

Áras Chill Dara  
Páirc Devoy  
An Nás  
Co. Kildare  
6 March 2017

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

Dear Cathaoirleach and Members,

The next meeting of Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 March 2017 in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

K. Keane  
Meetings Administrator

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

1. To approve the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting on Wednesday, 15 February 2017 and to note progress report.
2. To agree schedule of municipal district works 2017.
3. To receive a deputation from Ryston Pitch & Putt Club, Newbridge.

## **Housing and Corporate Services (10.20 a.m.)**

### **Motions**

**4. Councillor Power**

That the council provide details of the plans to develop Tankardsgarden, Newbridge.

**5. Councillor Pender**

That in future plans for Kildare Town, the council recognise that Kildare Town is a market town and make every effort to regulate the market place to make it safe and to rejuvenate the market square. To encourage traders of local crafts and food producers by facilitating access to power and other appropriate services.

### **Councillor Lynch**

- 6.** From this month forward that this municipal district creates a system of recording all questions and motions received from councillors at monthly meetings in a similar fashion to the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. Councillors are frustrated at consistently bringing similar motions up every few months which create an excess workload on both councillors and staff who are regularly covering the same issues with no progress had on the matter. As examples; we are still waiting for a meeting with Bord na Mona, the closure of a walkway beside Newbridge Train Station, advice on the status of the illegal quarry at Ballysax; all these items have dropped off the agenda. This record of events list should only have items added to it or removed from it by agreement of councillors at the monthly municipal district meeting and shall be carried forward month to month.

### **Joint Motion**

**7. Councillor McLoughlin Healy, Councillor Doyle, Councillor Pender**

That the council agree to a temporary but regular series of meetings, on site with Rosscconnell Resident's Association, similar to that which happens in Dara Park, to address ongoing issues in the area. We propose a monthly meeting for the first three months to deal with urgent issues followed by at least another two bi-monthly meetings until urgent issues have been addressed. The meetings should be attended by key officials from relevant departments, municipal district councillors and the committee of Rosscconnell Resident's Association together with the Community

Development Worker.

Issues requiring immediate attention include but are not limited to the following:

- dumping around the estate
- the selection of tenants for council accommodation
- lighting in the estate
- the most effective use for both workers and Rosscconnell residents of the Gateway Scheme
- maintenance snag list

**Question**

**Councillor McLoughlin Healy**

8. As promised since September 2016, can the council provide the full list of all the commercial leases it has entered into on council owned property across the municipal district? I appreciate that part of the list has been provided by the council including the list of tenants and lease lengths for Newbridge Industrial estate, however, can the council provide the outstanding list of all other leases in other areas across the district including:
- the tenant,
  - the length of lease
  - time remaining on the lease,
  - whether lease is at a nominal or commercial rate,
  - where and when and how much site fines have been paid to the council for a property

**Roads, Transportation and Public Safety (10:35 a.m.)**

9. To consider Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 - Proposed accessible parking bay at Allen National School (R415), Allen, Kilmeague, Co. Kildare. (Report to follow).
10. To consider taking in charge of Shindala Road, Rathangan in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

**Adjourned Motion**

**11. Councillor Stafford**

In the interest of road safety that the council will install a set of traffic lights at Allenwood Cross, Allenwood Middle.

**Motions**

**12. Councillor Power**

That the council draw up a town centre improvement plan for Rathangan to include de-cabling and the provision of public art, with the aid of an outside consultant and initiate public consultation with the local traders and residents in order to seek national public investment when available.

**13. Councillor Aspell**

That the council put in place traffic calming signage in Rosconnell, along with “No Dumping” signage, as illegal dumping is now out of control in this area.

**14. Councillor Aspell**

That the council replace any broken crash railing in Newbridge e.g. the one on McDonald's side of the road opposite Tesco's and also at Morristown cross roads.

**15. Councillor Kennedy**

Due to recent incidents in Newbridge that the council get a costing etc. of setting up CCTV around the taxi rank at Michael Murphys.

**16. Councillor Lynch**

That this municipal district is trialled with the colour coding of existing poles to clearly identify taxi rank's, disabled parking and loading bays on the poles directly beside these parking spaces. Colour coded poles would clearly identify to vehicles, as to the status of the space in which they may inadvertently be parking or help identify same to the relevant users and remove the need for unsightly and costly signage.

