



Chief Executive's Report June 2018

THIS MONTH: News and Highlights

Change in District Managers – effective from July 2018

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Naas – Mr P Minnock

Maynooth – Ms S Kavanagh

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The Annual Meeting of Kildare County Council will take place on Friday 29 June 2018 at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber in Áras Chill Dara.

Development Bonds for Housing Estates

As and from the 25 May 2018 the Building and Development Control Section have taken over the acceptance, monitoring and maintenance of the development bonds from the Planning Authority.

Speed Limit Review - Pre-Draft consultation notices have been issued inviting adjoining local authorities, An Garda Síochána, elected members, members of the Oireachtas and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to make submissions/observations.

The Proposed Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019 Amendment will go on display from 18 June for a period of six weeks until 30 July 2018. There will be an information session on the 03 July in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth from 3.00pm to 7.30pm.

Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)

Minister Ring launched the new €4,500,000 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) on 31 May 2018.



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Corporate Services

Monthly meeting of Kildare County Council

The Monthly meeting of Kildare County Council takes place in Athy Community Library on Monday 25 June at 2.00 pm.

Annual Meeting for each of the five municipal districts

The Annual Meeting for each of the five municipal district committees takes place prior to the municipal district meetings in July 2018.

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Referendum on the Thirty-sixth Amendment

The date for the Referendum on the Thirty-sixth Amendment to the Constitution was the 25 May 2018. The supplement to the Register of Electors was sent to the County Register on 16 May 2018. Currently there are 145,687 people on the live register and 7,413 on the supplementary register.



Finance and Information Technology

Local Government Funding (Baseline) Review

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government have formed a review group to examine the methodology for the allocation of local government funding. The focus of this group is to recommend a set of key indicators across all thirty one local authorities that may be used in allocating funding to local authorities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner. Possible indicators suggested are population, socio-economic demographics and other factors.

The review group's consultation document is up on the members extranet for information.

Kildare County Council will be submitting a report but councillors, party groups, individuals all have the

opportunity to submit their own submissions.

Submissions must be emailed to lqfinance@housing.gov.ie or posted to
Local Government Finance
Dept of Housing, Planning &
Local Government,
Government Buildings,
Newtown Road,
Wexford,
Y35 AP90.

All submissions must be submitted by 03 July 2018.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for Quarter 1, 2018 have been submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Revenue Account Summary (see Appendix 1)



Planning and Strategic Development

Development Management

Planning applications received:		Applications decided: May 2018	
	May	Year	Total Granted:
2016:	114	1,376	71
2017:	145	1,494	Retention: 13
2018:	150	651	Extension of Duration: 5
			Total Refused: 27

Significant Decisions:

17/1212 Value Retail Dublin Ltd.:
(Provision of 375 car parking spaces
Grey Abbey Road, Kildare Town.)
Proposed Material Contravention of
the Kildare Town Local Area Plan
2012-2018. The motion was defeated
at a special meeting of the Kildare
Newbridge Municipal District on 30
May 2018. The application was
withdrawn on Friday 01 June 2018.

18/320 North City Buildings Ltd:
refused permission for a twenty nine
unit apartment development at Cois
Abhainn, Liffey Lodge, Clane.

18/337 Adrian Fox: refused permission
for ten detached dwellings at
Calverstown, Kilcullen.

17/914 Tony Preston: Permission
granted for nine houses at The
Commons, Hazelhatch Road,
Celbridge.

18/212 Robert J. Goff & Company
PLC: Permission granted for three new

stable blocks, consisting of 96 stables,
tack rooms and feed stores, new rain
water harvesting system, new dung
heap area with associated run-off
storage tank, new boundary fencing,
landscaping and all ancillary site works
at Goffs Bloodstock Sales, Greenhills,
Kill.

18/385 Brook Advantage Ltd.:
Permission granted for 16 houses on
sites 1-16, The Oaks, Oldgrangewood,
Monasterevin.

18/427 Kilsaran Concrete t/a Kilsaran
Build: Refused for extension of
duration of Planning Ref. 07/707 -
continuance for period of ten years
of(1)extraction of sand and gravel and
processing on 89.5ha at Brownstown,
Corbally, and Silliothill, Kilcullen.

Strategic Infrastructural Development

A decision on Drehid Waste
Management Facility is due from An
Bord Pleanála by 25 June 2018.



Forward Planning

Local Area Plans (LAP's)

Celbridge Local Area Plan (LAP)

The Ministerial Direction of 10 November 2017 was overturned in the Commercial Court. The final version will now be the Celbridge LAP as adopted. Arrangements are being made to insert explanatory text to reflect this.

