved as part of the Local Property Tax monies. Abbeylands in Castledermot is one of the areas that will be improved as part of this scheme.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted

**AY16/1504**

**Footpath in the green McDonnell Drive and name plate**

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

Can repairs be carried out to the footpath in the green McDonnell Drive, Athy and a name plate be erected on the entrance to the estate on the Kildare Road?

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that the Municipal District Office has earmarked Athy as one of the areas where footpaths are going to be improved as part of the LPT monies. McDonnell Drive in Athy is one of the areas that will be improved as part of this scheme. A nameplate for McDonnell Drive can be erected at the entrance.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted

**AY17/1504**

**Upgrade of the roads at Rathconnell and Clarey, Nurney**

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

Can the council confirm the up-to-date position with the upgrade of the roads at Rathconnell and Clarey, Nurney given their present condition?

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that preparatory patching work is being undertaken at present in relation to roads in the general Rathconnell and Clarey areas. This preparatory work will be undertaken in conjunction with the general upgrading of roads in this area, and is part of the Restoration Maintenance scheme as funded by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

Councillor wall complemented the council on the work that they were doing.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted

**AY18/1504**

**Plans for car parks at Meeting Lane and Catherine McCauley**

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

Can the council confirm their plans for parking in the town of Athy and what are their plans for their car parks at Meeting Lane and Catherine McCauley?

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that the Municipal District Office will be upgrading carparks in Athy in the coming months. Currently upgrading works are being undertaken on Catherine McCauley carpark. These works consist of the following – a/ Drainage; b/ Landscaping including tree pruning; c/ Resurfacing and d/ Delineation.

The District Engineer informed the members that a plan had to be put together for the Meeting Lane carpark. Councillor Wall requested that lighting in the meeting lane carpark and the car park at Murphy's be incorporated into the plan.

**Resolved:** that the district engineer incorporate public lighting and the car park at Murphy's into the meeting lane car park plan.

**AY19/1504**

**NTA funding for the Carlow Road, Athy and from the Friary to the school in Castledermot**

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

Can the council resubmit plans to the NTA for funding for the Carlow Road, Athy and from the Friary to the school in Castledermot?

A report from the roads, transportation and public safety department was circulated to the members advising that all applications to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for funding for 2015 remain live and will be raised with that Authority at the next review meeting.

Councillor Miley stated that this was really important infrastructure for the town and asked that it be prioritised. Mr Duff said he would ask the NTA to put it to the top of the list. The District Engineer stated that these projects were submitted to the NTA with other projects but the NTA have excluded a lot of projects.

**Resolved:** that the NTA be requested to put the provision of funding for the Carlow Road, Athy, and, from the Friary to the school in Castledermot at the top of the list.

**AY20/1504**

**Residents Association Grants**

The committee agreed to consider items 19 and 28 together

**Item 19**

To consider Residents Association Grants for private estates 2015 in the Athy Municipal District.

**Item 28**

To consider Residents Association Grants for local authority estates 2015 in the Athy Municipal District.

Mr Dunne informed the members that there was €7,500 to be allocated to resident associations from the Local Property Tax. The members agreed to allow a further two weeks for submissions from residents associations for this allocation.

**Resolved:** On the proposal of Councillor Redmond seconded by Council Keatley that the Residents Association Grants for local authority estates 2015 and in the Residents Association Grants for private estates 2015 in the Athy Municipal District be adopted. And the members agreed to allow a further two weeks for submissions from residents associations for the LPT allocation.

**AY21/1504**

**Bye law to regulate the times of bin collections**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Redmond  
That we introduce a bye law to regulate the times of bin collections and/or noisy commercial activity.

A report from the environment department was circulated to the members advising that the members request is noted and the matter will be referred to the next meeting of the Environment & Water Services Strategic Policy Committee for consideration (June 2015).

Councillor Redmond stated that there is a problem with waste collectors coming into estates at three and four o'clock in the morning and the noise is disturbing people. Councillor Wall fully supported the motion and stated that this had been brought up before and that some of the work might be done on this. Councillor Miley stated that he would have serious concerns about lorries backing in and out of housing estates during the day. He suggested that maybe one contractor per estate, or waste to be collected in an estate on a particular day. Mr Dunne stated that the council is reluctant to interfere in the business but it is possible, some Dublin councils have regionalised the city and this is being looked at.

**Resolved:** that the members request be referred to the next meeting of the Environment & Water Services Strategic Policy Committee for consideration (June 2015)

**AY22/1504**

**Installation of a water outlet or tap at the jetty area in Athy**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Redmond  
Can we install a water outlet or tap at the jetty area in Athy to aid users of our magnificent amenities?

A report from the water services department was circulated to the members advising that this will require a formal application to Irish Water for a water supply service, and will involve ongoing payment arrangement for the water used.

Councillor Redmond stated that he thought an application had been made to Irish Water. Councillor Redmond and Councillor Miley requested that a letter be sent to Irish Water seeking a water connection at this location.

**Resolved:** that a letter be sent to Irish Water seeking a water connection at this location.

**AY23/1504**

**Feasibility of a clean up, similar to the one that took place in Limerick**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breslin  
Can the feasibility of a clean up, similar to the one that took place in Limerick recently, be investigated?

