

Áras Chill Dara
Páirc Devoy
An Nás
Co. Kildare
12 June 2017

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

Dear Mayor and Members,

The next meeting of Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 21 June 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 meeting of the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District held on 17 May 2017 and minutes of the special meeting held on the 29 May 2017 and to note progress report.
2. To receive an update on the municipal district road works.
3. To note the date for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Annual Meeting.

Housing and Corporate Services (10.05 a.m.)

Questions

4. Councillor Aspell

How long does it take for the council to repair council houses that have been taken back in charge before they are back on the live list again?

5. Councillor Pender

Can the council please outline exactly what works are to be done in Lourdesville on the shared backyard service, when are these works proposed to begin and how will it affect the residents of Lourdesville?

6. Councillor Lynch

Can the council advise what plans if any are in place to upgrade council heating systems in homes, and advise of plans to replace windows and doors in homes in the municipal district?

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

Motions

7. Councillor Power

That the council agree to prioritise the bridge underpass and the upgrading of the riverside walkway from St. Conleth's Bridge to Newbridge College, and that an outline be given on the expected progress to be made on the project this year.

8. Councillor McCabe

In light of the delay in appointing an urban design architect with the allocated Local Property Tax (LPT) funds, that the council consider initiating contact with the Royal Irish Architects Institute (RIAI), who are champions of exemplary practice in architecture and urbanism with a view to starting our urban design plans.

Joint Motion

9. Councillor Pender, Councillor Power, Councillor McLoughlin Healy, Councillor Lynch

That the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District recognise the immediate need for a comprehensive small town centre improvement upgrade at Athgarvan. This should comprise of an upgrade to the crossroads to include a Plaza Type design and improvements to bus stops, walkways and cycle networks as agreed in the policy objectives of the County Development Plan 2017-2023 to bring the area up to its' designated small town centre standard.

10. Councillor Stafford

That the council cut back the hedges at Ballykelly Cross, Monasterevin which are presently posing a traffic hazard to motorists and other road users.

Questions

11. Councillor Doyle

Can we have a comparison report on the number of Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) and Community Involvement Schemes (CIS), completed in the last three years across all five municipal districts and those scheduled for the current year?

12. Councillor Doyle

Can we have a progress report on the traffic management plan for Kildare - Newbridge?

13. Councillor Power

Can the council explain the process in drawing up a traffic management plan, the approximate cost of drawing one for Athgarvan and if consideration could be given to providing one in the near future?

14. Councillor Power

Can the council provide the plans to carry out improvements/repairs to the footpaths and roads in Kilmeague this year?

15. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

In light of plans for a new extension at Scoil Mhuire Secondary School in Newbridge, can the Council outline its plans to create a safe environment for both children and adults, students of Scoil Mhuire and residents of the Oaks and the Elms through appropriate and urgently needed traffic calming measures? These should include; the repainting of the yellow lines to prevent parking on and around corners across the road from the back entrance to Scoil Mhuire; the extension of the pathway from the Elms towards the back entrance of Scoil Mhuire to beyond the priest's residence to meet with the path which continues to the entrance to the Oaks; the repainting of the existing zebra crossing at the back entrance and the addition of zebra crossing lights to alert traffic to children crossing. This is an absolute necessity at peak times where congestion is bumper to bumper and ground markings are not visible; the creation of a further zebra crossing one third of the way between the back entrance and the entrance to The Oaks to allow children to cross the road safely from the Scoil Mhuire side of the road, and not between cars as they currently do; the council's response to the previous petition submitted two years ago by residents of The Oaks for ramps and the more recent submission by residents of the Oaks in December 2016 for ramps to limit speeding on the long straight route between The Elms and the entrance to The Oaks (photos available).

16. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the council provide an update regarding the traffic management plans and the Town Design Statements for Newbridge and Kildare Towns? This should include: an explanation as to why the €70,000 Local Property Tax (LPT) fund allocated by municipal district councillors for Town Design Statements to be developed by The Royal Institute of Architects (RIAI) has not been utilised, or the project even started; a copy of the most recent traffic management proposals presented to the National Transport Association (NTA) for Newbridge and Kildare which have not at any point in the last two years of failed applications to the NTA been made available to, or contributed to by elected representatives.

17. Councillor Pender

Can the council replace the dangerous pavement slabs at the end of the housing blocks in Highfield Estate, Newbridge?

18. Councillor Stafford

Can the council please furnish an update on the Taking in Charge (TIC) of the Old Bog Road, Allenwood North and the local road at the Demesne, Mullantine, Rathangan both of which were brought up to a standard acceptable to the Local Authority pursuant to Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) works?

19. Councillor Stafford

Will the council remove the park benches in the Market Square area of Newbridge as a deterrent to the consistent anti-social behaviour and dumping that occurs in this area?

20. Councillor Lynch

Can the council confirm if the road currently used as a public roadway going through the Meadows, Newbridge is a public or private roadway and what plans are in place to upgrade this in terms of road safety?

Water Services and Environment (10:40 a.m.)

Motions

21. Councillor Aspell

That this council receives a engineer's report on the corrosion at the river bank at Barretstown cemetery as this is getting to a very serious point for the graves in this cemetery.

22. Councillor McCabe

That the council find a mechanism to ensure that funds due to groups in the municipal district are deposited in their accounts earlier in the year.

23. Councillor Lynch

That this council calls on the Chief Executive to proceed with haste, the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of the long term derelict site at O' Modhrain Hall, Cutlery Road, Newbridge.

Questions

24. Councillor Aspell

What procedures do the council have in place with undertakers and headstone companies regarding the removal of debris and rubble which is left behind after grave works are completed?

25. Councillor McCabe

Could the roads within Newbridge Cemetery have their potholes filled in and the grass cut more frequently within the cemetery and its' car park?

26. Councillor McCabe

Would the council consider situating headstones in the new cemetery section back to back so that those visiting their family grave don't have to walk over someone else's grave?

Planning and Strategic Development (10:55 a.m.)

- 27.** To consider a report on the Taking in Charge (TIC) of private housing developments. (report to follow).

Motions

28. Councillor Doyle

That we get a detailed report on the Taking in Charge (TIC) of Collaghknock Estate, The Plains, Kildare, to include schedule of works from Irish Water with specific timelines and consider the TIC of the first phase of the estate in advance of remainder.

29. Councillor Pender

That the council request the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to release the report that was commissioned in 2015 regarding fire safety in timber framed homes. This review was carried out by an independent fire safety expert to develop a framework for general application and used Millfield Manor as a case study. Residents were promised a copy which has yet to materialise.

Economic, Community and Cultural Development (11:05 a.m.)

Motions

30. Councillor Doyle

That we get a progress report on community development work in Rosconnell Newbridge.

31. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the review of the Town Hall includes a matrix pricing structure allowing for flexible pricing of the Town Hall. This should include a reduced fee for people or organisations renting the Town Hall for a purpose with a clear community dividend. A more appropriate fee of €10/hr should be introduced immediately to allow the Cottage Market to gain traction and to grow. The Cottage Market is a fantastic exemplar of the type of tenant we need to support and encourage - a new initiative for Newbridge and its' environs with clear benefits to the community in terms of education around the environment and sustainability, support of local growers and crafters, provision of local, fresh and/or homemade produce, the potential to encourage the growth of community gardens and to attract visitors to the town.

32. Councillor Stafford

That the council establish a municipal district Twinning Liaison Committee to work with and assist the various twinning committees located in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