Leixlip Local Area Plan (LAP)

Ministerial Direction issued on 06 March 2018 confirming that the Leixlip LAP is not in compliance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act. A new LAP is to be prepared.

Naas Local Area Plan (LAP)

It is anticipated that a Draft Naas LAP will be published and put on public display in early July 2018.

Athy Local Area Plan (LAP)

Seventy six submissions were received on the Issues Paper which came off public display on 24 April 2018 and the Chief Executive is preparing his report on those submissions.

Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) Amendment

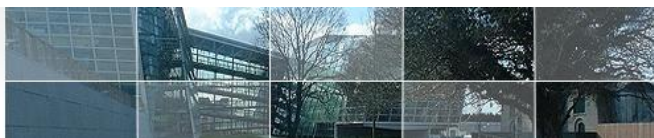
The proposed amendment in relation to Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) road and zoning of lands for residential uses is on display from 18 June 2018 to 30 July 2018. An information session will be held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on 03 July 2018.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has accepted the recommendation of Kildare County Council and has allocated funding totalling €50,000 to fifteen projects subject to compliance with the terms of the scheme.

Structures at Risk Scheme 2018

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has approved three of the projects recommended by Kildare County Council and has allocated funding totalling €66,000 to the three projects subject to compliance with the terms of the scheme.



Housing

Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status June 2018
The Paddocks, Kilcock	19 units	19 units completed and allocated December 2017/February 2018.
Athgarvan Road, Newbridge	13 units	Contractor, C & A Build and Civil commenced on site 10 July 2017. Expected completion Quarter 3, 2018.
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	4 units	Design team appointed October 2017. Approval Stage 3 submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government [DHPLG] Quarter 2, 2018.
St. Patrick's Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase 1)	Refurbishment of 34 Units (23 social and 11 private)	Lot 1 (6 units): Practical completion April 2017. Lots 2 - 5 (28 units): Tender complete and Stage 4 approval received from DHPLG in December 2017. Expected to commence on site early Quarter 3, 2018.
St. Patrick's Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase's 2 & 3)	Demolition of 21 units, refurbishment of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	Resident information session held on 02 March 2017. Kildare County Council are in negotiation with private owner in scheme. Part 8 documentation being completed. Stage 2 submission lodged with DHPLG on 20 April 2018.
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Contract signed and awarded to MDY Construction Ltd on 09 March 2018. On site works commenced 12 March 2018.
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Stage 3 approval received from DHPLG on 09 November 2017. Tender documents to be issued Quarter 2, 2018.
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Part 8 approved 20 September 2017. Approval stage 3 received 13 February 2018. Tender to be issued Quarter 2, 2018.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Approval stage 2 for submission received from DHPLG on 04 April 2018.
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Approval stage 2 received from DHPLG on 09 May 2018



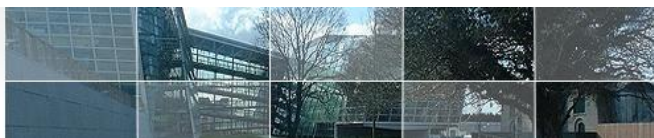
Dominican Lands Athy	25 units	Stage 1 approval received July 2017. Preparing design team tender.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge	30 units	Approval stage 1 received from the DHPLG on the 27 November 2017. Design team tender to be prepared.
Coill Dubh	9 units	Approval Stage 1 received 05 October 2017. Approval Stage 2 submitted on 24 April 2018.
Clogherinkoe	14 units	Preparing approval stage, submission for the DHPLG in Quarter 2, 2018.
Old Greenfield, Maynooth	Rapid Build 50 units	Approval stage 1 received from the DHPLG on 24 November 2017. Preparing design team tender Quarter 2, 2018.
Carbury	TBC	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit stage 1 approval in Quarter 2, 2018.

Infill Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status June 2018
Newtown House, Leixlip	4	Stage 1 approval received. Architectural services being provided in-house. Tender for remaining consultants being prepared. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 2, 2018.
Narraghmore	4	Stage 1 approval received. Architectural services being provided in-house. Tender for remaining consultants being prepared. Proposed commencement of Part 8 Quarter 2, 2018.
Glandore, Athy	TBA	Proposed stage 1 approval submission to DHPLG to be prepared Quarter 2, 2018.
Skenagun, Castledermot	1 existing refurb and 1 new-build	Stage 1 submission to be prepared Quarter 2, 2018.