A report from the environment department was circulated to the members advising that they proactively engage with local residents and community groups throughout the County to

undertake clean-ups in their areas. Councillor Breslin's proposal has been noted and the Council will provide appropriate assistance, including the removal of rubbish collected.

Councillor Breslin acknowledged the work that Ms Berry and the environment department do, but would like to see a one day clean up where each town would take part as this would educate people.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted

**AY24/1504**

**Percentage of funding to be invested in the community**

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

In light of €55 million investment in the Barrow abstraction, can the council inform the municipal district of their plans for the percentage of funding to be invested in the community from a cultural point of view and that the Moate of Ardsclull is incorporated in these plans?

A report from the arts officer was circulated to the members advising that there was Per Cent for Art funding assigned to the Barrow Abstraction scheme, a total of €64,000. The funding was allocated as follows. €14,000 was assigned to the Athy Heritage Centre for the commissioning of 'Shackleton's Endurance', a multi media performance with original text by John Mac Kenna and original music by Brian Hughes. A CD of the work was produced and a premiere performance took place in autumn 2014. The performance included the Co Kildare Orchestra and the Monasterevin Gospel Choir. The remaining €50,000 was assigned to the 'All About Eva' feature film. This film was produced by Kildare County Council and featured local writers, actors and crew. It was filmed on location in Athy, in May 2014. Locations included Bert House, Bert House Stud farm and on location in Athy town. 'All About Eva' recently premiered in the Jameson Dublin International Film Festival. Both initiatives were collaborative in nature and provided a unique opportunity for local artists to work on large scale projects with high artistic values.

Councillor Miley stated that a motion a year had previously been adopted by the Athy area Members that any such funding be spent on an installation at the Moate of Ardsclull.

Councillor Keatley stated that the members should have had an opportunity to say how the funding was spent. Councillor Wall stated that the two projects in their own right were wonderful, but agreed that a resolution had already been passed by the members with regard to the allocation of the funding.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted.

**AY25/1504**

**Improvements on the sewage network planned for Narraghmore village**

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

Can the council give the Athy Municipal District members an update on the improvements on the sewage network planned for Narraghmore village?

A report from the water services department was circulated to the members advising that detailed assessments are ongoing and a final report is still awaited. The members will be kept informed. The final assessment will include a recommendation as to the best course to be taken in ensuring a permanent solution to address ongoing issues in the following estates:

- Lipstown Manor
- The Orchard
- Oak Park
- County Council Housing Scheme

If feasible it may also be possible to build in capacity for future growth. If the entire plant has to be replaced it is likely to become a significant (and costly) project. The members will be kept fully informed.

Councillor Keatley stated that he was given a commitment in January that he would be informed of the results, and, having attended a meeting with Irish Water thought a solution was imminent. He wanted definite assurance that the report would be provided for the May meeting. Councillor Miley requested that a report be prepared on how much per year it has cost for the provision of the tankers in Narraghmore Village. The members requested that they get an update on a monthly basis on the improvements on the sewage network planned for Narraghmore village.

**Resolved:** that a report be prepared on how much per year it has cost for the provision of the tankers in Narraghmore Village and an update on a monthly basis be given on the improvements on the sewage network planned for Narraghmore village.

**AY26/1504**

**Kildare Age Friendly County Programme**

Ms Corbett had previously circulated a copy of the age friendly brochure to the members and informed them that the aim of the Programme is to work with and within existing community structures, networks and service providers in the County to enhance communications and build awareness of the need of older people in all aspects of their daily lives. The programme is led by the Kildare Age Friendly County Alliance, comprising older people representatives and senior decision makers from the key public, private and not-for-profit agencies. She said it is planned to enhance the structure of the Kildare Alliance with a Services Providers Forum in each of the Municipal Districts. Ms Corbett informed the members that she was looking for a two way flow of information. As the co-ordinator she looks at how the Council design and roll out services and that a review of the strategy in Kildare had just been completed. Important elements were the Kildare Age Friendly Alliance, and the engAGE Kildare which would communicate the needs and views of the older people to the Kildare Age Friendly Alliance. She informed the members that Naas would be taken as a polite programme as it was already an age friendly town. She advised the members that the annual meeting of engAGE Kildare was taking place in on the 26 May and they were welcome to attend.

In response to queries from the members Ms Corbett stated that Naas did not get any extra funding but that the key people who were using the funding used it well.

She thanked the members for their time and looked forward to their support.

**AY27/1504**

**Access to the River Greise and access to Mullacreeelan Woods from the village of Kilkea**

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

That the council support the community in Kilkea who had access to the River Greise and access to Mullacreeelan Woods from the village of Kilkea.

A report from the senior executive parks superintendent was circulated to the members advising that investigations will be carried out to ascertain information regarding the access issues raised. We will also liaise with the Planning Department in relation to the issue. A report regarding these findings will be issued to the Municipal District members when this is completed.

The members support Councillor Miley's motion stating that the right of way had been there for hundreds of years and that the public access should be maintained.

**Resolved:** that the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent issue a report to the members regarding his findings.

The meeting then concluded.