



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District  
meeting held at 10:00 a.m. on 11 December 2019 in  
Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr J Boland (District Manager), Mr Gerry Halton (Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Malone (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr J Murtagh (Executive Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin, Mr D McDermott, Ms S Scully (Administrative Officers), Ms S O'Gara (Project Manager), Ms B Cuddy, (Municipal District Engineer), Mr B Leonard, (Meetings Administrator) and Ms R O'Connell (Meetings Secretary).

**KN01/1219**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 20 November 2019 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Duffy that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on 20 November 2019 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

**KN02/1219**

**Matters Arising**

**KN6/1119 – Councillor Duffy Motion**

Councillor Duffy asked that the resolution for his motion from November's meeting be added to the progress report and all the members agreed.



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“Have your Say” - An online consultation to be advertised to invite submissions from the schools, parents and local businesses in relation to the School Street Initiative Programme.”

### **An update on St. Patrick’s Park, Rathangan, Co Kildare**

Councillor McLoughlin Healy enquired were the members receiving an update on St.Patrick’s Park, Rathangan this morning before the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting.

Councillor Connolly stated that they were told last month that they would have it in November and then it was changed to December.

Councillor Stafford informed the members that it was meant to be on this morning, but it had been changed to have it in January 2020 instead.

Ms Cuddy informed the members that there was €50,000 allocated for the road going into St. Patrick’s Park, Rathangan and that hopefully in January this work could be carried out.

### **KN03/1219**

The Mayor requested to take item 7 next and all the members agreed.

### **Unspent 2019 LPT allocation to taking in charge of estates**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. That the council allocate the unspent 2019 LPT allocation of €236,000 to Building and Development Control to expedite the work required to bring estates not yet taken in charge around the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District area or at least bringing them closer to the taking in charge standard, detailing ball-park figures for estates that might benefit were the fund is allocated in such a way.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Ryan.



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A report was received from Building and Development Control informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree. The Development Control Section sent an e-mail to all members of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District asking them to consider allocating LPT money to this Section to assist with the Taking in Charge process. The following estates and estimated costings were suggested in that mail and these estates would be the ones that Building and Development Control would try to progress should the members agree to this motion:

- Walshestown Abbey, Newbridge. This was a medium sized development where an investment of €15,000 should be sufficient to address the remaining issues to get the estate to the Taking in Charge standard.
- Beechmount, Newbridge was a small development that would require an investment in the region of €10,000 to progress to Taking in Charge
- White Abbey Court in Kildare was also a small development that would require in the region of €10,000 to progress the estate to the required standard.

Millfield was a large development with apartments and houses. It was more complex than the other developments above and would require funding over 2-3 years to resolve the retaining wall issue. The Development Control Section were in the process of getting quotes for this work at the moment. Millfield also has a Management Company in place for the whole development and this company would have to be reduced to cover just the apartments before the estate could be taken in charge. A request to take the estate in charge has not yet been received.

Councillor Mcloughlin Healy stated that she was not happy with the report. She stated that she was trying to help estates where developers were gone, and their bonds had expired. She stated that there were CCTV issues for waste water problems that needed to be carried out. There were a lot of estates that needed to be taken in charge or brought closer to the taking in charge standard around the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District area such as Mountrice Woods, White Abbey, Ros Glas, and Tougher. She stated a list of the works required in all the estates would help to clarify what amount was needed.



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Following a discussion amongst the members the following issues were raised:

- They supported using LPT fund to taking in charge of estates but felt it would be better using it for the Roads Programmes.
- They suggested using the LPT funds for bigger projects rather allocating it to smaller projects.
- They expressed concerns about allocating LPT funds for estates that Irish Water and developers still have outstanding works to complete.

Mr J Murtagh informed the members that Millfield Estate would need about €110,000 to €130,000 to resolve the retaining wall issue. He stated that he would give a commitment to progress Walshestown Abbey, Beechmount, in Newbridge and White Abbey Court in Kildare should funds be allocated.

Councillor Stafford informed the members that he had an issue with mixed unit developments such as Millfield Estate. He went on to state that apartments should be confined in urban areas and that the planning section needed to look at this.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy called for a vote on the motion.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy, seconded by Councillor Ryan with three members voting in favour of the motion, seven members voting against the motion and one-member abstaining, the motion fell.

### **KN04/1219**

#### **LPT grant awards 2019**

Members were referred to Appendix 2 of the District Manager's report.

Councillor Doyle stated that she has a vested interest in the Kildare Projects Committee and that she wanted to allocate her unspent discretionary fund (circa €11,730) for 2019 to the Committee. Councillor Doyle excused herself from the meeting as there was a conflict of interest.