Acquisitions

	Completed Units 2017	Completed Units 2018	In Progress
Housing Acquisitions	114	65	184
Part V Acquisitions	14	13	239



PPP Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status June 2018
Craddockstown Road, Naas	74 units	Invitation to participate in competitive dialogue issued to shortlisted PPP teams 21 December 2017. Completion of dialogue due June 2018. PPP contract award Quarter 4, 2018.
Nancy's Lane, Clane	77 units	Part 8 approved by the Maynooth Municipal District on the 01 June 2018.

Approved Housing Body Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status June 2018
Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Respond Housing Association: Part 8 approved at the Athy Municipal District meeting on 24 July 2017. On-site archaeological assessments carried out and reports are with the DHPLG.
Castlefen, Sallins	28 units	Tuath Housing Association: Presentation of draft Part 8 to the Naas Municipal District on 20 February 2018. Part 8 launched on 27 March 2018. On public display until 10 May 2018. Submissions due by 24 May 2018. Part 8 to be considered at the Naas Municipal District meeting on 17 July 2018.

Approved Housing Body Schemes - Capital Assistance Scheme

Approved Housing Body	No. of Units	Status June 2018
KARE	3 Units	CAS - Stage 2 approval request sent to the DHPLG on 01 May 2018.
Camphill Communities of Ireland	4 units at The Bridge, Kilcullen	CAS - Stage 2 approval received on 03 October 2017. Planning application to be lodged shortly.
Homeless Care CLG	12 Apartments at Jigginstown House, Naas	CAS - Stage 2 approval received on 19 September 2017. Planning permission granted on 01 May 2018.



Library and Arts Service

Young Readers Festival

The Kildare Young Readers Festival takes place from 09 to 22 June, featuring twelve authors and facilitators, providing over fifty workshops and talks throughout the county. Workshops include mindfulness for toddlers, tying in with our Healthy Ireland Programme; rhymes and songs in Irish, celebrating Bliain na Gaeilge; and many local Kildare authors.

Toys, Technology and Training (TTT) Programme

The new TTT catalogue was launched by the Mayor of Kildare on Thursday 07 June 2018 and included a talk by Dr Dorothy Armstrong on the selection of toys available to borrow, and author Aidan Comerford spoke about his book 'Corn Flakes for Dinner'. There are now over one hundred items in the new TTT catalogue with multiple copies available and the collection is currently being borrowed by almost four hundred members. In addition over two thousand people are currently on the mailing list for information on the project

The first series of TTT talks/workshops for 2018, designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties or disabilities ran from January to May 2018. Talks have so far included: Adam Harris - Empowering People with Autism,

Behavioural Therapy, with Audrey Cully, Speech and Language Therapy, with Catherine Sheahan, Dyslexia presented by the Dyslexia Association and Occupational Therapy lectures with Dorothy Armstrong, Yoga workshops for children with additional needs and ASD-Friendly Sensory Storytime. This series of talks/workshops and the specialised collection of toys and technology can be accessed free of charge throughout the county. Sixty five talks/workshops will take place in 2018. So far this year over four hundred and fifty people have attended events as part of this programme. The autumn/ winter series of talks will begin in September 2018.

Age Friendly

The OWL (Older Wiser Laughter) programme of Age Friendly events continues. Events this month include, grow your own vegetables, interior design and the power of positive thinking. As part of this programme the second annual Age Friendly Library Day took place on 12 May 2018 and was a great success. Older people dropped into their local library for a chat and a cuppa.

During May a member of staff from Kildare Library Service attended the Age Friendly road shows which were held in each of the municipal districts showcasing library services.



Support to Secondary School Programme

The Support to Secondary School Programme has finished for this school year, with over four thousand visits or attendances from students in Kildare, Naas, Celbridge and Leixlip. This programme will run again in the 2018-2019 school year, and will be expanded to include Athy Library and the secondary schools there. Highlights from this year's programme include Forensics Workshops, History Live, and the many author visits and workshops that encourage literacy and creativity in the students.

Summer Stars

The national summer reading adventure for children 'Summer Stars' will be launched in County Kildare on 23 June 2018. Children are encouraged to read and to participate in themed workshops over the summer collecting merchandise as they go along. At the end of the summer there will be a party for all children who participated in the programme.

Library Events - Overview

Libraries have hosted a wide variety of talks and workshops recently. These have included Meditation for Stress Relief workshops, LEGO Storystarter workshops, SMART tech classes, a Family Film Club, regular eServices Clinics, Author visits, Class visits, Storytime sessions, Music workshops, Life Coaching and business advice

clinics with the Local Enterprise Office (LEO).

