



**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District  
held at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 30 March 2022  
on Microsoft Teams**

**Members Present:** Councillor R Power (Mayor), Councillors A Connolly, N Connolly, S Doyle, K Duffy, N Heavey, F McLoughlin Healy, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer and M Stafford

**Apologies:** Councillor C Pender

**Officials Present:** Mr J Boland (District Manager), Ms B Cuddy (District Engineer), Ms L Kennedy (LPT Co-Ordinator), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Secretary).

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**KN01/0322**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

The Mayor asked if there were any Declarations of Interest to be made under Section 177 Of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

The Mayor stated that he was a member of Caragh Tidy Towns.

Councillor P O'Dwyer stated that she was also a member of Caragh Tidy Towns and a member of the Decade of Commemoration Committee.

Councillor Noel Heavey stated he was a member of Junefest.

The Mayor advised that any other interests could be declared during Item 2.

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**LPT Schedule of Works 2022**

Following clarification, the Mayor advised that the total budget for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District to be allocated was €1,625,867 which comprised of €1,293,050 from retained LPT and €332,817 from pay parking funding. He informed the members that it was



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a statutory requirement to approve the schedule by 31 March and that the headline items would be approved at the meeting, but he would also like to see some of the line items approved where possible.

The Mayor proposed that the pay parking funding of €332,817 be allocated to Roads. This was seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and agreed by the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and agreed by the members that the pay parking funding of €332,817 be allocated to Roads.

Following a lengthy discussion on the draft Schedule, the members made the following points:

- Could clarity and background information be provided on the line items especially those which did not originate from a department in Kildare County Council. Once information had been provided and clarification provided, members would be in a better position to consider these items.
- If the amount for residents' associations had already been increased why was a further amount of €10k being requested for biodiversity.
- The line item related to Decade of Commemoration needed to contain 3 strands
  - Decade of Commemoration Works Annual Works Programme - €11,875
  - Brigid 1500 - €20,000
  - County Memorial for Mother and Baby Homes - €12,000
- What role did the Decade of Commemoration Committee play in Brigid 1500 and was there an overlap between Decade of Commemoration, Brigid 1500 and Festival Grants.
- The council needed to put as much resources as it could into Brigid 1500 and put its best foot forward on this project.
- Could reassurances be provided that Music Generation had active governance and that the scheme was accessible to all.
- Could top line headings be agreed only as there were too many questions regarding line items. When more information was provided, the line items could be finalised.
- Some requests for funding had been received from sports clubs. As there was no applications process for this, could a line item be created for sports grants which clubs could then apply for.
- Could figures previously requested by the members in relation to residents' association grants be provided before agreement of this item.



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- Clarity sought on council related functions and whether some of the grant applications made, fell outside the councils remit.
- The festival grants process needed review as the description was too vague.
- Work was ongoing via the Community and Culture SPC in relation to a review of the allocation process and amounts for Residents Association
- Members nominations should be removed from the process, and the amount allocated elsewhere.

The following replies were provided for the members information:

- Clarification and background information would be provided to the members before agreement of requested line items.
- The Brigid 1500 was referred to the Decade of Commemoration Committee by the then Cathaoirleach at Plenary Council as it considered to be the body best placed to deal with the commencement process. A specific committee was being put together with an events management person to deal with Brigid 1500 going forward.
- Reassurances were provided that there was an active governance committee in place in relation to music generation and a lot of positives were happening in this area.

Following agreement on the headline item totals, the Mayor sought the members agreement to allocate the remaining amount of €27,543 to the Community headline total. The members agreed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of the Mayor and agreed by the members, the remaining amount of €27,543 be allocated to the Community headline total.

The Mayor sought the members agreement to the allocation of €654,817 to the Roads Subtotal to include €100,000 for Taking In Charge

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor K Duffy, seconded by Councillor A Connolly and agreed by the members that the amount of €654,817 be allocated to Roads to include €100,000 for Taking in Charge.

The Mayor sought the members agreement to the allocation of €412,543 to the Community Subtotal to include the following line items:



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Community Outreach Programmes Relevant to MD	€18,000
Garda Youth Diversion	€ 8,500
Respite for Families	€ 3,500

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor A Connolly, seconded by Councillor N Connolly, with 8 members voting in favour that the Community Subtotal of €412,543, including the three line items referenced above, be approved.

The Mayor sought the members agreement to the allocation of €291,174 to Economic Development, Planning and Heritage Subtotal.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor K Duffy, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and agreed by the members, the amount of €291,174 be allocated to Economic Development, Planning and Heritage, subject to clarification of line items.

The Mayor sought the members agreement to the allocation of €74,875 to Library and Arts Subtotal to include the following line items:

Brigid 1500	€20,000
Mother and Baby Home Memorial	€12,000
Decade of Commemoration (Annual Works Programme)	€11,875
Coiste Gaeilge	€ 1,000

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor A Connolly and agreed by the members that the Library and Arts Subtotal of €74,875, including the four line items referenced above, be approved.

The Mayor sought the members agreement to the allocation of €129,548 to Climate Action and Environment Subtotal to include the line items to the following Tidy Towns Groups:

Newbridge	€25,538
Kildare	€17,438
Monasterevin	€13,500
Rathangan	€10,800
Suncroft	€ 6,416
Milltown	€ 6,416
Kilcullen	€10,800



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Caragh	€ 4,500
Brannockstown	€ 2,700
Kildangan (Community Development Group)	€ 1,350

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and agreed by the members that the Library and Arts Subtotal €129,458, together with the above line items be approved.

The Mayor sought the members agreement to the allocation of €63,000 to Recreation and Amenity Subtotal to include the following line items:

Tree Works	€15,000
Tree Planting	€15,000

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by the members that the Recreation and Amenity Subtotal together with the above two line items be approved.

The Mayor and members agreed that a follow up briefing would take place on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 6 April at 12pm to discuss the outstanding line items and receive clarification on applications received late, with a view to bringing them to the April Municipal District Meeting for approval.

The Mayor and members agreed that the April meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting would be an in-person meeting held in the Council Chamber.

The meeting concluded.