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**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle with all members agreeing that the report be noted and that Councillor Doyle unspent discretionary fund for 2019 be allocated to Kildare Projects Committee.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated that she has a vested interest in the Older Voices group and that she wanted to allocate her unspent discretionary fund of €1000 for 2019 to the group. Councillor McLoughlin Healy excused herself from the meeting as she had a conflict of interest.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy with all members agreeing that the report be noted and that Councillor McLoughlin Healy unspent discretionary fund of €1000 for 2019 be allocated to Older Voices.

Councillor Stafford asked that the €8000 allocated from Councillor S Power 2019 discretionary fund to Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (Dunmurray Springs Day Care Centre) be transferred to their new premises in Naas as their services covers the whole county.

**Resolved** on the Proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Connolly that the €8000 allocated from Councillor S Power 2019 discretionary fund to Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (Dunmurray Springs Day Care Centre) be transferred to their new premises in Naas.

Councillor Stafford asked that if the members agreed that the balance of his LPT Discretionary fund of €3,750 for 2019 be transferred into the 2020 LPT fund as he had a project in mind for next year and all the members agreed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford with all members agreeing that the report be noted and that Councillor Stafford balance for his LPT Discretionary fund from 2019 be transferred into the 2020 LPT fund as per LPT guidelines which states that 'Councillors may not have an individual allocation from which they spend LPT without recourse to the Municipal District.'

Following discussions amongst the members the following issues were raised:

- A query was raised in relation to Councillor Kennedys unallocated discretionary fund being transferred to various members



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- Why do members have to declare if they were members of a board of an organisation?
- Policies and criteria on discretionary funds should be agreed going forward.

Councillor Stafford stated to avoid 'conflict of interest' all members must declare if there were on a board.

Councillor Stafford read an extract from the LPT guidelines which stated that 'Councillors may not have an individual allocation from which they spend LPT without recourse to the Municipal District.'

Further discussion ensued, Councillor Power proposed that this matter should be deferred. Councillor Stafford agreed and proposed that the LPT grant awards 2019 and 2020 be relisted for the January 2020 meeting with the members agreeing.

### **KN05/1219**

#### **To approve the transferred of unspent 2019 LPT funds to 2020**

Following discussions amongst the members the following proposals were raised by Councillors Power, Heavey and McLoughlin Healy:

#### **1. Councillor Power proposal**

"That unspent LPT in 2019 be transferred to 2020 for consideration by members."  
The motion was proposed by Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor Doyle.

#### **2. Councillor Heavey proposal**

"That the council allocate €35,000 from unspent LPT 2019 towards the taking in charge of Walshestown Abbey, Newbridge €15,000, Beechmount, Newbridge €10,000 and White Abbey Court in Kildare €10,000 and the residue of all this fund be allocated to 2020."

The motion was proposed by Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor Ryan.



### 3. Councillor McLoughlin Healy proposal

“That the council approve transfer of all unspent 2019 LPT funds into 2020 except sufficient funds to fund the taking charge of the estates proposed by the council to be taken in charge and to fund Christmas lights for Eyre Street in Newbridge.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The Mayor proposed a vote be taken in relation to the proposals on the floor and started with Proposal 1 by Councillor Power. Seven members voted in favour of Councillor Power’s proposal therefore as the vote for this proposal exceeded the majority the other proposals were not voted on.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Doyle and with seven members voting in favour of Councillor Power proposal ‘That unspent LPT in 2019 be transferred to 2020 for consideration by members’ the proposal was carried.

### KN06/1219

#### Municipal District Road Works

Ms B Cuddy Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works.

She stated that works at Supervalu which was the upgrade to the junction at Supervalu in Newbridge and upgrade to footpath and road overlay at Roseberry Stores was completed.

The District Engineer stated that in relation to LPT/Pay Parking Projects/Footpath Improvements tenders had been awarded for works at St. Patricks Park, Rathangan and tender was issued for footpath works at Maryville, Kildare. She stated that pothole patching at Ellistown, Tullyroad, Powerstation/ Grouse road, Robertstown to Kilmeague , Clongorey, Blacktrench , Milltown had been done. She stated that maintenance works were ongoing across the municipal district including water cuts and cleaning and repairing of road signs. The District Engineer stated that drainage works were ongoing in Ballykelly to relieve localised flooding and the line marking program was ongoing with upgrading of road lining throughout the municipal district.

The report was noted.



**KN07/1219**

**LPT Schedule of Works 2020 (including the agreed list of roads projects)**

Ms Cuddy informed the members that until funding has been approved, she could not give a list of the roads projects for 2020 but would have a list prepared in January. She stated that there were issues with roads and footpaths in Monasterevin, Kilcullen, Newbridge and Kildare needed to be prepared and that LPT fund would not cover this. She stated that she knew the pay parking amount, and this would be transferred into 2020.