Coding workshops will be held each month for children over the summer, learn to knit workshops, 'olde fashioned' games afternoons, regular arts and crafts sessions, KNEX workshops, a Storygate Inventors workshop, Musical Theatre Summer Camp, Yoga Storytelling, Comics workshops, a Mad Hatters Tea Party, a Reminiscence Morning and many more events!

Ciorcal Comhrá/Irish Language Conversation Groups

New Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language Conversation Groups have been formed throughout the county.

Better Basics

The Better Basics Reading Programme, is run in Kildare libraries in conjunction with County Kildare Leader Partnership. The programme is aimed at children who are not in receipt of mainstream learning supports in school, but required some additional assistance to improve their reading. This is achieved through paired reading to improve their reading skills and develop greater confidence in reading aloud. This programme also creates important links between the school and the library. Better Basics has been running in Kildare since 2014. This June Kildare Library service has hosted the end of year celebrations for this year's Better Basics reading enhancement



programme in Naas and Athy Libraries. The children and volunteers were celebrated in a certificate giving ceremony and with a story telling session from Niall de Burca. The children have achieved an average improvement of ten months in their reading ages. The 2018 programme was extended to six schools in Kildare, with sixty children taking part and twenty four volunteers including three library staff.

Creative Ireland - Criunniú na nÓg

The Creative Team are currently curating a programme to celebrate Criunniú na nÓg, the national day to celebrate children and youth creativity. Events will take place on 23rd June throughout the county. There will be a nature walks, arts and crafts, puppet shows, Sensory Storytime and Gardening, ASD LEGO workshops. and much more. Details of Kildare's events can be found on www.creativeireland.ie/cruinniu/events - search for #Kildare

Teen Council

Celbridge Library's Teen Council has had two meetings and has established some ground rules and aims. They plan to run events for their peers, review books they have enjoyed, and give us feedback on events and programmes for young people in the library.

Festival of Integration of Culture with Polska Eire

Athy Library participated in the Festival of Integration of Culture with Polska Eire. Three hundred and fifty participants enjoyed a Polish and Irish story telling session (some children came in their pyjamas) with hot chocolate and brownies.

Decade of Commemorations: Irish Military Seminar

The Second Annual Military Seminar took place in the Riverbank Arts Centre from 08-09 June 2018. The Seminar is part of the Kildare Decade of Commemorations Programme. Speakers included Colm Doyle with the launch of his book "Witness to War Crimes", Liz Gillis who looked at the role of women in the struggle for Irish Freedom, and Neil Richardson on the Irish involvement in World War I. On Friday evening a lively debate took place with media and local historians on the practicalities and challenges of commemoration. The successful seminar was well attended with a full house in the Theatre for the Saturday evening musical extravaganza "Birth of a Nation". Feedback from participants of the seminar was very positive and will support the further development of this unique event.



Arts Service

Kildare Dance and Movement Summer School

The Arts Service are focusing on planning for Kildare Dance and Movement Summer School, due to take place in Maynooth University from 16-20 July 2018. Curated by Leixlip based dancer, Ailish Claffey, this year's summer school has two parts:

(A) Dance and movement (16 - 18 July 2018), with practical, movement-focused workshops with leading Irish and international dance practitioners, suitable for people of all ages (18+) and abilities.

Workshops include:

- Candoco (UK) / Introduction to the techniques of this groundbreaking company of disabled and non-disabled dancers who re-imagine perceptions of ability.
- Wendy Hermelin (UK)/JOURNEY- a movement choir
- Philippa Donnellan (Ireland) / Dance in a Day
- Catherine Young (Ireland)

(B) Dance and Health Seminar (19 - 20 July 2018)

Featuring national and international experts, this event is for both dance and healthcare professionals.

Speakers include:

- Peter Lewton-Brain (Belgium), Director of International Association of Dance Medicine and Science
- Clare Guss West (Switzerland), Co-founder of the European Dance and Creative Wellness Foundation
- Tim Joss (UK), Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Aesop
- Professor Desmond O'Neill (Ireland) , Specialist in geriatric and stroke medicine, based in Tallaght Hospital and Trinity College Dublin
- Dr Emily Jenkins (UK), Founder of Move Dance Feel
- Richard Coaten (UK), Dance for Dementia
- Dr. Ronan Collins (Ireland), Director of Stroke Services and Consultant in Geriatric and stroke medicine at Tallaght Hospital
- Dr Jenny Elliot (Northern Ireland), Chief Executive at Arts Care
- Dr Hilary Moss (Ireland), Senior Lecturer in Music Therapy at the World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick



Water Services

Infrastructural Projects

Minor Capital Projects

Red Bog Watermain

The site investigation was completed in March 2018. This project may now need to be re-tendered.

