

Áras Chill Dara  
Páirc Devoy  
An Nás  
Co. Chill Dara

07 May 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, 15 May 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, 17 April 2019 and to note the progress report.
2. To receive an update on the municipal district road works.

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

**3. Adjourned Motion – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy**

That the council clarify what steps it has taken to ensure that the conditions that existed at the time public monies were allegedly stolen from an Approved Housing Body in the district no longer exist before distributing further public monies from the €86 million allocated to Kildare County Council to deliver social housing including; the number of signatures required for cheques then and now; the financial/auditing expertise on the board then and now; the frequency and detail of financial reporting from the Approved Housing Body to the council; which policies/protocols of the Approved Housing Body in question have been changed to safeguard against theft/fraud in the future; what account has the then Chair been asked to give in relation to the board's failure to safeguard against theft/fraud.

**4. Question – Councillor Seán Power**

Can the council outline what works will be carried out in Páirc Mhuire this year and when is the work likely to begin?

**5. Question – Councillor Mark Stafford**

Can the council confirm what options are available to Kildare County Council/Rebuilding Ireland mortgage holders in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District who wish to trade up, to accommodate an expanding family or who wish to take out a top up mortgage to build an extension for the same reason.

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

### Roads

**6. Motion – Councillor Seán Power**

In view of the constant parking difficulties being experienced by the Páirc Mhuire residents in Newbridge, that the council enter into discussions with the residents with a view to drawing up a plan to resolve the matter.

**7. Motion – Councillor Morgan McCabe**

That this municipal district create a parking permit system to facilitate housing estates that are under pressure with illegal parking, in particular Páirc Mhuire.

**8. Motion – Councillor Mark Stafford**

That the council improve visibility and access onto Cribbons Lane, Newtown Rathangan and identify a source of funding for same.

**9. Motion – Councillor Mark Lynch**

That the council commits to the installation of roundabouts in place of traffic lights, in most circumstances, considering the over abundance of traffic lights in Newbridge, how they are hampering the flow of traffic in the town and that future planning recommends this.

**10. Question – Councillor Seán Power**

In view of the increasing traffic problems in Newbridge, can the council indicate what opportunities are being explored to fund a new bridge for the town?

**11. Question – Councillor Morgan McCabe**

Can the Roads Department look at the line of sight issues at the exit from College Park onto Rowan Terrace as the line of sight for traffic approaching from the right is very short?

**12. Question – Councillor Morgan McCabe**

Can the council consider putting a pedestrian crossing on the bend at the Spar Shop between Páirc Mhuire and Dara Park?

**13. Question – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy**

Given the increasing number of vehicular and pedestrian incidents reported in and around Athgarvan and the applications for further housing developments in the area can the council develop a plan to address speeding and traffic on all four roads leading to the village, including but not limited to- 50km signs on all entrances to the village, the provision of a 'hidden entrance' or estate sign at the entrance to Rosemount Court estate, and consideration of a pedestrian pathways between the

crash test centre and the entrance to Athgarvan Heights, and between Rosemount Estate and the Athgarvan Inn.

**14. Question – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy**

Can the council provide a list of all the roadworks budgeted for in the municipal district for this year broken down into roadworks funded from core budget, national funding, LPT and payparking?

**15. Question – Councillor Mark Stafford**

Can the council review the pedestrian crossing at the top of Rathangan Bridge (on the Secondary School side) as there are concerns regarding the safety of this crossing and visibility at same?

**Finance and ICT (11:00 a.m.)**

**16.** To note report from the municipal district representative on the Finance Committee (Report attached).

**17. Question – Councillor Mark Lynch**

Can time limits be introduced on the expenditure of public funds / LPT in this municipal district to ensure they are spent on time and within a calendar year or set period and can this be recommended to future councils?

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

**18. Motion – Councillor Morgan McCabe**

That this municipal district declare a Climate Emergency for the purpose of ensuring that all activities in our municipal district are more climate aware, climate friendly and show our acute awareness of the imminent danger to our children and their future and that this is done in the hope that other municipal districts, council's and the Government would follow our lead.

**19. Motion – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy**

That the council ask Bord na Mona to explore a range of options for their Masterplan for their Newbridge site that would support sustainable economic development in the area including a hub that had the potential to support any or all of the following

1. Support local start-ups and growing enterprises with the aim of fostering entrepreneurship and developing economic activity in the area
2. Foster and support community ownership of renewable energy projects, citizen education and promotion of recycling
3. Provide 'Hot-desk' facilities which would allow people to avail of fibre broadband for remote work purposes and for business uses

**20. Motion – Councillor Mark Stafford**

That the council liaise with Irish Water with a view to expediting the taking in charge of White Abbey Court, Kildare and resolve any outstanding issues relating to the pumping station.

**Economic, Community and Cultural Development (11:30 a.m.)**

**21. Adjourned Motion – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy**

That where it has not executed its oversight function over organisations it funds in the municipal district (and county) the council now ask that they provide an annual report of their use and governance of public monies and they be uploaded onto the council's website for public access.

**22. Motion – Councillor Seán Power**

That the council outline its long term plans for developing the Liffey Linear Park and the works that are planned for this year.

**23. Motion – Councillor Suzanne Doyle**

That this municipal district convene a meeting of tourism stakeholders for the area to devise means of optimising amenities and event visitor numbers and identify methods of ensuring that we extend the stay and spend of potential visitors through coupling attractions for visitors.

**24. Motion – Councillor Suzanne Doyle**

That the municipal district committee acknowledge the historic relationship of Kildare town to the racing industry and Curragh Racecourse by planting, in conjunction with Tidy Towns, a colourful flower bed at the entrance to Kildare Town denoting the current Derby winning colours.

**25. Motion – Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy**

That the council, using its almost complete land and asset register, identify possible locations for a free, national standard, BMX park that is being offered to this municipal district and outline upfront what would be required from a developer in order to allow it to be provided to the council for the benefit of young people of this municipal district.

**26. Question – Councillor Mark Lynch**

Can the council confirm when the Athgarvan public realm plan is going out for public display and resident input?