

Áras Chill Dara
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11 March 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, 20 March 2019 in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas and you are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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Meetings Administrator

Agenda (10:00 a.m.)

1. To approve the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 20 February 2019 and to note the progress report.
2. To receive an update on the municipal district road works.

Housing and Corporate Services (10:20 a.m.)

3. Question – Councillor Joanne Pender

Can this Municipal District Committee receive an update in relation to the Eamonn O'Modhrain Hall?

4. Question – Councillor Suzanne Doyle

Can this Municipal District Committee have a report on the number of affordable loan applications that are presently in the system for this municipal district and all other municipal districts (for comparative purposes) for the period of the scheme, what number are approved, what number are eligible awaiting approval, what are the timelines on approved loans deadline for drawdown and what is total value on each of these?

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

Building and Development Control

5. Motion – Councillor Mark Stafford

That the council propose that Redhills Park, Ellistown, Mountrice Mill and/or Moore's Wood, Mountrice be added to any pilot or initial funding scheme for the taking in charge of estates with Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) as envisaged by the National Taking in Charge Initiative (NTICI).

6. Question – Councillor Suzanne Doyle

Can the council provide a progress report on the Taking In Charge of estates within the municipal district for the period of this council and a status report on outstanding estates?

7. Question – Councillor Mark Stafford

Can the council provide a timeline for the carrying out of works and the taking in charge of The Plains, The Curragh Plains and Coolaghknock, Kildare given that the bond has been encashed.

Roads

8. Motion – Councillor Seán Power

That the council outline the progress made regarding the provision of funds to make Dag Welds Cross safer and if a time frame could be given in which the works will be carried out.

9. Motion – Councillor Seán Power

That the council name the top three black spots for accidents in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District area with a view to prioritising them for future funding.

10. Motion – Councillor Murty Aspell

That this Municipal District Committee invite Irish Rail to come to a meeting and explain why the first trains from Newbridge in the morning are leaving 10 minutes late.

11. Motion – Councillor Suzanne Doyle

That this Municipal District Committee request the Transport, Safety and Emergency Services SPC to examine and identify the number of village or settlements seeking traffic calming measures in the county and scope the feasibility of designing and costing a generic treatment that addresses concerns and that a funding mechanism is identified through the annual budget programme/levies/LPT/Department funding where any, either or all contribute to the delivery of a schedule of works that will resolve this matter.

12. Motion – Councillor Mark Stafford

That the council repair the bridge at Wheelam, Milltown.

13. Question – Councillor Seán Power

Can the council provide an update in relation to the Newbridge Traffic Management Plan?

14. Question – Councillor Joanne Pender

Can the council confirm if there is any specific clause or any extra loading in the counties insurance cover relating to the use of cattle grids around the Curragh to keep livestock from roaming out into the M7?

15. Question – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy

Can the council outline the timeline and funding sources for each stage of the National Transport Authority traffic management plan and for the development of a new cultural quarter in Newbridge; specifically identifying the source of the €6.3 million for the cultural quarter and the extent of the development that this funding will cover, in light of the estimated €8 million cost of redevelopment of the library alone?

16. Question – Councillor Mark Lynch

Can the council provide a cost and create a plan for the installation of a metal footbridge over the railway at Morrinstown, Newbridge?

17. Question – Councillor Mark Lynch

Can the council confirm what are the steps, timelines and proposed outcomes of the Rathangan town improvement works?

18. Question – Councillor Morgan McCabe

Can the council reinstate the original street name signs in Dara Park, e.g. Ivy Grove, Walnut Grove, etc as a number of them are missing?

19. Question – Councillor Mark Stafford

Can the council confirm what is the purpose of listing a road as Priority 2 on the Winter Service Plan 2018 - 2019, how many roads are included in this schedule and when is it anticipated that the R401 from Gallaghers Cross, Dunmurray to Rathangan, currently on the Priority 2 list, will be added to the Priority 1 list?

Environment and Water Services (11:05 a.m.)

20. Motion – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy

That the council review and explain the early recommendation of the Curragh Forum that bye-laws be used to address some of the ongoing issues on the Curragh Plains.

21. Motion – Councillor Mark Lynch

That the council commits to retaining at least half an acre of the machinery yard for open public green space and a playground for Newbridge town and that plans are put

in place to ensure this happens on foot of the sale of the machinery yard in Newbridge.

22. Motion – Councillor Mark Lynch

That this Municipal District Committee states its objection to the ongoing neglectful treatment of the Curragh Plains by the Department of Defence (not the military), requests an immediate explanation as to why a significant amount of organised dumping has occurred on a national monument and special area of conservation and demands a response from the Minister of Defence to action the 1999 Inter-Departmental task force report on the Curragh Plains.

23. Question – Councillor Sean Power

Can the council provide an update on the progress being made regarding the future management of The Curragh?

24. Question – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy

Can the council outline any progress in terms of its investigation of how the Water Tower could be demolished and removed in Newbridge?

Economic, Community and Cultural Development (11:25 a.m.)

25. Motion – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy

Given the success of the new Skatepark in Newbridge that the council provide; seating for parents who have no option at the moment but to stand for long periods while supervising young children; replace the bins that were removed when redesigning the park; the CCTV envisaged for the park.

26. Motion – Councillor Morgan McCabe

That this Municipal District Committee requests the South Western Regional Drugs Task Force to actively engage and address the drug related issues in Newbridge as the current situation is causing too much disruption and distress in the community.

27. Question – Councillor Murty Aspell

Can the council consider the possibility of erecting a monument in Newbridge for the men and women who served in the army that have died throughout all wars as Newbridge is a garrison town and has been involved with the army for a long time?