Thomastown, Rathangan Watermain

The replacement watermain has now been completed. Reinstatement has been completed.

Allenwood to Kilmeague Watermain

A contractor is on site now and works are ongoing.

Suncroft to Brownstown Watermain

Replacement works have commenced

Kildare Town Watermain Rehab

Works should commence in July 2018.

Station Road, Leixlip Watermain

A replacement was completed in February 2018.

Timolin Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade

Part 8 approval was received in December 2017. The design can now be progressed further by Irish water.

Calverstown WWTP Upgrade

A contractor has been appointed and is working on the final design of the new plant. Works on site are to commence in July 2018.

Kilmeage WWTP Upgrade

A planning decision on the submission is due in May. A contractor has been appointed and is developing the design for this plant.

Newbridge Sewer Relining Contract

Irish Water are appointing a contractor to do these works.

Rathangan WWTP Upgrade

Irish Water has appointed a consultant to prepare the tender documents for this contract.

Environment

Kerdiffstown

An Bord Pleanála has confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order for remediation of Kerdiffstown Landfill and the construction of Kerdiffstown Park, on 11 May 2018. There is an eight week period for objections from the date that the notice is published on the paper this week. Contract signing of newly procured consultants for the construction phase will be on the 26 June 2018. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) licence for these works is still awaited. A meeting



with the Community Liaison Group was held on Wednesday 30 May 2018.

Cemeteries

Athy Cemetery

Further phase of work (footpath improvements) have been identified for Athy cemetery and is likely to take place later in the year.

Churchtown Cemetery

Approaching completion.

Rathangan Cemetery

Construction to commence shortly. (tenders have been received)

Newbridge Cemetery

The installation of bollards, kerbing and other upgrade works are nearing completion. Work on upgrade of car park is scheduled for later in year.

New Initiatives

Countywide Green Kilometer

Fifteen applications have been received and are currently being assessed.

Civic Amenity Site North

Part 8 documents are being prepared.

Other

Dog Pound

The tender process is ongoing.

Tidy Towns

Rathangan Public Realm

Initial conceptual design to be available shortly. Presentation to be made to Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District on Monday, 26 June 2018.

Kilcullen Public Realm

The conceptual draft design was presented to the local community and very positive feedback was received. A presentation is scheduled to be made to the Naas Municipal District on 19 June 2018.

Athy Municipal District initiatives

Emily Square

The Part 8 documents are being finalised.

Upgrade of Heritage Centre

The preliminary designs are now completed.

Edmund Rice Square Facelift

The conceptual designs have been finalised (first draft) and discussions have taken place with adjoining land owners.

Dominican Land Masterplan

The draft is now complete.

Monasterevin Public Realm

The tender has been awarded and the initial public consultation is to take place next September.



Gordon Bennett Silhouettes

The official opening is scheduled for 28 June 2018.

Tanyard, Ballitore

Works are substantially complete.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The last Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting was held on 23 May 2018.

AIRO Kildare Census 2016 reports

These reports are complete and will be launched in advance of the next full council meeting on 25 June 2018.

AIRO are commencing work to gather data on housing and social welfare to examine deprivation in the county.

These initiatives are:

Healthy Ireland

A full report on the initiatives funded under Healthy Ireland Round 1 is available. This was very successful in Kildare (see report appendix 2).

A second round of Healthy Ireland (HI) funding was announced in late April. The closing date for this application was 25 May 2018 with the Kildare allocation of €112,100. The LCDC approved the application submitted which is based (as recommended) on primarily supporting the development of projects funded under HI round 1.

County Kildare Chamber of Commerce	€12,000
Kildare Mojo – Heads Up (working with 18-24 year olds)	€18,600
County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP)	€5,000
Kildare Sports Partnership- collaboration with CKLP and the Dara Project	€71,000
South West Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force	€5,500
Total	€112,100



It is expected that the outcome of the application will be known in late August 2018.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The SICAP programme is being rolled out through the County Kildare Leader Partnership (CKLP). The mid-term review is taking place in June and will be presented at the July LCDC meeting.

Town and Village Renewal

A short update was presented on the progress of the Town and Village Renewal scheme. Work is underway on the 2018 applications and health checks are taking place in a number of towns across the county to inform this application.

Traveller and Roma Interagency Strategy

Work is commencing to develop a Traveller and Roma Strategy in the county.

