



Chief Executive's Report July 2018

THIS MONTH: News and Highlights

Annual Meeting of Kildare County Council

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Maynooth Harbour Cycleway Link

Minister Shane Ross, T.D., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport officially opened the Maynooth Harbour Cycleway Link on Monday, 02 July 2018.

Kerdiffstown

An Bord Pleanála has confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for remediation of Kerdiffstown Landfill and the construction of Kerdiffstown Park, on the 11 May 2018.

Sallins Playground

Part 8 for Sallins Playground was approved at the July meeting of the Naas Municipal District.

Summer Stars

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Kildare Dance Summer School and Dance and Health seminar

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Corporate Services

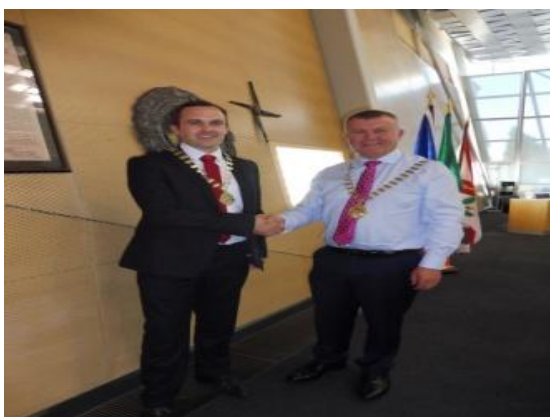
June monthly meeting of Kildare County Council

The June monthly meeting of Kildare County Council took place in Athy Community Library on Monday 25 June 2018 at 2pm.



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General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Training



The council provided training regarding obligations that councillors have under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Act 2018, on 16 and 17 July 2018.

Circular F.10/18 Nomination of Candidate for President

This circular was received on 18 July which outlines the requirements in relation to the nomination of candidates for election as President. It has been circulated to the members and is available on membersnet. We are awaiting confirmation of the Presidential Election Order being signed.

NOAC Local Authority Satisfaction Survey 2018

NOAC published its Local Authority Satisfaction Survey on 18 July and Kildare County Council was one of the ten local authorities surveyed. The survey identifies that the base size sampled at Local Authority level was small (100 surveyed in Kildare).

We welcome the feedback and are assessing its findings and will seek further details of the survey questions



and answers to assist us in this regard. We note that in general, the survey has found that knowledge of councils and awareness of the services provided is generally low. It is our intention to increase awareness of the operations of this council and the appointment of a Communication and Marketing Graduate under the Local Government Graduate programme, is timely in this regard.

The report is available on membersnet for your information.



Finance and Information Technology

2017 Audit

The Local Government Auditor has indicated that he will commence the audit of the 2017 Annual Financial Statements in July 2018. The commencement date of the audit is 20 July 2018. A commencement notice has been emailed to all the members.

Local Property Tax (LPT) – Notice of consideration of setting a local adjustment factor

In accordance with SI 296/2014 Local Property Tax (LPT) (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014, whereby the 'local authority shall consult with the public in its administrative area in relation to its consideration of the setting of a local adjustment factor' Kildare County Council has included the prescribed notification in three local newspapers, on the council website and through its various social media channels. The closing date for submissions is 10 August 2018 at 5:00p.m. A report, summarising the written submissions, shall be brought to the September meeting.

Financial Reports

Revenue Account Summary (see Appendix 1 attached).



Planning and Strategic Development

Planning applications received:			Applications decided: June 2018	
	June	Year	Total Granted:	86
2016:	115	1,376	Retention:	14
2017:	129	1,494	Extension of Duration:	3
2018 ytd:	137	788	Total Refused:	12

Significant Planning Decisions:

18/212 Robert J. Goff & Company PLC: Permission granted for three new stable blocks 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: Permission refused for extension of duration of planning Ref. 07/707 - continuance for period of 10 years of extraction of sand and gravel and processing on 89.5ha at Brownstown, Corbally, and Silliothill, Kilcullen.

18/454 Thoval Properties Ltd.:

Permission granted for 20 no. light industrial/warehouse units at Monread Road, Naas.

18/374 Irish National Stud:

Permission granted for 600 square metre museum at the Irish National Stud, Tully, Kildare.

17/764 Makros Limited:

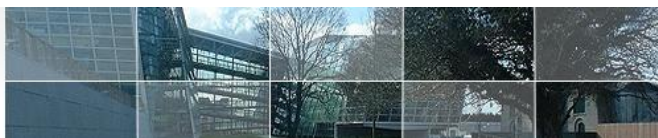
Permission granted for 187 residential units and a crèche at Green Road, Southgreen Road, and Dunmurry Road (R401), Kildare Town.

18/104 Pat and Jeff Keane:

Permission granted for renovation, extension and change of use of the Market House, a Protected Structure (Ref. RP.19-128), to new restaurant and public house at Harbour View, Naas.

17/1143 Amendoeria Developments:

Permission granted for cemetery of 1,384 plots and 30 car parking spaces, west of Bodenstown church and cemetery.



Strategic Infrastructural Developments (SID)

An Bord Pleanála has advised Kildare County Council of a revised target date for decision on the Drehid Waste Management Facility to 21 November 2018. An oral hearing is to be held in the meantime.

Notification received from An Bord Pleanála in respect of upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) at Ringsend, Dublin 4 by Irish Water. submissions or observations due by 31 July 2018.