The District Manager informed the members they needed to take a consensus approach on how they would spend this money for next year.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy informed the members that she wanted it recorded that she had previously requested the Roads Department and internal departments for a list of how much LPT fund was allocated to them.

Councillor Doyle asked if the members could have a five year rolling programme for roads. Ms B Cuddy informed the members that she only could give a three-year rolling programme.

The report was noted.

**KN08/1219**

**Deputation from Sensational Kids, Kildare**

To consider receipt of a deputation from Sensational Kids, Kildare.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford and agreed by all members that an invitation issue to Sensational Kids inviting them to make a presentation to the members at the January meeting.

**KN09/1219**

The Mayor requested to take item 22 next and all the members agreed.

**Report from Planning Department.**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Duffy.





Can the Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Development confirm when a report will issue regarding the (details provided) case referred to him by the Chief Executive?

A report was received from Planning and Strategic Development informing the members that while it was not possible to discuss individual cases at the Municipal District meeting, Planning staff would discuss the issues of concern to Councillor Duffy, directly with him.

Councillor Duffy asked at the meeting could the Planning Department clarify when this meeting could be held with the Chief Executive.

Mr M McLoughlin stated that he would speak directly to Councillor Duffy to arrange a meeting to discuss the case.

The report was noted.

### **KN10/1219**

#### **Resurfacing/dressing of South Green (Hill) Road to Killeagh Cross**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor M Stafford.

That the council commit to the resurfacing/dressing of South Green (Hill) Road to Killeagh Cross when appropriate in light of the closure of the of the Old Road, Kildare Town for works.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Ms B Cuddy informed the members that this would be included for consideration as part of the 2020 annual roads program, subject to meeting department criteria.

Councillor Stafford stated that due to the closure of the old road there was a lot more traffic on this road as residents and farmers must use it and asked if the council could carry out these works this year.

Councillor Doyle stated that this road needed repair and suggested that remedial works be carried out on the roads.



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Ms B Cuddy informed the members that she was putting a roads program together in the new year and would include this road.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Doyle that the report be noted.

### KN11/1219

#### **Traffic calming measures on Kildare Road, Rathangan**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Connolly.

That the council put in place traffic calming measures on Kildare Road, Rathangan.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Stafford.

Mr G Halton informed the members that this would be referred to TAAG.

Councillor Connolly asked if traffic calming measures could be put in place and if the speed limit could be reduced to 50km per hour. She stated that TAAG has a long list of projects that needed to be done.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Stafford that the report be noted

### KN12/1219

#### **Naming of a roundabout at Junction 14 on the M7 motorway**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Duffy.

That the council write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to request the naming of a roundabout at Junction 14 on the M7 motorway. The roundabout located at Junction 14 southbound is in an area locally known as Snipe Bog and residents in the area have requested that the roundabout be named 'Snipe roundabout'.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer.

Mr G Halton informed the members that the Roads Department would write to the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).



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Councillor Ryan asked was the council sure that was the correct name for that area.

Councillor Doyle stated that the Heritage Officer could investigate this for the members.

Councillor Duffy stated that he wanted to know what the TII process was for naming a roundabout.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy, seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the report be noted, and agreed by all members present that the Roads Department write to the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting them to consider naming of a roundabout at Junction 14 on the M7 motorway locally known as Snipe Bog and residents in the area have requested that the roundabout be named 'Snipe roundabout'.

### **KN13/1219**

#### **Survey of the road edge near the junction of the Old Bog Road**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Heavey.

That a survey of the road edge near the junction of the Old Bog Road with the very busy Blacktrench Road be carried out as a matter of urgency to consider how best to reduce the risk of vehicles going off road and overturning.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

Ms B Cuddy informed the members that this was a bog road, and it was very difficult to maintain edges of any bog road due to the fluctuating water table on the bog, every effort as part or routine maintenance was made to maintain our roads and the council would continue to maintain this area under routine maintenance.

Councillor Heavey stated that there were three fatal accidents in the last ten years and as it was a straight road people were speeding on it. This was a serious issue and there was up to eight inches fall off at the side of the road that could lead to cars turning over and asked if plastic bollards or delineators could be put up on the road.



Ms B Cuddy informed the members as it was a bog road it was very difficult to maintain edges of any bog road due to the fluctuating water levels on the bog it keeps moving due to the weather. She stated that they could now recycle the road, which means they could take a layer off the road and then resurface it again. She stated that she would have to look at the cost and would investigate if line marking could be used. She stated that driver's behaviour and speed were the main issues and that speed was a matter for the An Garda Siochana.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Heavey, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy that the report be noted.