Local Link

A short presentation was made by Alan Kerry, Manager of Kildare South Dublin Local Link. This highlighted the need for continued development of a

variety of transport options for people across the county.

Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) Update

This report included discussion in relation to Allenwood Rural Enterprise Hub which is being supported by Kildare County Council through the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Manager. A development plan is being prepared to retain Pobal funding. There is an opportunity to increase use of this facility through increasing programmes and enterprise related activities.

Mojo

The current Mojo programme is being held in Newbridge. The next programme is scheduled to commence in June 2018, in Celbridge.

Local Action Group - Rural Development LEADER Programme

Two applications were approved:

- Redhills Stud - construction of stables
- CKLP- Rural Youth Research

The next LCDC meeting will be held on July 04 2018.



Parks

News and Highlights

Tree Surgery

The programme of tree surgery works has been completed in the Athy Municipal District.

Eadestown Playground

A tender for the design and construction of Eadestown Playground has been issued. The closing date for receipt of tenders is 29 June 2018.

Bawnogues Amenity Land Kilcock

A tender has been issued to landscape and reinstate the thirty acre site to grass and wild areas following completion of the drainage and earth works last year.

The closing date for receipt of tenders is 06 July 2018.

A tender has also been issued for the appointment of consultants to design and tender a new sprint lane and high jump for the athletics track on the site. The closing date for this is 21 June 2018.

Cherry Avenue Park, Kildare Town (Former National Stud Lands)

The Part 8 master plan for the site was approved by the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District elected members in May 2018. It is proposed to commence the detail design of the park in 2019.

Pop Up Dog Park

Plans have been made to provide a pop up dog park in Monread Park, Naas. The initial day was held on the 09 June and two more dates are planned for the 07 July and 11 August 2018.

Community

Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)

Minister Ring launched the new €4,500,000 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) on 31 May 2018. The CEP is the result of the first significant exercise in the streamlining of schemes and programmes carried

out by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Programme builds on and replaces the RAPID and Communities Facilities Schemes. Each local authority will receive a baseline amount of €125,000, with the remainder of the total budget of €4,500,000 being allocated on the basis of disadvantage



and population in each local authority area. Funding under this programme will be aimed at addressing disadvantage as identified in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), as primary funding decision makers,

should decide on the successful applications for funding. They may consult with the municipal district if they wish. Kildare County Council will receive €148,013 in 2018.

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

Coghlanstown Slope Failure Project, Ballymore Eustace

The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department has appointed O'Connor Sutton Cronin, Consulting Engineers, to investigate the slope failure at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace. They are currently procuring all site investigations required to determine the reasons for the slope failure and structural failure of the carriageway.

Their brief also includes the preparation of an Option Selection Report and the subsequent detailed design of the preferred option.

Maynooth Eastern Ring Road Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) Project

The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department continue to work with Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers, in the design of a road scheme in Maynooth which links the R148 Leixlip Road, and the

R405 Celbridge Road. This scheme will include the construction of a bridge over the railway and Royal Canal.

The route selection process continues in parallel with the Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment screening process.

The proposed amendment (no.1) to the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019 will go out on display from 18 June 2018 for a period of six weeks until 30 July 2018. There will be an information session on 03 July 2018 in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth from 3.00pm to 7.30pm.

Maynooth North - South Corridor, Phase 6 - Moyglare Road, Improvement Scheme

The process of transferring two strips of land along the boundary of St. Mary's Boys National School to Kildare County Council is being progressed by



the Department of Education. This transfer of lands is necessary to facilitate the Improvement Scheme.

Kildangan Bridge Footpath Scheme

The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department has received a proposed licence agreement from Iarnród Éireann with certain terms and conditions. The insurance requirements have been sent to IPB for consideration before a licence agreement is issued by Iarnród Éireann and a contract issued for tender.

Kildare Town Northern Link Street and South Green Area Access Improvement Scheme

An initial meeting with Aecom Consulting Engineers is taking place on 13 June 2018. If all their tender details, insurances, etc. are satisfactory, Aecom will be awarded the contract to commence the design of the scheme.

Prosperous Town Park - Town and Village Renewal Scheme

The Roads Section is preparing tender documents to engage the engineering services required to design the drainage of the site, the car parking area with entrance and the earthworks associated with design of the park features.

Speed Limit Review

Pre-Draft Consultation Notices have been issued inviting adjoining local

authorities, An Garda Síochána, elected members, members of the Oireachtas and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to make submissions/observations in relation to the Speed Limit Review.