Strategic Housing Developments (SHD)

Decisions made				
	Developer	Location	No of Units	ABP Decision
18-300558	McCourt Investments	Kill Hill, Kill	130	Refused
18-300606	Ardstone	Barnhall, Leixlip	450	Granted
18-301230	Cairn Homes	Maria Villa, Maynooth	462 + 106 student units	Granted
18-301371	Ballymount	Magee Barracks, Kildare	264	Refused

Application stage						
	Developer	Location	No of Units	Lodged with ABP	Due with ABP	ABP Decision Due
18-301775	Ladas Property	Mill Street, Maynooth	135	06/06/2018	31/07/2018	
18-301818	Stennock Ltd.	Morristown biller, Newbridge	281	12/06/2018	06/08/2018	

Exempt Developments (2018 Quarter 2 Report)

Exempt Developments (Section 5)					
	Received	Decided	Outstanding (Overdue)	Withdrawn	With ABP
2017	38	34	0	2	2
2018	20	9	9 (7)	1	1



Part 8 Developments

Ref	Lead Dept.	Details	Launched	20 wks	Decision
P82018.01	Transport	Car Park at Maynooth, Rd, Kilcock	30/01/2018	18/06/2018	Agreed 06/04/2018
P82018.02	Community	Park at Cherry Avenue, Kildare Town	06/02/2018	25/06/2018	Agreed 16/05/2018
P82018.03	Housing	77 social houses at Nancy's Lane, Clane	20/02/2018	09/07/2018	Agreed 04/05/2018
P82018.04	Enterprise	Mid-Eastern Regional Think Space (MERITS), Naas	13/02/2018	02/07/2018	Agreed 17/04/2018
P82018.05	Housing	29 social housing units at Castlefen, Castlesize, Sallins	27/03/2018	13/08/2018	Agreed 17/07/2018
P82018.07	Community	Community Playground at Chapel Lane, Sallins	24/04/2018	10/09/2018	

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 LAP as adopted. An explanatory text has been inserted 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 LAP will be published and put on public display in September 2018.

Athy Local Area Plan (LAP): 76 submissions were received on the Issues Paper which came off public display on 24 April 2018. The Chief Executive's report on those submissions was brought to the members of the Athy Municipal District at their July monthly meeting.

Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

Amendment: The proposed amendment in relation to the 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 was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on 03 July 2018.

Heritage Week 2018

Heritage Week 2018 runs from 18 - 26 August 2018. A draft events brochure has been compiled with over 120 events planned county wide. Heritage Grants for 2018 have been paid.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018

Of the fifteen approved grants, two have withdrawn from the scheme and their allocation has been redistributed. The June progress report has been submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for its approval.

Structures at Risk Scheme 2018

The June progress report on the three successful applications has been submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for approval.

Housing

Housing Assistant Payment Scheme (HAP) Inter-Authority Movement

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government have advised as follows with regard to Housing Assistant Payment (HAP) inter-authority movement:

Schools

A meeting with the Department of Education will be rescheduled for August 2018.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

As part of *Project Ireland 2040*, the Government announced the establishment of a new Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), primarily to support the compact growth and sustainable development of Ireland's cities and large urban centres. The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has responsibility for implementing the URDF which has an allocation of €2,000,000,000 in the National Development Plan to 2027. Full details on the fund can be found at: www.gov.ie/2040 or www.npf.ie A call for proposals for funding is now open until midday on Friday 28 September 2018.

In general inter-local authority movement in cases where the receiving local authority has a lower income limit than the originating local authority falls outside the terms set out in Circular: Housing 15/2017. However, in practice this could be facilitated on a case by case basis in



circumstances where both local authorities are involved:

- Agree that the proposed HAP tenancy could proceed;
- Verify that the household was below the income limit for the new intended local authority area and;
- Agree the household would continue to be dealt with by the original local authority.

This has been communicated to HAP practitioners via the HAP forum and the Department of Housing, Planning

and Local Government will further update all local authorities when the next HAP related circular issues.

Self-Help Scheme

The assessment of the Self-Help Scheme applications is now complete. A total of 69 applications received approval. The majority of grants approved relate to kitchen upgrades and replacement doors and windows. Improvement work is to be completed and invoices submitted to the Housing Maintenance Section by Friday, 14 September 2018.

Quarterly Update

Activity Levels

The following outlines the number of applications processed to the end of Quarter 2, 2018 in a number of services areas compared. Details of the previous year is also included for comparison.

Social Housing Applications

	Existing Housing file updates	Transfer Requests	New valid Applications	Mortgage to Rent Apps	Refusals
2017	836	119	1, 330	24	87

2018	Existing Housing file updates	Transfer Requests	New valid Applications	Mortgage to Rent Apps	Refusals
Quarter 1	114	28	238	8	23
Quarter 2	56	22	192	6	35
Quarter 3					
Quarter 4	170	50	430	14	58
Total	170	50	430	14	58



HAP Applications

	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Approved
2017	1,200	18	748

2018	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Approved
Quarter 1	337	9	179
Quarter 2	240	8	158
Quarter 3			
Quarter 4			
Total	577	17	337

House Purchase Loans

	Applications Received	Approvals issued	Value of Loans Approved
2017	104	25	€2,976,460

2018	Applications Received	Approvals issued	Value of Loans Approved
Quarter 1	74	0	0
Quarter 2	93	7	€1,253,047
Quarter 3			
Quarter 4			
Total	167	7	€1,253,047

Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016

	Applications Received	Ineligible	Approvals Issued
2017	41	8	29

2018	Applications Received	Ineligible	Approvals Issued
Quarter 1	6	1	2
Quarter 2	6	1	2
Quarter 3			
Quarter 4			
Total	12	2	4



Housing Grants

	Housing Adaptation Apps Recd	Housing Adaptation Grants Approved	Mobility Aids Apps Recd	Mobility Aids Grants Approved	Housing Aid for Older Persons Apps Recd	Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Approved
2017	475	340	5	5	236	200

