

Áras Chill Dara  
Páirc Devoy  
An Nás  
Co. Kildare  
11 July 2014

**To the Cathaoirleach and each member of the Athy Municipal District**

Dear Cathaoirleach and Members,

The next meeting of Athy Municipal District will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 21 July 2014 in the Municipal Building, Rathstewart, Athy and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

M. Dalton  
Meetings Administrator

**Agenda (10:00 a.m.)**

1. To approve minutes of meeting of 16 June 2014 and minutes of Athy Town Council meeting of 21 May 2014 and to note progress report.

**Roads, Transport and Public Safety (10:15 a.m.)**

**Motions**

**2. Councillors Breslin and Wall**

That given the recent positive news from the Minister for Transport regarding the proposed Southern Distributor Road in Athy, can the council confirm if they have finalised a design team for the road and what plans they have put in place to ensure that this badly needed piece of infrastructure for the town can be submitted for planning permission in the quickest possible time.

**3. Councillor Wall**

That the council immediately move to carry out remedial work on the back lane at Drogheda Street, Monasterevin.

**4. Councillor Miley**

That the council give the municipal district a full update on the position of the Southern Distributor Road for Athy including funding allocated, date for land acquisition, date for start of construction and timescale for completion.

**5. Councillor Miley**

That the council move immediately to taking in charge the jetties near the courthouse in Athy.

**6. Councillor Dalton**

That consideration be given to the provision of directional signage at Sheriff Hill, Moone and Bolger's Cross, Grangenolvin.

**7. Councillor Dalton**

That consideration be given to the provision of speed ramps at Borradera, Monasterevin and to the provision of additional speed ramps at St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin.

**8. Councillor Keatley**

That the council update the Athy Municipal District members on the progress on the Southern Distributor Road this month and on a monthly basis.

**9. Councillor Keatley**

That the council detail the personnel resources being dedicated to the delivery of the Southern Distributor Road.

**Questions**

**10. Councillor Wall**

Can the council confirm the up-to-date position with the proposed footpaths at Shanrath, Athy and to Castlevilla Soccer Club, Castledermot?

**11. Councillor Wall**

Can the council immediately carry out a safety audit on Duneany Cross, Kildangan given the concerns expressed by local residents.

**12. Councillor Breslin**

Can a timeframe be given for the start and completion of the footpaths on the R148 Athy?

**13. Councillor Miley**

Can the council update the municipal district with the plans that the NRA are presently constructing on the M9 Motorway? That the Athy Municipal District is given a full update on costs to date and estimated costs to completion. That we are presented with the present plan for the present contract. That we asked the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport for the feasibility study that he promised the community at large 14 months ago.

**14. Councillor Dalton**

Can funding be provided for the upgrade of the footpaths at Walterstown, Nurney village?

**15. Councillor Redmond**

What plan has this municipal district on bringing in groups like CIE and the ambulance managers who never turned up at previous invited meetings?

**Water and Environmental Services (10:30 a.m.)**

**Motion**

**16. Councillor Breslin**

That a report and remedial action be taken to eradicate the problem of odours in the Townspark area, Athy.

## **Planning and Economic Development (10:35 a.m.)**

### **Motion**

#### **17. Councillor Redmond**

That this municipal district investigate why broadband services in this municipal district are less than adequate. Many families and businesses are without the use of the internet while the north of the county has been advancing leaps and bounds with internet provision.

### **Questions**

#### **18. Councillor Breslin**

Can a report be given on the up-to-date position of taking Rheban Manor and Hollands estate in charge?

#### **19. Councillor Miley**

In light of the announcement by the Minister and the ESB in relation to broadband and the lack of any upgrade in the Athy Municipal District, can the council inform the Athy Municipal District of any future upgrades of urban and rural broadband plans for our area?

#### **20. Councillor Keatley**

Can the council give the Athy Municipal District members a list of housing estates to be taken in charge in the next six months in the Athy area?

## **Housing, Community and Cultural Services (10:45 a.m.)**

#### **21. To receive presentation on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

### **Question**

#### **22. Councillor Dalton**

Can consideration be given to the rebranding of the former Town Promoters Group, incorporating the new municipal area, including the towns of Monasterevin and Castledermot, as the South Kildare Promoters Group?

**23. Councillor Redmond**

Can we get a breakdown on RAS housing in our municipal district? This breakdown should include information on occupied or unoccupied and how long, if unoccupied, since last resident.

**Financial Services (11:05 a.m.)**

24. To receive update on financial and budgetary matters.

**Motion**

**25. Councillor Redmond**

That this municipal district of three very large urban areas with over 31,000 people seek to introduce the BIS scheme discussed at the council a number of years ago. This is a reduction in our rates for new business and will hopefully stimulate the southern region of this county where currently almost 50% of all commercial and industrial premises are closed. I ask that we become a pilot area for this scheme and that we get the support of this municipal district, full council and the minister in this proposal. The future of this part of the county depends on outside the box thinking and although a similar motion was placed on Athy Town Council a number of years ago and while it was voted down, I believe it's an emergency now.

**Corporate, Human Resources and ICT (11:15 a.m.)**

26. To consider payment of allowance to Cathaoirleach of municipal district in accordance with circular letter LG 12/2014.

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