Town Renewal Plans - Clane, Kilcock, Prosperous and Maynooth

The second set of Town Renewal Plan meetings are currently being held, with some very positive feedback from those which have already taken place. It is expected that the Town Renewal Plans for the four towns will be drawn up over the coming weeks.

Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office

Road Improvement Works

Road re-surfacing works will be carried out in June 2018 at the following locations:

1. L-3008 – Newbridge to Curragh Camp road
2. Lumville Cross junction between the R413 and the Green Road in Newbridge

Road recycling and surfacing works

R415 - Allenwood to Kilmeague – Allenwood Cross to the bridge at the Travellers Rest Public House – Works are scheduled to commence on Monday 18 June 2018 and are expected to be completed by Friday 29 June 2018.



A further tender for road recycling and surfacing works at the following locations will be awarded in early June with works scheduled to commence by mid-summer:

1. L-7087 - Blacktrench Road
2. L-7085 – Rathernan Road (south of Kilmeague Village)
3. R414 - Lullymore/Barnaran area

A tender was also advertised by the Environment Section in late May 2018 for drainage improvement works at the L-7036 Langton Road in Newbridge which will also include road resurfacing in that area. It is expected that these works will commence before the end of the summer.

Surface Dressing works

The Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District area will be carrying out surface dressing work in June at the following locations:

1. R413 Curragh Road - From Moore's Bridge towards Kildare Town
2. L-7037 Standhouse Road (out of Newbridge to the Curragh)
3. L-7005 - Feighcullen
4. L-1020 - Powerstation Road, Allenwood

Further surface dressing works will be carried out at other locations in early August 2018.

Local Property Tax (LPT)/Pay Parking Projects

The following LPT works have been completed in recent weeks:

1. Footpath improvement works at Suncroft are now fully complete.
2. Footpath improvement works at Ard Mhuire Estate, Rathangan are now fully complete.
3. Footpath improvement works at St. Dominic's Park Estate, Newbridge are now fully complete.
4. Footpath improvement works at Connell Drive, Newbridge are now fully complete.
5. Footpath improvement works at Maryville, Kildare Town are scheduled to commence in late July following the completion of current works to the adjacent railway line by Irish Rail which commenced in late May.

Remaining LPT works will be tendered in the coming months.

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) 2018 - Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District

Two LIS schemes at the following locations are now fully complete:

1. Cannonstown
2. Pollardstown



Junefest, Newbridge

The Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office assisted the Junefest organising committee with activities including street cleaning and road sweeping in Newbridge before and after this event over the June Bank Holiday.

Kildare Civil Defence assisted at the following events in May

- Dragon Boat Regatta, Athy
- Bluebell and Buskers Event 2018, Rathangan
- Cycle for Suicide 2018, Mullingar to Swords
- Six Kilometer Fundraising Walk, Clane.

Fire Service

Operations

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2017	Calls to end May 2018
Newbridge	437	185
Naas	456	188
Athy	258	95
Maynooth	279	114
Monasterevin	153	82
Leixlip	234	73
TOTAL	1817	737



	Operational Calls 2018					
Station	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Newbridge	30	52	44	29	30	
Naas	28	49	53	27	31	
Athy	13	23	25	13	21	
Maynooth	18	27	23	17	29	
Monasterevin	16	24	19	7	16	
Leixlip	15	16	10	13	19	
TOTAL	120	191	174	106	146	

Fire Safety

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2017	21
2018	6

	No. Fire Safety Certificates
2017	154
2018	61



	No. Planning File Comments
2017	485
2018	216

Building and Development Control

Date: June 2018 (Statistics from May 2018)

Commencement Notices

Total Number of Commencement Notices received:	82
Number of Valid commencement notices received:	81
Number of Invalid commencement notices received:	1
Number of Inspections carried out on Commencement Notices	14

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ON COMPLETION

Total Number of Certificates received:	71
Number Valid	71
Number Invalid	0
Awaiting processing	N/A
Additional Information	
Number of Inspections carried out	2



Disability Access Certificates

Total Number of Disability Access Certificates received:	9
Number granted:	17
Number refused:	0
Number of Inspections carried out	4

Development Control

Active Sites

Number of Sites with house construction	52
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Taking in Charge

Number of Estates Taken in Charge since 2015	47
Number of Estates put on Display for TIC since 2015	75

Estates that require Monitoring/Maintenance

	21
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Development Bonds for Housing Estates

As and from 25 May 2018 the Building and Development Control Section have taken over the acceptance, monitoring and maintenance of the development bonds from the Planning Authority. This involves the introduction of a new staff member

who in turn is tasked with implementing a new computerised system for dealing with receiving and monitoring development bonds for housing estates throughout the county. The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department is currently liaising with the I.T. Department to design/implement a system.