2018	Housing Adaptation Apps Recd	Housing Adaptation Grants Approved	Mobility Aids Apps Recd	Mobility Aids Grants Approved	Housing Aid for Older Persons Apps Recd	Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Approved
Quarter 1	107	50	2	0	236	200
Quarter 2	125	95	0	0	85	25
Quarter 3						
Quarter 4						
Total	232	145	2	0	466	225

Differential Rents Assessments Undertaken

	LA Rents	LA HAP
2017	2, 485	341

2018	LA Rents	LA HAP
Quarter 1	211	247
Quarter 2	395	315
Quarter 3		
Quarter 4		
Total	606	562



Housing Maintenance

	Vacant House Turnarounds	New House Purchases Upgrades	Number of Response Mtnce Requests Logged	Number of Response Mtnce requests completed	Number of Self Help Grants Approved
2017	123	123	5, 631	4, 667	55

2018	Vacant House Turnarounds	New House Purchases Upgrades	Number of Response Mtnce Requests Logged	Number of Response Mtnce Requests Completed	Number of Self Help Grants Offered
Quarter 1	23	20	1, 702	948	0
Quarter 2	31	26	1,411	1,189	69
Quarter 3					
Quarter 4					
Total	54	46	3113	2137	69

Homeless Presentations

	Cases	Adults	Children	Single Parents	Single Males	Single Females	Couples
2017	1, 163	735	721	166	174	57	169

2018	Cases	Adults	Children	Single Parents	Single Males	Single Females	Couples
Quarter 1	316	123	94	23	40	20	20
Quarter 2	313	148	135	30	34	20	32
Quarter 3							
Quarter 4							
Total	629	271	229	53	74	40	52



Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status July 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	Awaiting Approval Stage 3 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG).
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 the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) in December 2017. Expect 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.	Approval Stage 2 submissions lodged with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (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 the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) on 09 November 2017. Tender date due 02 August 2018.
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Part 8 approved 20 September 2017. Approval Stage 3 received 13 February 2018. Tender date due 26 July 2018.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Approval Stage 2 received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) on 04 April 2018. Part 8 to launch Quarter 3, 2018.
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Approval Stage 2 received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) on 09 May 2018. Part 8 to launch Quarter 3, 2018.

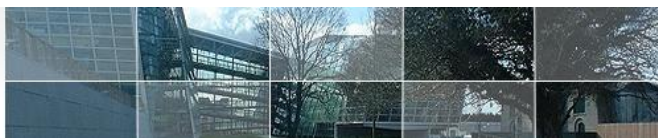


Dominican Lands Athy	25 units	Stage 1 approval received July 2017. Preparing design team tender.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge	30 units	Approval Stage 1 received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) on the 27 November 2017. Design team tender to be prepared.

Coill Dubh	9 units	Approval Stage 1 received 05 October 2017. Approval Stage 2 submitted on 24 April 2018. Part 8 to launch end of July/August 2018.
Clogherinkoe	14 units	Preparing Approval Stage 1 submission for the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) in Quarter 3, 2018.
Old Greenfield, Maynooth	Rapid Build 50 units	Approval Stage 1 received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) on 24 November 2017. Preparing design team tender Quarter 3, 2018.
Carbury	TBC	Feasibility study being carried out. Expect to submit stage 1 approval Quarter 3, 2018.

Infill Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status July 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 3, 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 3, 2018.
Glandore, Athy	TBA	Proposed Stage 1 approval submission to DHPLG to be prepared Quarter 3, 2018.
Skenagun, Castledermot	1 existing refurb and 1 new-build	Approval Stage 1 submission received from DHPLG July 2018.



Acquisitions

	Completed Units 2017	Completed Units 2018	In Progress
Housing Acquisitions	114	90	235
Part V Acquisitions	14	15	239

PPP Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status July 2018
Craddockstown Road, Naas	74 units	Invitation to participate in competitive dialogue issued to shortlisted PPP teams 21 December 2017. Consortium bids currently being assessed by NDFA. PPP contract award Quarter 4, 2018.
Nancy's Lane, Clane	77 units	Part 8 approved by Maynooth Municipal District on 1 June 2018.

Approved Housing Body Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Status July 2018
Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Respond Housing Association: Part 8 approved at Athy Municipal District meeting on 24 July 2017. On-site archaeological assessments carried out and reports with DHPLG. Proposed to go to tender Quarter 3, 2018.
Castlefen, Sallins	29 units	Tuath Housing Association: 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 July 2018
KARE	3 units	CAS - Stage 2 approval request was sent to DHPLG 1 May 2018
Camphill Communities of Ireland	4 units at The Bridge, Kilcullen	CAS - Stage 2 approval received on 3 October 2017. Planning application to be lodged shortly.
Homeless Care CLG	12 apartments	CAS - Stage 2 approval received on 19 September



	at Jigginstown House, Naas	2017. Planning permission granted 1 May 2018.
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**Kildare County Council Housing
Action Programme 2018
Progress Report: January - June 2018
(see appendix 2 attached).**

Library and Arts Service

Library Service

Summer Stars

Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2018 is currently running in Kildare Library Service. Registration began on the 23 June 2018 and runs until the end of July and so far more than 2000 children have registered to take part. Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to children across the county.

Each child is invited to register for the adventure at their local library and enjoy reading many books during the summer holidays. Children are encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme and there are rewards and incentives along the way. At the end of the adventure, all children who participate will be invited to attend an award event at which they will be presented with their own Summer Stars certificate.

