

Áras Chill Dara  
Páirc Devoy  
An Nás  
Co. Kildare  
7 November 2016

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

Dear Mayor and Members,

The next meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 November 2016, in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

M. Dalton  
Meetings Administrator

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

1. To approve the minutes of the monthly meeting, the draft budget meeting on 19 October 2016 and the draft budget meeting of 26 October 2016 and to note progress report.
2. To receive a deputation from Mr Ross Dunleavy on a BMX Park for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.
3. To receive an update on the schedule of municipal works.

**Housing (10:30 a.m.)**

**Motion**

**4. Councillor Doyle**

That we investigate the feasibility of offering for sale, any local authority vacant property in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District that has been void for in excess of 9 months and that those houses be offered for sale to applicants who meet criteria of affordable housing.

**Question**

**5. Councillor Pender**

Can the council please outline a timeline for the delivery of the extra transitional emergency accommodation units in the Kildare/Newbridge area?

**Roads, Transportation and Public Safety (10:40 a.m.)**

**Motions**

**6. Councillor McLoughlin Healy**

That the council provide an update on traffic calming measures for Great Connell including an update on Lidl's planning application.

**7. Councillor McCabe**

That the council would consider creating a filter lane from the former Credit Union building in Newbridge to the traffic lights at Dunnes Stores. The lack of a filter lane causes drivers to drive in the middle of the road and as a result of this you regularly see vehicles mounting the footpath to get by on the inside.

**8. Councillor Doyle**

That the footpath from village shop in Suncroft be extended the short distance to the community centre.

**9. Councillor Aspell**

That this council carry out necessary works in the footpath and roads in the Village Estate, Newbridge to the footpath and road.

### **10. Councillor Pender**

That the council carry out a traffic survey to assess volumes and speeds on the Suncroft Road and carry out any traffic calming measures that may be required as a result.

### **11. Councillor Lynch**

That this council considers that the centre of Newbridge between the River Liffey and Station Road, Main Street and Eyre Street (Robert Street, Thomas Street, Patrick Street, Francis Street and Lane, John Street area) are not in an appropriate condition for a main town centre and that we immediately draw up remedial plans for footpath and road upgrades in the area. The National Transport Authority had previously considered investment into the area and we require an update on this.

### **12. Councillor Stafford**

That the council proceed with the taking in charge of Coill Dubh Village pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993

## **Questions**

### **13. Councillor McCabe**

Can Georges Street become a fully designated pedestrian street which it effectively is at present, so that the large blue parking time signs can be removed? This would help improve the visual aspects of the street.

### **14. Councillor McCabe**

Can the junction at the Topaz garage in Newbridge be either yellow boxed fully or a mini roundabout established? This is a very busy and precarious junction at the best of times and from a safety point of view requires some action.

### **15. Councillor Doyle**

What are the planned arrangements for roads crew workers in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District, having regard to new yard in Rathangan?

### **16. Councillor Aspell**

With applications for housing developments at Sarsfields, Newbridge, do the council have plans to improve the roads for the heavy traffic that will be heading out of town to this area?

**17. Councillor Lynch**

Where is the progress for the undergrounding of wiring in the town of Newbridge and what are the costs for doing the same? This work has taken place in the majority of large towns, this council was previously promised progress on this, which we have not seen, and as a major retail town bringing in significant shoppers, tourists and rates this must occur soon.

**18. Councillor Stafford**

Can the council take the appropriate measures to improve visibility at the entrance to Curragh Downs, Brownstown?

**19. Councillor Stafford**

Can the council investigate the defects in certain boundary and estate stone walls and stone cladding at Roseberry Hill, Newbridge and confirm if it will repair same in respect of the phases taken in charge and notify the developer in respect of the phases not taken in charge?

**Water Services and Environment (11:45 a.m.)**

**Motion**

**20. Councillor Power**

In view of the serious concern of residents in Dara Park in Newbridge at the attempt to carry out landscaping following the completion of the flood relief works, that the council indicate the details of the agreement with the landscaper, the cost of the works, if the council has expressed any concern about the current state of the site, the plans to rectify the matter and what other works are planned in the area.

