

Áras Chill Dara
Páirc Devoy
An Nás
Co. Kildare
09 May 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, 18 May 2016, in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

M. McIvor
Meetings Administrator

Agenda (10:00 a.m.)

1. To approve minutes of monthly meeting 16 March 2016 and to note progress report.
2. To receive an update on the schedule of municipal works.

Housing (10:10 a.m.)

Motions

3. Councillor McCabe

That the housing department arrange for the rental of properties in the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District, due to the number of Landlords refusing to engage with the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.

Questions

4. Councillor Pender

Can Kildare County Council please report on the use of the out of hours homeless service provided by McVerry Trust and the use of emergency homeless accommodation units in the Kildare/Newbridge area for the first four months of this year?

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety (10:20 a.m.)

Motions

5. Councillor Aspell

That the Council pilot the delivery of electrical points for vehicles in the public realm of Newbridge with a view to rolling out Countywide.

6. Councillor Doyle

That the outstanding road markings and landscaping of Melitta Road improvement project be completed.

7. Councillor Power

In view of the fact that the road between Naas and Newbridge floods at various points on a regular basis and the huge volume of traffic that uses the route, that Kildare County Council would carry out a safety audit of the road with a view to carrying out the necessary works?

8. Councillor Stafford

That the council will investigate surface water drainage issues that arise in Suncroft which is causing water to collect at the entrance to Newtown Grove and take the appropriate remedial action such as the installation of drainage shores.

9. Councillor Stafford

That the council repair the cattle grid at Ballymany, the Curragh on the Kilcullen road (R413) which appears to have slipped.

10. Councillor Pender

That the council extend or make appropriate adjustments to the ramps at Askinraw Lane Suncroft to prevent cars from avoiding the ramps by driving around the side of them.

Questions

11. Councillor Aspell

Can we examine the feasibility of implementing controlled signal system at Morristown Bridge in Newbridge similar to that successfully in use at Sexes Bridge?

12. Councillor Doyle

What is the likely schedule for preparation and delivery of Traffic Management Plan for Kildare town?

13. Councillor Doyle

Can we examine signage and potential traffic calming measures on Nurney Road, Kildare with particular emphasis on Walterstown Cross and blind bend just beyond Newtown Cross?

14. Councillor Power

Can the council give an update in relation to the redevelopment of Eyre St.?

15. Councillor McCabe

What action or initiative is required to close the dirt track from the train station car park at the rear of College Farm due to the anti social behaviour?

16. Councillor McCabe

What are the options open to the residents of Pairc Mhuire due to a significant increase in day parking because of the pricing increase at the railway station car park. Up to 26 cars a day are being parked incorrectly, in front of driveways causing confrontation and blocking fire brigade access etc.?

17. Councillor Lynch

Can the council provide a breakdown of the recently reduced parking income for Newbridge as previously promised and advise as to what length of time people have between parking their car and having it ticketed and remind the ticket parking wardens of the same as cars are being ticketed within seconds of being parked?

18. Councillor Lynch

Can speed ramps be installed in the estates where residents are requesting them at Killbelin Park, Newbridge/ Rowanville East, Kildare Town and Roseberry Hill, Newbridge opposite the shop?

19. Councillor Stafford

Can we have an update on the proposed realignment of the junction and the improvement of sightlines between the Pollardstown Road (L7032) and the R415 at Rathbride?

20. Councillor Stafford

Will the council commit to conducting an investigation into the difficulties caused by all day parking in estates adjacent to pay parking zones in Newbridge and Kildare Town and identify possible solutions?

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

Motion

21. Councillor Power

While acknowledging the support that Kildare County Council provides to communities and tidy towns groups throughout the county in assisting with clean ups, that serious consideration would be given to a major Clean Up Kildare campaign for next year.

Question

22. Councillor Pender

Can Kildare County Council please explain the rationale behind the installation of the second lake behind the Newbridge Family Resource Centre?

Planning, Community and Culture (11:10 a.m.)

23. To receive a report on the Community Heritage Grant Scheme grant allocation.

24. To consider the Community and Festival grants for the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District.

Motions

25. Councillor Doyle

That we receive a status report on enforcement of Unauthorised Development issues at both Feighcullen and Ballysax the Curragh.

26. Councillor Lynch

That the council provides a bimonthly report on the progress of the taking in charge of each estate within the district and that we do not accept that staffing resources or funding is an appropriate answer, considering most estates such as Curragh Grange Newbridge, are waiting years to be taken in charge and progress should be ongoing in all instances and this needs to be reported to the members.

27. Councillor Lynch

That the council welcomes Bord na Mona's biodiversity action plan and considering our relative proximity to the capital and large tourist numbers that we feel that the bogs within our district are most suitable for objectives 3,4 and 5 of the action plan. The spent bogs around Allen, Lullymore and Allenwood already have a fantastic "discovery park" and were BNM themselves to follow suit and further rehabilitate and restore peatland areas within this municipal district it would reap benefits for the community and environment. In light of this that we write to Bord na Mona asking if they will restore spent boglands within our area, appropriately beside their head office, in line with their biodiversity action plan.

28. Councillor Pender

That Kildare County Council explore the idea of providing outdoor Automated External Defibrillators for public use 24/7 in the town centres of Newbridge and Kildare.

Questions

29. Councillor Power

In view of the wonderful asset that is the Liffey and the potential it provides for the town, can the council outline its plans to further develop the river bank between St Conleth's bridge and Newbridge College?

30. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the council provide a progress update on the Town Hall including

- current costs and expenditure
- reason for ongoing delay,
- plans for its future use,
- requirements for completion
- date of opening

Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate Services (11:30 a.m.)

Motions

31. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the members revert to the former democratic system of permitting elected representatives to speak on any motion they submit once the motion qualifies for the agenda. The current and relatively new system requiring a seconder in order to permit discussion of a motion, that has already been deemed appropriate for the agenda, goes against core democratic values of free speech and representation. Requiring a seconder permits censorship of individual motions on the Municipal District agenda that have already been through a qualifying process before being included on the agenda. It is not our role as public representatives to shut down public debate or to retain a mechanism that permits censorship.

32. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the members consider a formal, transparent and democratic method of appointing a Mayor including the taking of turns according to votes garnered at election.

This would

- give a say to constituents/voters in who their Mayors will be over the course of the term of a Council

- give every single public representative a fair chance of being Mayor whether they are an Independent Cllr vs a Cllr who is part of a group holding power in the District.
- unsully the process of negotiations around Mayoral positions and the disproportionate holding of Mayoral positions by larger groupings/party's holding or sharing power in the Municipal District.

Question

33. Councillor McLoughlin Healy

What Council buildings and land are leased out long term by the Council and what is the protocol for offering long-term leases?