Young Readers Festival

The Kildare Young Readers Festival took place from 09- 22 June, with 12 authors and facilitators, providing 45 workshops and talks throughout the county. Workshops included mindfulness for toddlers, tying in with our Healthy Ireland Programme; rhymes and songs in Irish, celebrating Bliain na Gaeilge; and visits from many local kildare authors, including Alison Healy, Amanda Kehoe and Pádraig Kenny.

In total, almost 1,300 people attended the Young Readers Festival. Feedback from teachers and parents was positive, with many reporting that the events would have a positive impact on children's attitude to reading, writing, and storytelling.

Creative Ireland - Criunniú na nÓg
Criunniú na nÓg, the national day to celebrate children and youth creativity took place on Saturday 23 June 2018 throughout the county. Many different events took place in our libraries including puppet shows, arts and crafts



and interesting encounters with live animals.

Leixlip Community Library held events that were specially tailored to meeting the needs of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Events included Lego Workshops to encourage teamwork, creativity and social skills, Sensory Storytime which was attended by 10 children, along with their parents and siblings, and a garden workshop in Leixlip Library's dedicated sensory garden where children planted colourful flowers, fragrant herbs and plants with interesting textures. This Autism Spectrum Disorder friendly day was organised in conjunction with the Toys, Technology and Training Project.

Summer Events

A number of events including, arts and crafts, Harry Potter themed events, Story Time, Coding and Lego workshops and board games clubs are taking place in libraries this summer Full details of events taking place are available from:

<http://kildare.ie/Library/WhatsOnaroundthecounty/>

Work Matters at the Library

Kildare Library Services hosted a Kildare Local Enterprise and Kildare Chamber event in the recently opened Athy Community Library on 27 June with the launch of Sean Gallagher's Book "Secrets to Success". Eimear McGinn from Kildare Library Services

gave an overview of the Work Matters at the library service as part of this event.

A new free programme of events for September - November 2018 has been finalised and will be available shortly. Planned events include: Market Research for Start-ups, Interview Techniques and Guidelines Workshops and Top Tips for Starting Your Own Small Food Business.

Toys Technology and Training (TTT) Programme 2018

To coincide with the new Toys Technology and Training Programme (TTT) catalogue, which was launched in June, staff training has been taking place across the Kildare Library service to ensure all staff are up to date with the new programme. The training has focused on how best to promote the new catalogue/ talks and workshops when they return in the autumn and the importance of linking in with local community groups, schools, parent support groups etc to spread the word to as many people as possible. The new TTT catalogue is now available in all library branches across the county and is also available online at www.kildare.ie/library. There are over 100 items available to borrow free of charge with multiple copies available.

The new series of talks/ workshops for 2018, designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties or disabilities will resume in



September for the remainder of the year. Upcoming talks include: ASD Friendly Sensory Storytime, Yoga for children with additional needs, Behavioural therapy, Occupational therapy, Dyslexia talks and Speech and Language therapy. So far this year over 450 people have attended events as part of this programme.

Bliain na Gaeilge Events 2018

Kildare Library Services are incorporating the four celtic festivals, Imbolc, Bealtaine, Lúnasa and Samhain as part of the Bliain na Gaeilge promotion. The first, Imbolc took place in February, oíche dhá-theangach, as part of Féile Bríde in Kildare Town Library. The second festival, Bealtaine, took place in Athy Library in May and was an evening of Irish Classical Airs with local Whistle/Uilleann Piper Brian Hughes along with Margaret Hoban Harpist and Pianist. Lúnasa will be celebrated in Maynooth and Samhain will be incorporated as part of 'Bliain na Gaeilge' at the Kildare Readers Festival with a live 'Motherfoclóir' podcast with Darach Ó' Séaghdha. The message coming from most people that have attended Irish events so far is the need for Irish classes for the branches and a teacher is currently being sought to facilitate some sessions. Two sets of pull-up stands are currently on tour around the county and will be displayed in all branches by the end of the year. The stands are to

commemorate the founding of Conradh na Gaeilge and are part of the Bliain na Gaeilge / Creative Ireland programmes. Further Bliain na Gaeilge events will take place throughout 2018.

Decade of Commemorations

Following on from the highly successful Irish Military Seminar on 08 and 09 June, the council engaged with the Prosperous Heritage Festival to record the Battle of Prosperous song in Platform 4 Studio in Leixlip Library on Sunday 15 July. This is both a commemorative and a legacy piece as the music of the song had been lost and was re-imagined by Darren Brereton and will now be preserved for the future.

Work is ongoing for the World War 1 event in November 2018 as well as the other events we have planned but much of the focus will be on this particular event. All three tenders for the World War 1, book of the Kildare War Dead have been sourced and received.

The Birth of a Nation concert has been booked into Beechpark Studios and Alan Rogers won the tender to film the project. The recording will take place on 24 and 25 July.



Arts Service

Kildare Dance Summer School and Dance and Health seminar

The Kildare Dance Summer School and Dance and Health seminar is underway in St Patrick's College, Maynooth University. The Summer School, which takes place from 16 - 20 July, has been curated by Celbridge based dancer, Ailish Claffey and aims to attract participants from the dance and arts community and participants with disabilities as well as older people and those experiencing social exclusion.

Culture Night

The programme for Culture Night 2018 promises to be the largest in its nine years in Kildare. It takes place on

Friday 21 September 2018, with additional events taking place over the weekend. Funding allocations sourced through LPT awards in 4 Municipal Districts has created additional leverage for larger projects.

