

Áras Chill Dara
Páirc Devoy
An Nás
Co. Kildare
9 January 2017

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

Dear Mayor and Members,

The next meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 18 January 2017, in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

M. Dalton
Meetings Administrator

Agenda (10:00 a.m.)

1. To approve the minutes of the monthly meeting of 21 December 2016.
2. To consider the response from National Transport Authority and Bus Shelters.
3. To receive an update on the schedule of municipal works.
4. To accept a deputation from Newbridge United FC at the February Meeting.

Housing (10:20 a.m.)

Motions

5. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the council give details as to why the €60,000 voted on and agreed by full council in November 2015 has not yet been given to Teach Tearmain Women's Refuge in Kildare and outline its plans for handover?

6. Councillor Pender

That the council contact NAMA and make enquiries as to the potential for public use of NAMA property in the Kildare-Newbridge area, in particular the portfolio of 18 2-Bed apartments in Newbridge.

Question

7. Councillor Stafford

Can we have a report on the number and type of housing units purchased by the council in the municipal district in 2016, and advise which were new, from unfinished estates or apartments and can we have a similar report in respect of units purchased, if any, by any Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) in the municipal district?

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety (10:30 a.m.)

Motions

8. Councillor Lynch

That this council acknowledges that while there are difficulties with the title ownership of a small strip of land between Athgarvan Cross and Walshestown, that as a major priority for this municipal district that a footpath is progressed from Athgarvan to Walshestown. The path should be as indiscreet as possible and if possible run at the back of the current standing wall. This council should cost plans for the same and produce draft plans for same by April.

9. Councillor Stafford

That the council will fill in the potholes that have arisen along the L7087 from Pluckerstown to the edge of the municipal district boundary at Blacktrench as same are a serious health and safety hazard.

10. Councillor Stafford

That the council will erect public lights along the R401 between Yellow Lough Cross and Bog Cross, Rathangan.

11. Councillor McCabe

That the council review Pay by Phone Parking in our municipal district as it seems to be operated at excessive tariffs.

Questions

12. Councillor Pender

Can the council add bus shelters at Orchard Park and Brownstown to the list of proposed shelters being compiled for National Transport Authority (NTA) funding?

13. Councillor Pender

Can the council add Langton Road between Ballymany Cross and Morristown Cross to the road works programme for 2017.

14. Councillor Doyle

Can all new road markings use a specific and clearly identifiable colour to delineate privately managed pay parking spaces in the public realm?

15. Councillor Lynch

Can the council cost the installation of a mini roundabout “fried egg style” on the Athgarvan road, in place of the traffic lights at the entrance to Curragh Grange/Liffey Hall which are causing huge traffic problems?

16. Councillor Lynch

Can the council cost and draw up plans for a cattle grid at Kinneagh as it appears sheep are now bypassing the new cattle grids and entering Athgarvan and the surrounding area through Kinneagh?

17. Councillor Stafford?

Can the council inspect the visibility at Brownstown Cross particularly for traffic turning left onto the L3006, when there are cars parked along the verge, the view is severely restricted?

Water Services and Environment (10:50 a.m.)

Motions

18. Councillor Doyle

To follow on and capitalise on the tremendous Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) achievement in Kildare Town, that the council include the town in initiatives to remove all chewing gum from streets and furthermore, that we exploit this opportunity by inviting private waste management companies to sponsor compacting bins at all school sites in the town.

19. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Following the budget allocations, that the council provide details of a new litter regime for the district including a ride on mechanical cleaner for Newbridge and extra resources to deal with the ongoing and escalating litter problem.

Questions

20. Councillor Doyle

Can we have a report on possible options that will achieve greater man-hours for improved street cleaning services in our area, particularly at weekends?

21. Councillor McCabe

Is there a Town Cleaning Service operated on Bank Holidays? Newbridge was very heavily littered on Monday 2nd of January?

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

Motions

22. Councillor Kennedy

The this council agree to allow Newbridge twin with Argentre Du Plessis in France. This was agreed in principle by the Municipal Council at a pre budget meeting in July 2014. The very good friendship has been going on now for over five years and has gone from strength to strength. We had many visitors from that town in France each year and many visitors who travelled from Newbridge organised by Newbridge Rugby Club. That club is willing to head up the twinning including organising a twinning committee and anything else needed to progress the twinning.

Questions

23. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the Director of Service with overall responsibility for Newbridge Town Hall give his feedback on the recent report from the Management Committee he himself put in place to provide direction on the appropriate and effective use of Newbridge Town Hall? Feedback should include but not limit itself to: the policy contained in the report of 'wait and see' how the community use of the hall 'evolves' for another year ; how long before the 'operation, management and control' system the Management Committee want to observe for a full cycle will be in place and; clarification of when the seating, tables and PA system the committee refer to in the report are being delivered?

Finance (11:10 a.m.)

Motions

24. Councillor Lynch

That this municipal district supports attempts to streamline central funding across the county that this county creates a unified community grant scheme, as opposed to being done per municipal district as currently carried out. And that when future council budgets increase, all municipal district areas are equalised in terms of central funding in all areas of expenditure as per size of the municipal district to ensure parity across the county in terms of funding to ensure that one area is not at a disadvantage to another. In relation to this we forward this to full council for discussion.

Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate Services (11:15 a.m.)

Motions

25. Councillor Doyle

That we explore initiatives of establishing and supporting an enterprise incubator unit in the municipal district to foster and grow the large number of artisan food producers.

26. Councillor Pender

That the council liaise with the Department of Defence and Local Farmers who are placing sheep feeders on the lands at The Curragh between Orchard Park and The Boys National School known locally as The plantation. The position of these feeders is ensuring a constant presence of sheep around the estate which is in turn destroying grassland that is commonly used as playing grounds by the kids in the area.

Questions

27. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the council give details of the take-up of the shop front scheme across the district including some feedback on why it was more successful in some places than others so that we might learn how best to maximize the scheme in this budget year?