

Áras Chill Dara
Páirc Devoy
An Nás
Co. Kildare
08 February 2016

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, 17 February 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 20 January 2016 and to note progress report.
2. To receive a progress report on schedule of municipal district works.

Housing (10:15 a.m.)

Motions

3. Councillor Power

That the council provide a full update on the progress made and future plans for the development of the Tankardsgarden halting site.

4. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the council collaborate with organisations working to help the homeless to pilot an emergency outreach service in the Kildare-Newbridge district that would register someone as homeless as and where they are found. The length of time a person is homeless is extended because a vulnerable homeless person in many instances is either unable to or

unwilling to travel to Kildare County Council to register as homeless. If we are failing to get vulnerable homeless people with no resources to travel to Naas to register as homeless then we as a Council have a moral duty to explore options to make it as easy as possible for a homeless person to register with our homeless services.

5. Councillor O'Loughlin

In consideration of the fact that Kildare has the lowest spend on young people at risk in the country, that the Community and Housing Directors set up a meeting with TUSLA with a view to setting up a task force in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District together with all stakeholders to scope the issues, impact and seek to source funding to address issues arising (as a pilot scheme).

Questions

6. Councillor Power

When was the last local authority house built in the Kildare-Newbridge area and how many houses are due to commence building this year?

7. Councillor O'Loughlin

Without a doubt, one of the biggest problems that we have in the county is anti-social behaviour of residents towards neighbours. Can we have a report on the number of anti social incidences reported among our tenants in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District, and how many of these were resolved within the last 24 months? Can we explore methods used in other countries at local authority level to help eradicate this, and encourage an ethos of respect? The home school-liaison programme is a great example of how some issues can be tackled. Whilst this is an issue county and indeed country wide I suggest that we set up a pilot scheme.

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

Motions

8. Councillor Power

In view of the traffic and pedestrian congestion between the schools and St Conleth's bridge that this council would agree to support the provision of a boardwalk under the bridge and if an approximate cost for same could be provided.

9. Councillor Pender

That the council explore the possibility of reinstating the pedestrian crossing from the main bus stop to Orchard Park, The Curragh.

10. Councillor Pender

That the council assess the footpaths and public thoroughfares in Kildare Town for accessibility and mobility and to ensure proper enforcement of parking laws around schools especially so as not to obstruct access to footpaths for wheelchair users, pushchairs and other mobility service users.

11. Councillor Stafford

That the council address the deficiencies in public lighting at:-

- Green Road, Kildare between the Railway Bridge and Loughminane
- Between Rosemount Court and Athgarvan village centre

12. Councillor O'Loughlin

Despite the aspiration of having a second and third bridge in Newbridge to alleviate the traffic, in the short term we urgently need a traffic management plan to deal with the chaos at specific times. The SCOOT system is evidently not working, and the council needs to develop a secondary plan to deal with the situation.

13. Councillor Lynch

That this council takes steps, which does not include flashing lights or signposts, to slow traffic on the hill at Athgarvan which is causing distress to parents with young children.

Adjourned Question

14. 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.

Questions

15. Councillor Pender

Do the council have any plans to improve the road surface at Chapel Lane/Hill at Lourdesville, Kildare Town?

16. Councillor Stafford

Can the council conduct an investigation into the sight-lines at Kinneagh Cross, The Curragh and carry out any necessary works to improve road safety at this location?

17. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the council review the area between Rosemount Court to Athgarvan cross for the safety of children walking to and from Athgarvan School? There is no footpath at all from Rosemount Court to Athgarvan Cross to facilitate children walking to and from school. It is over a year ago since I requested a hidden entrance sign for Rosemount Court to warn drivers of the entrance/exit which is hidden from the view of drivers who speed up to get to a green light at the crossroads.

18. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the council provide the breakdown of the pay-parking review, specifically addressing how the escalating litter issue in the district will be addressed if pay-parking is to remain with a private company?

19. Councillor O'Loughlin

Can the council incorporate footpath and traffic calming from Rosemount Court to Athgarvan Inn, i.e. the approach road from Two Mile House to Athgarvan Inn?

20. Councillor Doyle

Will a traffic count and speed survey be carried out on new Dunmurray/ Rathbride Link Road, and if not can this be arranged in order to determine traffic speeds?

21. Councillor Doyle

Can we get an analyses of revenues accrued from pay parking in Newbridge that demonstrates levels of parking demand throughout the weekly cycle with details of times, location and associated revenue?

22. Councillor Lynch

Can this council cost the installation of pedestrian footpath for residents of Kilbelin Park, Newbridge to access their estate from the main road footpath?

Water Services and Environment (11:00 a.m.)

23. To receive a briefing on CFRAMs (Flood Management) Programme and upcoming Public Consultation Days.

24. To commence statutory period of public consultation on Draft Control of Horses (Newbridge Urban Area) Bye-Laws 2016. (Report to follow).

Adjourned Question

25. 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?

Questions

26. Councillor Mark Stafford

To counteract the adverse effects of releasing increased volumes of water into the Liffey from Poulaphouca Dam can the council conduct an investigation into drainage issues that arise at Barrettstown, Newbridge particularly at Newbridge Golf Club and conduct all necessary relief works such as the installation of non-return valves?

Planning, Community and Culture (11:15 a.m.)

27. To consider the taking in charge of Old Mill Race, Athgarvan. (Report attached)

Motions

28. Councillor Lynch

That this council uses the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District as a pilot scheme to investigate the proper running and functioning of management companies in apartment buildings such as Millfield Manor, Newbridge which are not functioning correctly and that we investigate if the council can take the running of these schemes on, at a similar charge to residents as the management company. In many cases management companies have been at odds with residents in the proper management of buildings and with the potential for future projects being built, that we need to put better steps in place.

29. Councillor Doyle

That we get a progress report on development of Cherry Avenue site in Kildare town.

Adjourned Questions

30. 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?

Questions

31. Councillor Power

Can the council outline the source of funding that was used to pay for the works done on the Newbridge town hall and what budgetary arrangements are in place to facilitate the completion of the works?

32. Councillor Pender

Can the council repair or replace the barrier outside the playground gate in Kildare Town?

Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate Services (11.35 a.m.)

Motions

33. Councillor Stafford

That the Council invite Bruce Springsteen to visit County Kildare during his forthcoming trip to the country in light of his connection with Rathangan.

34. Councillor Doyle

That the council proceed with introducing bye laws for the control of drinking alcohol in a public place for Kildare town.

35. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the council engage with a consultative and pilot group of representatives from towns and villages across the Kildare-Newbridge municipal district specifically to focus on improving the physical environment in order to enhance tourism, jobs and quality of life in towns and villages across the district. This pilot group might reasonably consist of community representatives from Tidy Towns, businesses situated in town centres, Chambers and youth organisations, working with/ reporting to the Economic Development manager and or the Municipal District Manager. Their role would be to take a holistic long-term district wide approach to prioritising physical improvements from derelict buildings, to footpaths, street planting and leisure/amenity areas.