Inni-K, aka Eithne Ní Chatháin, multi-instrumentalist and singer from Kildare has accepted our invitation to be Culture Night Ambassador 2018, alongside the 2017 Culture Night Ambassador Boxer and RTE analyst Eric Donovan, to extend awareness and promotion of Culture Night 2018. Now a well-established presence in Irish music, Inni-K has received consistent praise for her distinct, fresh style of contemporary-folk since the release of her acclaimed debut album 'The King has Two Horse's Ears' in 2015.

Water Services

Infrastructural Projects

Minor Capital Projects

Red Bog water main

The site investigation was completed in March 2018, new pumps were installed and the new pipes will be laid within the next month

Thomastown, Rathangan watermain replacement

The 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.

KildareTown water main
Rehabilitation works should commence in July 2018.

Station Road, Leixlip
The watermain replacement was completed in February 2018.

Timolin Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade
The Part 8 approval received in December 2017. The design can now be progressed further by Irish water.

Calverstown Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade
A contractor has been appointed and is working on the final design of the new plant. Works on site are scheduled to commence in July 2018.
Newbridge sewer relining contract
Irish Water are appointing a contractor to do these works.

Kilmeage WWTP upgrade
Planning approval granted in June 2018. The contractor is currently completing detailed design, with construction expected to commence within two months.

Rathangan Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade
Irish Water has appointed a consultant to prepare the tender documents for this contract.

Newbridge Sewer relining contract
Irish water have appointed a consultant to prepare the tender documents for this contract.

Environment

Flooding

Langton Road, Newbridge
Tenders for the Surface Water Scheme have been received. A contractor is to be appointed in July 2018 and works are to begin in August 2018. Works are scheduled for completion in October 2018, subject to funding.

Morell Flood Management Scheme
A judicial review was lodged against An Bord Pleanála's decision. Kildare County Council, as notice party cannot commence any works until this review is heard or withdrawn.



Athy Flood Modeling

Scenarios are complete meaning that the proposed flood measure can be adopted into the Local Area Plan (LAP) as part of the Dominican Masterplan, subject to the approval of the elected members.

Kerdiffstown

An Bord Pleanála has confirmed the Compulsary Purchase Order (CPO) for remediation of Kerdiffstown Landfill and the construction of Kerdiffstown Park, on the 11 May 2018. Contract signing of newly procured consultants for the construction phase was held on the 26 June 2018. The Environmental Protection Agency (LPA) licence for the works is still awaited.

Cemeteries

Athy Cemetery

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

Churchtown Cemetery

These works are approaching completion.

Rathangan Cemetery

Construction is to commence in the coming two/three weeks.

Newbridge Cemetery

The installation of bollards, kerbing and other upgrade works are nearing completion. Work on upgrade of the 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

The Part 8 documents are being prepared.

Other

Dog Pound

The tender process ongoing.

Tidy Towns

Rathangan Public Realm

Presentation made to Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District on Monday, 26 June 2018 and positive feedback has been received.

Kilcullen Public Realm

A presentation was made to Naas Municipal District on 19 June 2018 and positive feedback was received.



**Athy Municipal District initiatives,
Emily Square**

Part 8 documents are being finalised and are to be published in the next week or so.

Upgrade of Heritage Centre

The preliminary designs are now completed.

Edmund Rice Square Facelift

The conceptual designs have been finalized (first draft) and discussions have taken place with adjoining land owners. A more detailed design and cost plan is awaited.

Dominican Land Masterplan

The draft plan now complete.

Monasterevin Public Realm

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

Gordon Bennett Silhouettes

The official opening took place on the 28 June 2018 and it was a very successful event.

Tanyard, Ballitore

These works are substantially complete.

**Local Community
Development Committee**

The last Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting was held on 04 July 2018.

AIRO Kildare Census 2016 reports

The launch of the Kildare Census 2016 reports took place at the last full meeting of Kildare County Council on 25 June 2018. They are downloadable from the following link, and hard copies are available.

<http://www.kildarelcdc.ie/publications-Balinks/>.



Healthy Ireland (HI)

An application for Healthy Ireland (HI) strand 2 funding was made based on the allocation to Kildare of €112,100 to Pobal on behalf of the Department of Health. It is expected that the decision in relation to this funding will be made in August 2018.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The Mid Term Review of the SICAP programme was approved at the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting. Both key performance indicators (KPI) have been met and it is expected that targets will continue to be reached, in addition to budget spend.

Mojo (HeadsUp)

Mojo Kildare is currently rebranding as Heads Up Kildare. There was recent success in their application to Department of Community and Youth Affairs, Q.C.B.I. The innovation fund for €50,373 will be used to develop the pilot programme for young men aged 18-24 years in Kildare trialed under Healthy Ireland Strand One.

Community Enhancement Programme

This is a new funding programme launched by Minister Ring. It replaces the Community Facilities and RAPID funding schemes of 2017. This programme provides funding to communities to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas or with disadvantaged groups. There is €148,013 available for projects in Kildare. The closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 30 July 2018. Details have been widely circulated and are available at <http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/Community/GrantSchemes/CommunityEnhancementGrantScheme2018/>

Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) update

This report included a discussion in relation to Allenwood Rural Enterprise Hub and the Merits building. A report to determine progress in implementing actions under goals 11 and 12, prepared for the Environment Services and Water Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) was also discussed.

Local Action Group - Rural Development LEADER Programme

Four applications were approved:

Ballymore Eustace Band Hall

To refurbish the hall,
€55,090 (provisional approval subject to tendering).



Clane Athletics Club

To develop an athletics track for use by multiple stakeholders
€136,796.44.

Crooked House Theatre Company Ltd.

To carry out a detailed feasibility study in relation to youth facilities in Newbridge, €22,239.90.

Rathcoffey GAA

To install floodlighting

€33,658.42.

