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07 January 2019

To the Mayor and each member of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District

Dear Mayor and members,

The next meeting of Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 January 2019 in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,



F. Skehan
Meetings Administrator

Agenda (10:00 a.m.)

1. To approve the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 19 December 2018 and to note the progress report.
2. To receive an update on the municipal district road works.
3. To agree and approve the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2019 (including the agreed list of roads projects)

Housing and Corporate Services (10:10 a.m.)

4. Adjourned Motion – Councillor Stafford

That the council furnish a list of the properties purchased, particularly for housing, from Government Agencies and other public bodies in the municipal district within the past three years.

5. Motion – Councillor Pender

In light of the opportunities arising in Newbridge for infrastructural and cultural development and given the importance of availability of community spaces in the town centre, that the members agree to write to the Charities Regulator asking for clarity on how the public interest is being served in relation to the Éamonn Ó'Modhráin Hall, one of the last community owned buildings held in trust for the public benefit and seeks engagement from the regulator on this matter

6. Question – Councillor S Power

Can Kildare County Council give an approximate figure as to how many people sought emergency accommodation in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District last year?

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety (10:25 a.m.)

7. Adjourned Motion – Councillor Stafford

That the council establish a separate scheme to make provision for small scale and one off public lighting requests, such as the provision of additional lights at Newtown and Ard Mhuire, Rathangan, as it is anticipated that the existing KLIPS scheme is weighted heavily in favour of larger projects and to examine other sources of funding such as community funding, sponsorship and LPT funding.

8. Motion – Councillor S Power

That the council make every effort to source funding for the provision of a new bridge for Newbridge.

9. Motion – Councillor McCabe

That this municipal district considers trialling radar speed signs in built up areas and housing estates as an alternative to speed ramps.

10. Motion – Councillor Lynch

That this municipal district seeks an immediate review of the Newbridge town pay parking bye-laws which should consider and explore increasing the length of free parking from 15 minutes to 40 minutes and explore the possible introduction of pay parking on a Sunday to alleviate the parking crises in the town on this day.

11. Motion – Councillor Stafford

That the council install public lights along the R419 from Glebe Court, Portarlinton Road, Rathangan to the junction with the L7003 at Bournes Lane.

12. Motion – Councillor Stafford

That the council take in charge the remaining section of Langton Road, Newbridge.

13. Motion – Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the council address the issues arising from the location of the pedestrian crossings at Allenwood crossroads to include a report of the traffic counting exercise completed last year.

14. Question – Councillor Lynch

Can the council develop a full design and funding stream for a full road safety redesign at Kilbelin, Newbridge (near the Gables) considering the large volume of traffic on the road and that there is no safe crossing on this busy road?

15. Question – Councillor Lynch

Can the council ensure that when the Cherry Avenue, Kildare Town Public Amenity works begin that some speed measures are included at the bend on the main road?

16. Question – Councillor Pender

Can the council consider approaching the Department of Defence asking if they would be amenable to a land transfer at the crossroads junction at Brownstown in order to

facilitate a suitable junction or roundabout which would improve road safety in this area?

17. Question – Councillor Pender

On foot of the motion passed at the October 2018 Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting regarding the installation of an e-car charging space in public car parks, can the council include the provision of e-charging spaces in the current Kildare Town and Newbridge parking bye-laws?

18. Question – Councillor Stafford

Can the council include the local roads from Mountrice to Umeras (L7010) and at Mullaghroe (L70101) as part of the road resurfacing programme for 2019?

19. Question – Councillor Stafford

Can the council furnish a progress report on the installation of traffic lights at Allenwood Cross?

Planning and Strategic Development (11:05 a.m.)

20. Motion – Councillor Pender

That the members welcome the news that the Department of Education has announced a new school for the Curragh Post Primary and given that new school buildings can sometimes be delivered very quickly, that the members write to the Department of Education, the Department of Defence Property Services Section and the Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board asking for engagement as soon as possible with current pupils, parents, possible feeder schools, South Kildare Educate Together and all other relevant stakeholders regarding the location of the new school and to consider that current and future students who walk or cycle to school, should be able to continue to do so.

Economic, Community and Cultural Development (11:10 a.m.)

21. Adjourned Motion – Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the council clarify if the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District has an expert representative on the Local Enterprise Office, Evaluation and Approvals Committee, how members of the committee are recruited and remunerated and if the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District is not represented, that the council consider that either all municipal districts or no municipal district are represented on the committee.

22. Motion – Councillor S Power

In view of the importance of the horticultural industry in County Kildare, that the council outline its tree planting plan for the Kildare-Newbridge municipal area this year and confirm what percentage of the trees will be sourced within the county.

23. Motion – Councillor McCabe

That this municipal district considers initialising an overall pollinator action plan to assist nature's biodiversity, namely bees, butterflies and wildflowers by engaging in the pollinator-friendly practices of grass cutting for parks and roadsides also to ensure the use of quality top soil on newly created road verges and roundabouts.

24. Motion – Councillor Lynch

That this municipal district seeks a design plan for the introduction of a playground at Athgarvan as per the County Development Plan.

25. Motion – Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the council provides certainty, clarity and fairness in relation to the LPT grants funding process by clarifying the deadline for applications and the criteria for application and selection.

26. Question - Councillor S Power

In view of the wonderful amenity that is the Liffey Linear Park, can the council outline what planned expenditure it has made for it this year?

27. Question – Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the council clarify the delay in contacting a volunteer/s for town and county twinning committees?

28. Question – Councillor McLoughlin Healy

Can the council clarify if it accepted and confirmed surrender of the leases for the sports field at Rickardstown and outline a clear timeline for Sarsfields/Newbridge United to take possession of the land?