

Áras Chill Dara  
Páirc Devoy  
An Nás  
Co. Kildare  
6 July 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 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 July 2015, in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

<b>Please note time of meeting.</b>
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Meetings Administrator

**Agenda (10:15 a.m.)**

1. To approve minutes of meeting of 17 June 2015 and to note progress report.
2. To receive a progress report on schedule of municipal district works.

**Housing (10:30 a.m.)**

**Motion**

**3. Councillor Power**

In view of the request from the Department that certain categories of people be prioritised in relation to the allocation of housing, that the council provide a breakdown of the categories of people who have been housed in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District each year since 2010.

**Questions**

**4. Councillor Power**

When will work begin on the housing development at Athgarvan Road and can the council outline details of the project and if a date for completion could be provided?

**5. Councillor Doyle**

Can we pilot an approach to homelessness by offering payment to families that might consider offering lodgings/temporary accommodation to appropriate homeless applicants?

**6. Councillor Pender**

Can the council outline the extent of the social housing build program in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District including progress and timelines for delivery of same and also to ask the number of acquisition units that have been sourced, if any, from the market?

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

**Motions**

**7. Councillor Lynch**

That this council contacts both the NTA and Coca-Cola Ireland seeking the possibility of having a rollout of their successful bike scheme launched in Limerick, Galway and Cork to be extended to both Newbridge and Kildare Town. This initiative will help foster tourism and aid locals in getting around our towns in a quick, cost efficient, environmentally friendly manner. For just €10 per year users could have access to quality bikes which can be used to navigate around towns which will help increase business within town centres and businesses located outside of the main thoroughfares. Tourists or visitors to the area could avail of a 3 day bike pass for just €3.00.

**8. Councillor Doyle**

That the feasibility of an equine themed planting scheme be considered for Kildare town on the large bank facing the T-junction at the point where town entry from exit 13 meets Monasterevin Road.

**9. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy**

That the roads either side of Ellistown FC and onsite creche be assessed for appropriate traffic calming measures.

**10. Councillor Stafford**

That the council consider a one-way traffic system at Firecastle Lane/Chapel Hill, Kildare given the narrow lane-ways at this location.

**11. Councillor Stafford**

That the council install appropriate gullies or French drains to take the surface water from the road at Maddenstown Terrace, The Curragh.

**Questions**

**12. Councillor Power**

What expenditure is planned in Robertstown this year in relation to roadworks and footpaths in the area and can the council outline related plans for the village?

**13. Councillor Lynch**

Can this council write to the Garda Commissioner and Garda Traffic Corp asking them to relocate the Gatso speed van from outside the Maxol on the Ballymany Road, Newbridge to the Great Connell Road, Newbridge between Pfizer and Lidl Headquarters? In addition, if this is an issue that we request an explanation as to why speed vans cannot be located from needless locations to other more sensitive locations which would help prevent traffic collisions?

**14. Councillor Lynch**

Can this council carry out an assessment of the road condition outside Aylesbury Park, Newbridge and Roseberry Stores to fix the road craters?

**15. Councillor O'Loughlin**

In order to alleviate part of the problem with traffic congestion at Old Connell, can the council install traffic calming measures on the approach road and ban HGV's turning left as they come out of Lidl which has been adding to the problem for residents along

that road and Athgarvan? Therefore, HGV's would enter and exit Lidl using the same road until such time as a new road is in place.

**16. Councillor O'Loughlin**

Can the council, in conjunction with the pay parking contractor, introduce a pilot project in Newbridge to allow the public to pay for their parking by phone, text or credit card?

**17. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy**

In light of the fact that private car owners are parking in allocated taxi ranks, can the council review the type of signage in place at the moment in taxi ranks? Banner type signage hung perpendicular to the road would be more suitable and noticeable for all traffic deterring private cars from parking in taxi rank spaces and it would also draw pedestrian attention to the taxi ranks.

**18. Councillor Stafford**

Can the council conduct an investigation into the road safety issues that arise on the Monasterevin Road, Kildare (R445) caused by cars parking on the pavements in order to access Tesco?

**19. Councillor Stafford**

Can the council indicate the number of applications for Local Improvement Scheme grants on hand in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District and identify which projects it proposes to complete this year and furnish details of the cost of same?

**20. Councillor Pender**

Has the council any plans to address the narrowness of the bridge at Morristown Biller?

**Planning, Community and Culture (11:05 a.m.)**

21. To consider issuing an invitation to Ocala Florida, twinned with Newbridge, to attend the Sister City Summit in Dublin in April 2016 and to attend a local event to complement the Summit.

**Motion**

**22. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy**

That the council work with tidy town's to assist with the development of a Garden of Remembrance, in memory of those soldiers who lost their lives in 1916, on the island near the entrance to the Department of Defence and Newbridge Town FC astro-pitches.

**Questions**

**23. Councillor Doyle**

Can we have an up-to-date detailed progress report on the taking in charge of Collaghknock/Plains Kildare, to include list of outstanding issues to be resolved with proposed solutions and costings?

**24. Councillor Crowley**

Can we decide on a mechanism and time scale to appoint a committee to take over the running of the St Patrick's Day Parade in Newbridge and to oversee the installation of the Christmas lights as previously agreed?

**Water Services and Environment (11:15 a.m.)**

**Motions**

**25. Councillor O'Loughlin**

That the council install suitable public bins along with dog litter bag dispensers on the Station Road/Sexes Bridge and Standhouse Road/Blackberry Lane routes which are very popular walking routes.

**26. Councillor Pender**

That the council, as agents for Irish Water, confirm who has responsibility for the water supply and sewerage system servicing the residents of Orchard Park in The Curragh Camp and upon confirmation determine if they are customers of Irish Water in each instance.

**Question**

**27. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy**

Can the council seek to speak with the current or new owner of Grace's Pub in Kildare with a view to cleaning up the appearance of this building? As a focal point near the bus stop and tourist information centre in the middle of a heritage town tourist destination, this building takes from the overall attractiveness and impact of the Town Square. If we are serious about the importance of tourism to Kildare then innovative solutions to vacant buildings like these that detract from the appearance of the town need to be pursued.

**Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate (11:25 p.m.)**

**Motions**

**28. Councillor Power**

In view of the enormous contribution made by young people, that this municipal district agree to honour young people in the county and that we seek the support of the other municipal districts in organising an event to honour the recipients.

**29. Councillor Crowley**

That this council agrees that the appointment of Cathaoirleach/Mayor for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District will be on an agreed rotating basis decided by an open draw or any other method as agreed by the members for the remaining lifetime of the council thus ensuring that the remaining eight councillors who have not held office will have an equal opportunity to do so.

**30. Councillor Lynch**

That this council writes to Eircom asking them why Allenwood was promised broadband connection in October of last year, again in March of this year and to date no connection has been made, despite Eircom announcing the launch and installing cabinets and fiber-optic cables in parts of the village.

**31. Councillor Doyle**

That the appointment of a suitably experienced destination events, development and promotion officer be considered by the Chief Executive in context of budget preparations, in order to build on current and develop new national/international events in the county.

**32. Councillor O'Loughlin**

That this municipal district to write to Mr Alan Kelly TD, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government asking him to put in place a scheme similar to the National Co-Ordination Committee on Unfinished Housing Developments but in this case to examine ghost commercial properties and provide funding to local authorities so these properties can be made safe and cleaned up.

**33. Councillor Pender**

That the council erect signage in the centre of Kildare Town to inform the public of its obligations to comply with alcohol byelaws.