The next call for funding relates to sustainable and renewable energy. This is planned as part of a broader environmental conference planned by Kildare County Council and the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) in early October 2018.

The next Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting will be held on 26 September 2018.

Parks

Eadestown Playground

A Part 8 for Eadestown Playground has been advertised. Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during the period from Tuesday 10 July 2018 until Friday 10 August 2018 at Kildare County Council, Community and Culture Department (Level 7), Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, Monday to Friday 9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. Plans and particulars of the proposed development will also be available to view on Kildare County Council's website at

<http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/PublicConsultationsPart8Schemes/Community/EadestownPlayground/>

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development and dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made by email to parks@kildarecoco.ie or in writing to Simon Wallace, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Kildare County Council, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare **before 4.00 p.m. on Friday 10 August 2018**. Submissions should be clearly headed "**Eadestown Playground.**"



Sallins Playground

The Part 8 for the Sallins playground was approved at the July meeting of the Naas Municipal District.

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

Coghlanstown Slope Failure Project, Ballymore Eustace

The Roads, Transportation & Public Safety Department has appointed O'Connor Sutton Cronin, Consulting Engineers, to investigate the slope failure at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace. A meeting with local landowners and residents affected has taken place and preparation of the project execution plan has commenced. It is anticipated that the statutory approvals process will get underway in Quarter 2 of 2019.

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

The Roads, Transportation & Public Safety Department continues 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 Roads Department attended the public information session on 03 July 2018 at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, in relation to the proposed amendment (no.1) to the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019.

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

Progress is underway, in consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA), to complete sections 5 and 6 of this scheme. Section 5 is Leinster Street to Kilcock Road and section 6 is Kilcock Road to the schools in Maynooth.

Kildangan Bridge Footpath Scheme

Negotiations with Iarnród Eireann are now completed. Preparations for proceeding to tender are underway, subject to the National Transport Authority (NTA) agreement on a funding contribution.



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

A number of submissions have been received to date as part of the Pre-Draft Consultation Notices which were recently issued.

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 4 towns will be drawn up over the coming weeks.

Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Office

Celbridge Main street works are advancing well. All the ducting has been installed and the road resurfacing has been completed. The contractor will install the new public lights during July and the old lights and overhead wires will be removed. This project is currently on schedule and works will be completed ahead of the planned street festival.

Road Improvement Works

Celbridge Main Street is completed. In relation to Captains Hill and Confey, the contractor has been appointed and works will be completed in August.

Maynooth Road Celbridge is currently at tender stage and works will be completed in August.

Surface Dressing works

Surface dressing works have been completed in the district for 2018.

Local Property Tax (LPT)

A number of schemes have been completed and the remaining schemes are at design/tender stage and will be completed in the coming months. A more up to date report is issued at each monthly Municipal District meeting.

Naas Municipal District Office

The Naas Municipal District is at construction stage for minor improvement works to the drainage



system at the following location within the Naas Municipal District:

- R410 - Newtownpark, Blessington - is at construction stage
- L2027 - Boleybeg Cross, Ballymore Eustace, works have been completed
- L2004 - Digby Bridge, Naas – works have been completed
- L6035 - Tipper South, Naas - Complete

Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2018

The Naas Municipal District have substantially completed the first road surfacing package for 2018.

- L6044 Mullacash – works complete
- L2027 Boleybeg – works complete
- L6016 Turnings and L6013 - Ladycastle, Straffan – works complete
- L6035 Tipper, Naas – works complete
- L6011 Sherlockstown Cross, Sallins – works complete
- Carnalway Cross, Kilcullen – works complete
- R413 Kilcullen – works complete
- L2020 Hartwell, Kill - works complete

The Naas Municipal District is at construction stage with the second road surfacing package for 2018.

- L6064 Lewistown is at construction stage
- L6042 Blackhall and Walshestown, Punchestown is at construction stage
- R409 Halverstown Cross to Naas
- R409 Carragh to Liffey Bridge
- L3013 Ballycane Road & L6043 Craddockstown Road, Naas
- L6012 Sherlockstown, Sallins
- L6076 Knockbounce, Kilcullen
- L6041 Nunslan, Naas
- L6038 Redbog, Blessington

Naas Municipal District Surface Dressing 2018

Surface dressing works have been completed on a number of roads within the Naas Municipal District including:

- R410 Blessington Road
- L2032 Two Mile House to Corbally Cross
- L6030 Punchestown Upper
- L6011 Sherlockstown X to Turnings
- L6018 Castlewarden
- L6074 Logstown Road
- L2018 Rathmore to Killeel
- L2021 Eadestown



Leinster Aquaduct – Canal Road Closure

Waterways Ireland completed repair works to the parapet at the Leinster Aquaduct. Kildare County Council placed a 3.5 tonne weight restriction on the road. The road is a narrow poorly aligned rural local road. The road was reopened but within a week a vehicle struck the the parapet causing the road to be closed again. Waterways Ireland have been informed and are developing a design for the repair of the parapet and minor improvements to the adjoining road, in conjunction with Kildare County Council.

N81 Pavement Improvement Scheme (Bishopslane to Blakestown)

The project is at pre-construction stage with an expectation to be on site in July 2018. This is a 4 kilometer surface overlay project with associated drainage works.

Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office

Road Resurfacing Works

Road resurfacing works were completed at the access road to the Whitewater Shopping Centre. Road recycling and surfacing works have been completed at the R415 Allenwood to Kilmeague.

A contractor has been appointed to complete road recycling and surfacing works at the following locations:

- L-7087 - Blacktrench Road
- L-7085 - Rathernan Road south of Kilmeague Village
- R414 - Lullymore/Barnaran area, it is anticipated that these works will commence on site during August.