**Question**

**21. Councillor Power**

In view of a recent reply regarding the provision of the Newbridge eastern interceptor sewer, that work is expected to commence in December 2017, can the council indicate what progress has been made in relation to the necessary land acquisition?

**Planning, Community and Culture (12:00 p.m.)**

**Motions**

**22. Councillor Aspell**

That this council give a full report on the cost and up keep of Ryston swimming pool and what are their plans for this site.

**23. Councillor Power**

In view of the wonderful and selfless work carried out by Newbridge tidy towns and many other individuals that the council will make a determined and conscience decision to invest and support this work by 1. providing a full time cleaning service,2. engaging a professional person to draw up a regeneration plan for the town and 3. encouraging & incentivising property owners to present their properties in a manner that reflects well on the owners and the town.

**24. Councillor Pender**

That the council encourage the installation of Public Access Defibrillators in central locations in towns and villages across the district by identifying a liaison within the council to work with community groups to facilitate Public Access Defibrillators schemes where it is feasible.

**Questions**

**25. Councillor McLoughlin Healy**

Can we get an update and expected timeline on the invite extended to Mayo's architect Simon Wall, asking him to visit the district with a view to providing the benefit of his expertise to kick-start a vision for the town centres in our district, including an update on the preparatory meetings with Tidy Towns groups in Kildare and Newbridge prior to his visit?

**26. Councillor McLoughlin Healy**

Can we get an update on specifically what is happening at the moment to progress the taking in charge of Kilbelin Abbey and what if anything has happened to progress the taking in charge in the last 6 months. What is the estimated timeline for taking the estate in charge?

**27. Councillor Power**

Can the council indicate what works will be carried out at The Village Estate in Newbridge next year and if confirmation can be given in relation to correspondence received from the residents association who have outlined their preference for the works required.

**28. Councillor McCabe**

Would the council agree to the placing of two plaques on two buildings in Newbridge. One being at McElwain Terrace and the other being the building known as the Arch Bar. These would be classed as additions to the Heritage Trail of Newbridge which has several plaques in situ already. This year being the 150th Anniversary year of Goffs it would be appropriate to remember Robert J Goff who established the first fully Irish owned and based bloodstock trading business here in Newbridge in 1866. Robert J Goff operated originally from these two places of business in Newbridge and it has grown to its current stature at Kill in County Kildare and remains to this day a great asset to our county.

**29. Councillor Aspell**

Is there going to be any community gain from the building of the housing developments at Sarsfields, to improve the roads or is this part of the planning application?

**30. Councillor Lynch**

Can this council and accesses and costs the feasibility of planting a specimen tree of each type of native Irish tree (as best practise from Tree Council, Department of Agriculture etc..) from between the "Tougher" roundabout to Newbridge along the central medium strip of wide greenway in the middle of the road? This can be seen as a low cost environmental feature to mark the entrance to the town. Obviously road safety is a priority however the area has ample room for this to not impede traffic.

**Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate Services (12:30 p.m.)**

**Motions**

**31. Councillor Lynch**

That this council begins talks with the semi state body, Bord na Mona (BNM), to address the lack of green amenity space in the town of Newbridge and that we assess with their head office the pushing back of the entrance wall (on main street side) of BNM, to the end of this open green space (current idle) to open up a small green area in the heart of the town.

**32. Councillor Stafford**

That the Property Interest Register team, in the first instance, establish the ownership of St. Bridgets Well, Brallistown Commons, Kildare and put in place the necessary measures to protect the site and secondly, if appropriate, make an application to have the site vested in the council's ownership.

**Questions**

**33. Councillor Doyle**

While contractors are still on site, can we make good ground level toilet facilities in old Courthouse, Kildare town, in order that building meet accessibility standards?

**Finance (12:40 p.m.)**

**Motions**

**34. Councillor McLoughlin Healy**

That the council provide evidence for councillors to support its argument that the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District overall gets a fair share of the budget despite its Municipal District budget being lesser than in other districts.