Local Enterprise Office

Economic Development

In response to the closure of Coco Cola, the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys accepted an invitation to visit Athy and engage with local public representatives, officials, and some local employers. Ms Humphreys was accompanied by representatives of IDA and Enterprise Ireland (EI). The meeting was held in the new Library, former Dominican Church Athy at 3.00pm on Thursday 14 June 2018.

Outline Agenda

- Input of economic/social background of Athy/South Kildare from the Chief Executive, Mr Carey.
- Input of local business people as to their experience as employers in Athy
- Observations from IDA/ EI representatives
- Observations from local public representatives
- Response and address from the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation

Allenwood Business Centre

Following the intervention of Kildare County Council in a bid to turn around the Allenwood Community Development Association CLG, the Head of Enterprise is completing a new Business Plan to satisfy Pobal and secure the funding for existing

salaries, in addition, a recruitment process has begun to recruit the new manager with a national media campaign. A new board is being brought together which comprises of both private and public sector representatives.

Shop Front Grant Scheme Process revised 2018

Following round one grant applications which closed on 30 May 2018 (all evaluated in old format prior to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

The council reviewed the process and in agreement with the Economic, Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) there has been a minor number of improvements suggested to the scheme as well as necessary changes for GDPR compliance .

The process for round two (closing date 31 August 2018), the most significant changes on each application is:

- reviewed and approved by an evaluation committee rather than an individual
- the grant allocation is to be standardised where the criteria is met 75% of the costs, subject to a maximum of €5,000



- the client is to supply a statement of account from the rates dept with their application
- all clients will receive a site visit to support the draw-down of the funds and enhance relationships with Kildare County Council

Announcements: Excluding Shop Front

Funding Allocated in the past four weeks €112,215.03

Client Name	Grant Type	Details	Amount of grant
Red Key	Business Expansion Grant	Employment and capital	€11,870.00
Pharmafilter	Priming Grant	Employment and marketing	€45,414.00
Barry Whyte	Business Expansion Grant	Employment and capital and marketing	€30,370.00
Anywhere Golf	Feasibility Study Grant	Feasibility - consulting, own labour etc	€6,620.00
Baobab	Business Expansion Grant	Capital	€3,280.00
Pharmafilter	Export Marketing Grant	Trip to London - 6 June 2018 for Patrick Moran to attend Hospital Innovations, "meet the buyer" event	€1,375.00
Terra Minerals	Export Marketing Grant	Trip to Chicago, Oct 2018 to promote TerraWater Systems and meet potential key distributors to promote US business	€2,275.00
Viztronics	Export Marketing Grant	Trip to China, 27-29 June, to showcase their technology and open communication within industry circles	€1,993
Aisling Mahon (Showcase)	Export Marketing Grant	Show Case 2019	€648.03
Ruth Cahill - Blue Duck	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€404.00
Isobel Egan Ceramics	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€295.00
Yvonne Kelly Jewellery	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€452.00



BareEssentials - Kate Park	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€407.00
Linda Byrne Illustration	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€286.00
Kenneth Greene	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€485.00
Nessa Doran Oreilly & Sam Hutchings	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€419.00
Denise Barrett	Export Marketing Grant	Building Craft & Design Enterprise Program : 9-11 Sept 2018 London	€622.00
Des Geraghty-TimberCroc		Trading Online Upgrade	€2,500.00
Shane Grennan - House Let Ltd.		Trading Online Upgrade	€2,500.00

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Kildare has announced the launch of the Kildare Food Chain Network as part of an ongoing effort to harness the power of the 'collective', and to ensure that Kildare's unique food heritage benefits from the attention it deserves. Throughout the county, a diverse selection of crucial food training and food marketing initiatives are coming underway. Now, through the Kildare food chain brand, these programmes can enjoy better linkages and cross-promotion. Whether, it is through training, networking or collective marketing, export-driven opportunities, the aim is to work together towards

promoting and expanding our valuable food sector. With the support of local consumers, trade buyers and food producers (combined with sponsorship and support from Bord Bia), LEO endeavour to continuously champion and encourage the flourishing Kildare food sector.

Ultimately, the goal of the Kildare food chain is to help the county nurture its' enviable status as an iconic food brand. Joining is free and simple. Call or email LEO Kildare localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie/045 980 838 or visit www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare



Peter Carey
Chief Executive