A tender was also advertised by the Environment Section in late May for drainage improvement works at the L-7036 Langton Road in Newbridge (outside The Oaks Estate) which will also include road resurfacing in that area. It is now expected that these works will commence during August.

Road Surface Dressing works

The Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District has completed surface dressing work at the following locations:

- R413 Curragh Road - from Moore's Bridge towards Kildare Town
- L-7037 Standhouse Road (out of Newbridge to the Curragh)
- L-7005 – Feighcullen
- L-1020 – Powerstation Road, Allenwood

Further surface dressing works will be carried out at the below locations during August:

- R414 Mountrice to Mountprosect



- L3002 Plunkerstown

Local Property Tax (LPT)/Pay Parking Projects/Footpath Improvements

Footpath improvement works at Maryville, Kildare Town are scheduled to commence in late July following the completion of works to the adjacent railway line by Irish Rail which commenced in late May. Remaining LPT works will be tendered in the second half of the year.

Road marking works

A significant amount of road marking work has been completed in recent weeks at various locations throughout the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) 2018 – Kildare Newbridge MD

Two Local Improvement Schemes (LIS's) at the following locations are now fully complete:

- Cannonstown
- Pollardstown

Junefest, Newbridge

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

Maynooth Municipal District Office

The fourth bundle of roads projects in the Maynooth Municipal District commenced on the 25 June 2018 and will complete on the 19 July 2018. These include works on the following roads:

- Millicent Cross to Millicent Bridge
- Borehole Cross to Prosperous
- Localised sections on Clane Main Street
- Betaghstown, Clane
- Richardstown lane
- Balytrecey Cul de Sac

Contract 5 was tendered on 12 July and will include projects at:

- Backlanes Maynooth
- Dunboyne Road
- Maynooth Park
- Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth
- Jackson Bridge
- Crissenstown Cul de Sac

It is anticipated that all these works will be completed in August and to have two further bundles of works contracts let out later in the year. However, the scope of these works may have to be reduced due to a 15% increase in contract costs, as a result of the global increase in the cost of bitumen.



Surface Dressing is ongoing in the Maynooth Municipal District from the 12 to 18 July and includes projects at Ballinagh, Staplestown, Lady Chapel, Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth and Mount Armstrong.

Contractors are currently completing a small works contract throughout the Maynooth Municipal District which includes footpath projects at Millicent Road and Prosperous Road, Clane, Jacksons Bridge, sight line improvement works on the R402 and drainage works in Millicent. The bridge construction project at Moyvalley is currently out to tender and Waterways Ireland are completing some site clearance in Kilmorebrannagh.

Athy Municipal District Office

Civil works are continuing at Meeting Lane car park. The council has received details in relation to closing the existing entrance and is currently putting the plan in place (kerbing, footpath, bollards etc.). A new barrier to the new entrance has been installed with this entrance now in use. CCTV is to be installed and new street lighting. Drainage works are complete. The council has installed one car charging pillar (can charge two cars), and has decided to install a second car charging pillar in the car park (it was felt that four charging units in the car park, with provision for extra would future proof the car park) and are awaiting ESB to commission them. All overhead ESB lines are now placed

underground and are commissioned. The new street lights are also operational. The council is still waiting on the delivery of two columns, which must be hinged for future maintenance operations.

Major drainage works in Clogheen, Coole and Cardenton are now complete. The drainage works together with the road improvement works should alleviate the flooding in the respective areas. Grading and margin operations are ongoing in areas in advancement of restoration improvements and surface dressing works.

The Athy Municipal District street sweeping and litter bin cleaning plan is been implemented. Also upgrading/replacing litter bins in Monasterevin and Athy. Two bins were installed in Kilberry for the residents.

Comprehensive maintenance operations were undertaken throughout the south of the county. This includes pothole repairs and sign replacement. The road patcher equipment is in the area on average one week in three.

Upgrading of depots in Gallowshill, Athy and Clogheen, Monasterevin.

The restoration improvement program has been completed in the following areas:

- L-8005 Booleigh to Kilboggan – 2.2km



- L-7061 Oghill to Grangebeg – 1.9km
- L-4004 Broomfield to Moone – 2.8km
- L- 8027 Burtown to Ballitore – 2.9km
- L-8017 Oldgrange to Glashealy – 1.5km
- R-418 Kilkea to Coolane - 1.5km

Area 2:

- L-3009 – Cloncarlin to Oghill 1.9km
- L-7062 – Clonegath to Kildangan 1.8km
- L-7061 – Oghill to Mooretown 4.2km
- L-4007 - Skerries to Rathconnell 0.5km

All sites included drainage, water cuts, grading of verges and then building up of margins to support edges as part of the aftercare works.

Currently measuring

- -R-428 – Woodstock Street, Athy
- R445 – Main Street, Monasterevin
- N-78 – Main Street, Athy

The Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) program has been completed:

- Harris's Lane, Castlerhebban.
- Roche's Lane, Usk.
- Deacon's Lane, Narraghmore.

