

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, 20 January 2016, 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 monthly meeting 16 December 2015 and to note progress report.
2. To receive a progress report on schedule of municipal district works.

Housing (10:15 a.m.)

Adjourned Motion

3. Councillor Power

That the Council confirm the number of local authority tenants and privately owned home owners who received housing adaptation grants each year since 2010, the average time it takes to process the two types of applications and that the Council make every effort to ensure that applications are processed as quickly as possible.

Adjourned Questions

4. Councillor Power

What is the number of single men in the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District who were allocated a house by the Council since 2010 and can the Council make a statement on the matter?

5. Councillor Doyle

What are the policies of the Council with regard to non tenants residing in houses on the death or movement of a named tenant in the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District?

6. Councillor Doyle

Can we have a report on the number of housing applications received per month in the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District area, the number of those that are successful and the number that are returned due to late response to requested additional information?

Question

7. Councillor Stafford

How many projects were sanctioned under the Improvement Works in lieu of Local Authority Housing Scheme over the past 3 years within the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District? Is this scheme being actively promoted as an alternative approach to the provision of social housing in appropriate circumstances?

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

8. To consider Newbridge Draft Appointed Taxi Stand bye-laws 2015

Adjourned Motions

9. Councillor Power

In view of the serious traffic congestion in Newbridge on the run up to Christmas in recent years, that every effort be made to ameliorate the situation for Christmas shoppers and visitors to Newbridge this Christmas.

10. Councillor Lynch

That the Council makes contact with the landowners surrounding Lackagh School to see if parking spaces could be made available for parents picking up and dropping off their children to school.

11. Councillor Lynch

That the Council creates and maintains a cyclical list of all ditch and drain clearing programs within the Municipal District. Such a list will indicate jobs completed and jobs to be progressed throughout the year to help reduce and prevent future flooding and cease the need for panic actions after periods of high rain. This list of drainage works should be kept

and updated on an annual basis so as the Council and members know when jobs were carried out and when jobs can be rescheduled for clearing within a set number of years. This summary should be given to members on a twice yearly basis so if necessary, the members could add locations to it on behalf of residents. This Municipal District should stay ahead of the future projected heavy rainfall patterns and ensure we have the best practice in place to deal with excess groundwater during heavy rainfall.

12. Councillor O'Loughlin

That the Council take the Old Bog Road in charge now that the Local Improvement Scheme has been completed.

13. Councillor Stafford

That in the interest of road safety the Council will reduce the speed limit at Ballykelly Cross, Monasterevin to 60kph in line with adjoining sections of the R414.

14. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the Council consider the suspension of non-essential road works in urban areas in the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District until after Christmas.

Motions

15. Councillor O'Loughlin

That the Council examine and address the accessibility of foot paths in Kilmeague in particular around the Eleson Lounge corner, also taking into account the flooding issue.

16. Councillor O'Loughlin

That the Council take action to provide traffic calming in Dominic's Park, Newbridge by means of ramps and exploring the possibility of closing of the "through way" to traffic using the estate as a "rat run".

17. Councillor Doyle

That the Council carries out necessary maintenance on the link road 700052, i.e. between the canal at Lowtown to the side of Coillóg Nursery, to include opening of water-cuts, the cutting of badly overgrown hedges, and resurfacing.

18. Councillor Doyle

That the Council provides safety barriers as a matter of urgency at Lowtown, including at Allenwood side of the Canal bridge leading onto Herbert Canal back road, and at all bridges in area.

19. Councillor Stafford

That the Council proceed to take in charge the road at the Demense, Mullentine, Rathangan which has recently been resurfaced as part of a Local Improvement Scheme.

20. Councillor Stafford

That the Council conduct an investigation into the problems caused by a number of paving slabs lifting at The Grange, Newbridge and carry out the necessary repair works.

21. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the Council proceed with the pedestrian crossing on the Athgarvan Road near the Gables Guest house to facilitate the hundreds of pedestrians crossing from the Kilbelin, Liffey Hall and Curragh Grange Estates.

22. Councillor Lynch

That the council writes to the Minister of Transport and Chief Executive of Iarnród Éireann requesting the reopening of at least one of the commuter shelters / waiting rooms at Newbridge Train station to provide shelter for commuters. We should remind both parties that Newbridge is a significantly busy station and that waiting rooms already exist at the station but were closed several years ago.