**17. Councillor McLoughlin Healy**

That the council outline a plan to deal with consistent issues with speeding and dangerous driving within the 50kph zone as motorists approach and leave Suncroft village travelling north, impacting most seriously on the two housing estates Hawthorn

Wood and the older development at Carna within this zone. While the plan should include low cost works e.g. the erection of high impact signage reminding motorists that they are in a low speed residential area, the council must review all available actions as an urgency given the threat to young families in the area.

**18. Councillor Stafford**

That the council conduct a further review on the problems caused by parking at Bridge Street, Rathangan and as part of that review consider realigning the white line in the middle of the road and the possible removal of the footpath on the Mill side of the road.

**19. Councillor Stafford**

That the council investigate the camber of the Mylerstown Road (L7081) just outside Kilmeague village and carry out the necessary repair works.

**Adjourned Questions**

**20. Councillor Stafford**

Can the council confirm that it will resurface or apply a surface dressing to the road at Ballyteague South this year?

**21. Councillor Stafford**

Can the council furnish details of the number of residents parking permits and visitor parking permits issued in 2015 and 2016 for Newbridge and Kildare Town and explain the justification for increasing the price for visitor parking permits at the last review of the pay-parking bye laws?

**Questions**

**22. Councillor Power**

In view of the fact that the area outside St. Conleths Church in Newbridge becomes very slippery after frost, can the council consider replacing the surface with a safer one?

**23. Councillor Power**

Can the council provide details in relation to the planned development of Eyre Street and the adjoining streets in Newbridge?

**24. Councillor Pender**

Can the council please outline what works are proposed to tackle the issues raised around speeding and road safety for both motorists and pedestrians as a result of the information received from the traffic survey carried out in Suncroft in early December 2016?

**25. Councillor Lynch**

Can the council provide a full detailed report to include a survey, but separate from a future link road or Public Realm Plan, on the practicality of installing a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Gables, on the Athgarvan to Newbridge Road?

**Councillor Lynch**

- 26.** Can the road between Newbridge College and Roseberry, at Roseberry Stores be assessed for new road safety installation structures, due to speeding traffic and children crossing the road at the same location?

**Councillor McLoughlin Healy**

- 27.** Now that funding has been allocated from the Local Property Tax (LPT) funds for the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) to deliver Town Design Statements for both Kildare Town and Newbridge Town, can the council act quickly to utilise the services of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) to contribute to the Traffic Management Plans currently being negotiated with the National Transport Authority (NTA) for both towns and can we be advised of the plan to proceed with utilising the funding allocated as expeditiously as possible?

**Joint Question**

**Councillor Stafford and Councillor Aspell**

- 28.** Can the council continue the footpath along the R415 at Derrymullen Allenwood to link the village to the banks of the Grand Canal?

**Water Services and Environment (11:30 a.m.)**

- 29.** To adopt the amended Kildare County Council (Newbridge) Control of Horses Byelaws 2016 and agree date of commencement. (report to follow).

## **Planning and Strategic Development (11:10 a.m.)**

### **Motion**

**30. Councillor Doyle**

That the council apply for grant aid to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government under the Grant Scheme for Museum Standards Programme of Ireland Participants (MSPI) in order to support ongoing maintenance of heritage sites in county and particularly the Grey Abbey Site in Kildare town.

## **Economic, Community and Cultural Development (11:20 a.m.)**

### **Adjourned Motions**

**31. Councillor Kennedy**

That this council develop a Community Information Leaflet similar to the leaflet produced in the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District and also look at the possibility of publishing it in a couple of different languages.

**32. Councillor Stafford**

That the council will lease the former site to the rear of Rathangan Industrial Estate to Rathangan Amateur Football (AFC) Club, for use as a location for changing rooms and as an alternative entrance and exit to the playing field.

### **Deferred Question**

**33. 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 public address system the committee refer to in the report are being delivered?

**Questions**

**34. Councillor Doyle**

Can we get a report on the roll out of broadband in the municipal district with details of operators who are laying fibre or other forms of broadband delivery, what criteria is informing geographically of rural roll out, are the council informing this process through statutory process or otherwise?

**Councillor Stafford**

- 35.** Can the council furnish members with the proposals for the enhancement of the Riverbank Arts Centre which is being supported by the Arts and Culture Capital Scheme?