The following areas have surface dressing completed:

Area 1:

- R-415 – Boley Cross Rd to Gorteen
- L-8002 – Mylerstown Cross Rd to Kildoon
- L-8001 – Kildoon to Bushy Park to Kilboggan
- L-8005 – Kilboggan Cross Rd to Booleigh Cross Rd

Kildare Civil Defence assisted at the following events in June

- Provided catering and traffic management assistance for the Gardaí at the Tri-Athy
- Provided a safety boat for two days at the Special Olympic Event in Leixlip
- Provided first aid assistance at the Naas Cycling Club Time Trials
- Provided first aid and traffic management assistance at the Dunshane Open Day
- Assisted the Gardaí at the Thoroughbred Run in Kildare Town
- Provided first aid at the Clongorey Field Day for the June Fest
- Provided assistance at the Kildare County Show, Athy
- Provided first aid assistance for three days at the Irish Nation Irish Dancing Championships in Citywest



- Assisted with a safety boat and first aid cover at the Midsummer Arts Festival, Naas
- Assisted with water safety and first aid at the June Fest Picnic at Linear Park, Newbridge
- Provided first aid assistance at the sports day in Scoil Bhríde, Leixlip
- Provided first aid assistance at the 5K run for Saint Cocas Athletic Club, Kilcock
- Provided first aid assistance at the Donadea Wheelers Duathlon in Donadea
- Provided catering and traffic management assistance for Gardaí at the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby
- Assisted Gardaí with traffic management for the Kildare/ Mayo match in Newbridge

Fire Service

Operations

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2017	Calls to end June 2018
Newbridge	437	229
Naas	456	232
Athy	258	118
Maynooth	279	146
Monasterevin	153	99
Leixlip	234	106
TOTAL	1817	930

Station	Operational Calls 2018					
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Newbridge	30	52	44	29	30	44



Naas	28	49	53	27	31	44
Athy	13	23	25	13	21	23
Maynooth	18	27	23	17	29	32
Monasterevin	16	24	19	7	16	17
Leixlip	15	16	10	13	19	33
TOTAL	120	191	174	106	146	193

Fire Safety

	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2017	106	103
2018	46	45

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2017	21
2018	6

	No. Fire Safety Certificates
2017	154
2018	75

	No. Planning File Comments
2017	485
2018	281



Building and Development Control

Date: June 2018 Statistics

Commencement Notices:

Total Number of Commencement Notices received:	70
Number of Valid commencement notices received:	70
Number of Invalid commencement notices received:	0
Number of Inspections carried out on Commencement Notices	15

Certificates of Compliance on Completion:

Total Number of Certificates received:	61
Number Valid	61
Number Invalid	0
Awaiting processing	0
Additional Information	
Number of Inspections carried out	1

Disability Certificates:

Total Number of Disability Access Certificates received:	13
Number granted:	8
Number refused:	0
Number of Inspections carried out	2



Development Control:

Active Sites:

Number of Sites with house construction	51
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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

Complaints/CRM:

Number of CRM Queries/Complaints	N/A
CRM system has been altered – Building & Development Control queries will now be issued through the Fire Services Department Section on CRM	

Estates that require Monitoring/Maintenance:

	21
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Shane Ross, T.D., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport officially opened the Maynooth Harbour Cycleway Link on Monday, 02 July 2018.





Kildare County Council completed development works in Maynooth Harbour, which is an important intersection of two separate pedestrian and cycle projects. The joining together at Maynooth Harbour

of two fully segregated cycle and walking routes performs a vital commuter function and also provides a safer, comfortable and convenient walking environment for all users.

Bus Connects Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign Public Consultation

The National Transport Authority (NTA) published the Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign Public Consultation Report on 02 July 2018. A process of public consultation of the National Transport Authority (NTA) report will formally get underway on Monday, 16 July, and continue for nine weeks until Friday 14 September 2018.

All interested members of the public and stakeholders are encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposed redesign. The National

Transport Authority (NTA) and Dublin Bus will conduct a series of local community information events across the region to ensure that there is a high level of public participation. Details of the venues and dates will be uploaded to www.busconnects.ie and will also be advertised in local newspapers in mid July. Submissions can be made by emailing consultations@busconnects.ie and further detail is available on www.busconnects.ie or by calling 1800 303 653.

Local Enterprise Office

Economic Development

The Chief Executive, Mr Carey and Ms McNabb, Head of Enterprise attended the Mid East Action Plan for Jobs (APJ) Project Delivery team meeting chaired by Mr Sinnott in Intel, Leixlip on 28 June 2018.

Process for Refocusing Mid East APJ

- Each regional group is undergoing a 'refresh and refocus' of their Regional APJ.
- This involves reviewing the 2015-2017 Plan for relevant ideas, using this together with understanding of the current context/new opportunities to draft a set of 5-10 strategic focus areas for the revised 2018-2020 plan.



- Each focus area/objective should be supported by a set of specific, measurable actions and be driven by an assigned owner or 'champion'.
- Developing objectives will be driven by the 'Project Delivery Team' with support from THE Department of Business Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI).
- In some regions, working groups will be set up to drive individual objectives.
- The wider 'Implementation committee' is still in place as a group that can provide support through consultation, collaboration, partnership and resourcing.

- DBEI will assist in drafting the new plans.
- Publication is targeted for Quarter 3/Quarter 4, 2018.

Ongoing and reporting on updates at the September meeting of full council

- Athy Economic Development actions
- Allenwood Enterprise Centre restructuring plan
- MERITS project
- Mid East Regional action plan for jobs

Funding

€510,000 allocated to support 48 companies in start up or expansion stage across the county first half of 2018.

Shop Front Grant Scheme Approved to date:

Municipal Districts	Total Allocated	Total Spent
Athy	€12,546.18	€4,000.00
Kildare/Newbridge	€13,620.00	€13,620.00
Celbridge/Leixlip	€22,202.00	€0.00
Maynooth	€8,169.00	€0.00
Naas	€21,272.00	€9,527.00

Soft Supports/Number of Owner Managers supported first half of 2018 across the county

- Training/networking participants -1043
- Mentoring requests delivered - 75
- 1 hour – one to one business advice requests facilitated - 145



Peter Carey
Chief Executive