23. Councillor Lynch

That the council cost and draw up plans for the provision of a pedestrian crossing between Allenvue Heights and St. Patricks School on the Morrinstown Road so as to slow down traffic and allow residents and school children safe crossing.

Adjourned Questions

24. Councillor Power

Can consideration be given to the provision of traffic calming measures on the road from Kildare Town to The Curragh Racecourse as the volume of traffic using this road has significantly increased?

25. Councillor O'Loughlin

Can the Council re-surface the footpaths on Cutlery Road, as they are quite dangerous, particularly for those with disability issues?

26. Councillor Stafford

Can the Council advise the approximate cost of the erection of a single stand alone pole and LED public light and any associated installation costs?

27. Councillor Pender

Can the Council look at increasing the public lighting on the Sli Na Slainte route from Newtown Cross to the Tully Road in Kildare Town?

28. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the Council review the impact of the traffic calming measures at Newbridge Educate Together National School and the Gael Scoil?

Questions

29. Councillor Stafford

Can the Council investigate the causes of poor surface water drainage and carry out the necessary remedial works at:-

- (i) Baronstown West, Newbridge
- (ii) on the Lackagh School side of Mountrice Cross, Monasterevin

30. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the Council outline the reasons for such an extreme narrowing of the entrance to Champion Crescent and Maryville estates on the Melitta Road and apply yellow boxes to the entrance of the Maryville and Kildare Town Educate Together as soon as possible to improve traffic flow.

31. Councillor Lynch

Can the council cost the re-introduction of normal road surfaces at the locations listed below and make provisions to have this work scheduled and to be carried out under the general roads budget as these roadway's have not been re surfaced apart from pothole repairs since their laying?

- 1) Roadway at Coolaght, Kilmeague.
- 2) Roadway at Drumsru, Rathangan off the R414.
- 3) Roadway behind Hawkfield GAA Club, Newbridge off the L7039.

All are in a considerable state of disrepair and residents are having damage done to their cars, particularly over the past winter period.

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

Motion

32. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the Council explain the reason for the discoloured water in Curragh Grange on the night of January 7th.

Adjourned Question

33. Councillor Lynch

Can this Council outline the list of environmental supports available to resident associations and communities who are located outside of the tidy town's areas, in relation to tree and shrubbery planting and landscaping?

Planning, Community and Culture (11:20 a.m.)

34. That the municipal district resolve to proceed with the Part VIII process for the provision of a skate park at the Moorefield site in Newbridge, this process will provide for equitable, transparent and broad consultation of the whole community and will be a final attempt to resolve this issue that has straddled three Council terms.

35. To consider the taking in charge of the following private housing estate -
Ruanbeg Manor, Kildare. Report already circulated.

36. Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8

To consider report regarding proposed Ellistown Playground. Report already circulated.

Adjourned Motions

37. Councillor O'Loughlin

That the Council develop a policy in conjunction with other stakeholders e.g. the IFA, in relation to examining roadside trees and ensuring their safety, taking away any that are in danger of falling.

38. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the Council provide a breakdown of any or all commissions that the Arts section has either awarded itself or been asked to consult on awarding, giving the name of applicant and/or company name and the value of the commission in the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District over the last 5 years.

Adjourned Questions

39. Councillor Lynch

Why is it taking so long to enforce closure on a quarry which is in operation in Ballysax, The Curragh without proper planning permission for a prolonged period of time and can the Council provide a date to seek a court injunction to stop the operator from carrying out extensive quarrying?

40. Councillor O'Loughlin

In wishing the new Board of the Town Hall well, can I ask for feedback on timelines for the Town Hall, and on the submissions received for use?

Finance (11.45 a.m.)

Adjourned Question

41. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

What is the policy and protocol/procedure in place in this Municipal District for reviewing a business client who is in rates arrears and how is the decision to reduce or set aside, part or all of the arrears, carried out?

Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate Services (11.50 a.m.)

Question

42. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Has the Council any system in place for measuring the effectiveness of the Councillors query (rep tracking) system across departments? For example, what awareness is there of whether certain departments are performing in terms of engagement with and resolving or closing queries? Or after a representation has been acknowledged - is there a protocol for how long before any answer is given to a query?