

Áras Chill Dara
Páirc Devoy
An Nás
Co. Kildare
9 February 2015

To the Cathaoirleach and each Member of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District

Dear Cathaoirleach and Members,

The next meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 18 February 2015, in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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Meetings Administrator

Agenda (10:00 a.m.)

1. To approve minutes of meeting of 21 January 2015 and to note progress report.
2. To discuss public conveniences (report attached).

Housing, Community and Cultural Services (10:25 a.m.)

Motions

3. Councillor Crowley

That the council considers installing electronic notice boards at the town hall or another suitable location for use as community notice boards and for council information notices.

4. **Councillor Power**

That a detailed plan be provided for the future development of the halting site at Tankardsgarden.

5. **Councillor O'Loughlin**

That the public consultation and part 8 for the proposed skatepark facility in Newbridge commence forthwith.

Questions

6. **Councillor Power**

To provide the list of local authority houses that were unoccupied on 1 January 2015 in the Newbridge/ Kildare area and if a statement could be made on the matter.

7. **Councillor Crowley**

Can we now finally have a time frame when the art work commissioned for Georges Street will be installed?

8. **Councillor Stafford**

Can we have a progress report in relation to the drafting of the masterplan for the provision of the townpark upon the former Irish National Stud lands at Kildare and confirm if the plan will include the reinstatement of the Cherry Walk?

Roads, Transport and Public Safety (10:40 a.m.)

Motions

9. **Councillor Power**

That accident black spots be identified in the Kildare/Newbridge area where an investment in road realignment/changes could significantly reduce the danger.

10. **Councillor Doyle**

That the process of taking in charge the Newbridge Industrial Estate/Liffeyhall Link Road begin immediately and progress without delay in order to facilitate the pedestrian public right of way.

11. Councillor Doyle

That a traffic survey be carried out at the junction of CYMS and St. Brigid's Square, Kildare and recommendations made on foot of same on what measures might be put in place to improve traffic movement at this junction.

12. Councillor Crowley

That the access to Main Street, Newbridge from the archway openings at Thomas Street and Francis Street be closed to vehicular traffic in the interest of safety and to assist in the free flow of traffic and that traffic calming measures be installed on the one-way system at James Street and John Street.

13. Councillor O'Loughlin

That the council upgrade the footpath in Robertstown in front of the post office.

14. Councillor Lynch

That this council immediately ceases both contracts for toilet facilities in Kildare and Newbridge Town and renegotiates the early exit penalty payment for the same contracts.

15. Councillor Lynch

That this council takes steps to underground current overhead wiring and cabling within the town of Newbridge so as to increase the visual and shopping experience of locals and visitors within the town. This follows steps taken by other towns throughout the country.

16. Councillor Stafford

That the council will build up the bank or install another road safety mechanism at Newtown, Suncroft between Holy Cross cemetery and Seamus' Bridge.

17. Councillor Stafford

That the council will survey the section of the R419 at Sheane, Rathangan particularly at the entrance to Templemills where there is evidence of subsidence and the camber of the road is uneven and carry out all necessary remedial works.

Questions

18. Councillor Doyle

Can we have a report on the feasibility of putting filter turning lights on the traffic lights at Tesco, Kildare and in the town square?

19. Councillor Crowley

Can enquiries be initiated to ascertain from the contractor if the specification for replacement public lighting bulbs has changed, as in recent times these appear to be less luminous and have a shorter life?

20. Councillor Power

In view of the regular traffic delays at the Dunnes Stores junction in Newbridge, would consideration be given to providing a roundabout or some other response to deal with the issue?

21. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy

How does my Freedom of Information request regarding the breakdown of the expenditure of the pay-parking scheme in Newbridge to date impact on the tender process for the pay-parking scheme?

22. Councillor Lynch

Can this council provide an update and begin a full investigation for funding into the reopening of a two way access point onto the top of Cutlery Road, at the Athgarvan end? It should be noted that the two way traffic investigation should only be in relation to the top of the street, turning into the water tower entrance from the Athgarvan Road. This will help traffic flow and ease of access into the town and promote business within the vicinity of Cutlery Road.

23. Councillor Pender

Can we have an update on the examination of Askinraw Lane, Suncroft and recommendations to improve road safety?

24. Councillor Stafford

Can the council conduct an investigation into the road safety issues that arise at Robertstown National School and identify the possible solutions to include the prospect of providing an additional set down area/car park adjacent to the school and widening of the footpath at the old hotel, Robertstown?

Water and Environmental Services (11:15a.m.)

Questions

25. Councillor Doyle

Can we have a report on how the water filtering system at Srowland water treatment plant is functioning, whether it is treating water at all times and if not what criteria is being used to determine use of system?

26. Councillor O'Loughlin

Can the council develop a practical policy to condemn dog fouling in public areas and implement practical measures to support dog owners to dispose of necessary matter?

27. Councillor Pender

Can we have an update on the situation regarding water pressure and sewage issues in the area surrounding the primary schools, the park and Lourdesville in Kildare Town? As this issue was originally reported in 2013 does this fall within the council's remit or Irish Water and what is the policy in relation to the first fix free?

Planning and Economic Development (11:30 a.m.)

Motions

28. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy

That the council outline the impediments to setting aside a prescribed percentage of the overall development levies to help maintain estates not taken in charge after a prolonged period of time. For example, if an estate has not been taken in charge after an agreed and prescribed number of years, then the needs of the residents/property-tax payers would be deemed to outweigh the benefits of deterring developers from walking away from their responsibilities. Estates not being taken in charge for up to 30 years cannot be justifiable on the grounds that to take it in charge is to let the developer off the hook.

29. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy

That the council explore further the value of collating a list of developer businesses that fail to comply with planning permission in the future.

Financial Services (11:40 a.m.)

Question

30. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy

When is the accounting system (currently being piloted by Fingal County Council) which allows for an aged analysis of debtors, expected to be introduced by the council?

Corporate, Human Resources and ICT (11:45 a.m.)

Question

31. Councillor O'Loughlin

Whilst appreciating that this function is outside the remit of the council, can the members agree to write to An Post requesting the reinstatement of a post office in Kilmeague?