### KN14/1219

#### Footpath under the railway bridge at Caragh

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Heavey.

That the council consider measures to make the narrow footpath under the railway bridge at Caragh safer for pedestrians.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Ms B Cuddy informed the members that that the existing structure was very narrow and does not allow for any improvement works on the footpath at the present time.

Councillor Heavey stated that if two people were walking to the GAA pitch in Caragh and a lorry was passing with wide mirrors they could get hit. He asked if delineators could be put up on the Bridge.

Ms B Cuddy informed the members that it was too narrow to extend the pathway under the bridge and she could not put in delineators. She stated that this issue was probably outside the municipal district office remit and funding would have to be sought.

Councillor P O'Dwyer stated that maybe it could be included in the cycle project for Naas.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Heavey, seconded by Councillor Doyle that the report be noted.



**KN15/1219**

**Old Kilcullen area in the 2020 programme of works.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.  
That the council include the roads around the Old Kilcullen area in the 2020 programme of works.

The motion was proposed by Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Duffy.

Ms B Cuddy informed the members that that this would be included for consideration as part of the 2020 annual roads program, subject to meeting department criteria.

Councillor T O'Dwyer asked that this item to be put on the 2020 annual roads program.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Duffy that the report be noted

**KN16/1219**

**Jake's Law signage will be in place in Pomeroy Park, Rathangan**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Connolly.  
Can the council indicate when Jake's Law signage will be in place in Pomeroy Park, Rathangan as was indicated at the municipal district meeting on the 18 April 2018?

Mr G Halton informed the members that this matter would be discussed as part of the County Wide Speed Limit Review and would revert to the members with an update.

The report was noted.

**KN17/1219**

**Road safety recommendations for the R413 New Abbey Road**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.  
Can the council outline what steps have been taken to implement the following road safety recommendations for the R413 New Abbey Road between Brannockstown and Kilcullen given that the Dublin Coroner's Office wrote to the Director of Services on 07 November 2019 i.e.

- Speed limit be reduced from 80kmph to 60kmph



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- Road Signs warning of black ice be erected in the area
- Council consider making improvements to the road to prevent future similar tragedies

Mr G Halton informed the members that this matter should be assessed as part of the Speed limit review. He confirmed that the Naas Municipal District would order and erect two number warning signs and the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District would examine the surface of the road as part of the 2020 roads programme.

The report was noted.

### **KN18/1219**

#### **Traffic around and between Scoil Bhríde in Kilcullen**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

Can the council provide reassurance for residents regarding what consideration it has given to and how it intends to manage traffic around and between Scoil Bhríde in Kilcullen, the route to the playground and sports amenity carpark behind the school and the traffic coming through from the link road, Cnoc na Gréine and Castlemartin (to include a map of the proposed/draft traffic management plan) in light of the allocation of monies in the capital programme for the link road in Kilcullen?

Mr G Halton informed the members that this matter refers to the proposed link road in Kilcullen and it should be considered by “the Capital Projects” team.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated that she was disappointed with this answer as her question had not been answered.

Mr G Halton informed the members that he would investigate the matter and would revert to the members with an update.

The report was noted.



**KN19/1219**

**Families in emergency accommodation**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ryan.

That the council give an update of what provision they have in place, if any, to provide families in emergency accommodation with access to Christmas dinner.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

A report was received from Housing Section informing the members that access to Christmas Dinner was provided to families in Supported Emergency Accommodation through our Service Providers. In the case of families staying in Emergency Accommodation in the form of Hotels and B&B's the Homeless Team make every effort to ensure that access to Christmas Dinner was available. In most cases the experience to date was that families were accommodated for Christmas Dinners with their own families.

Councillor Ryan stated that some emergency accommodation premises were closed at Christmas time and asked that in future could the council put something in place at Christmas time for these people living in emergency accommodation.

Councillor Duffy asked why were emergency accommodation allowed to close when the council were paying significant amount of money to provide these services?

Councillor O'Dwyer stated that it was a very good motion as families were being relocated to Dublin for three weeks to Peter McVerry Trust or Focus Ireland.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated that Christmas dinner was been supplied by volunteers in Newbridge industrial estate on Christmas day.

Ms S Scully informed the members that the council had assisted 82 families through HAP and 91 had exit emergency accommodation. She informed that members that access to



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Christmas dinner was provided to families in Supported Emergency Accommodation through our service providers.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy that the report be noted

### **KN20/1219**

#### **Illegal encampments**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Ryan.

Can the council provide a report on the procedure the council uses to enforce regulations regarding illegal encampments in this municipal district area?

A report was received from Housing Section informing the members that the legislation covering unauthorised parking in public areas was governed by existing legislation under Section 10 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 as amended by Section 32 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 and Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2002.

The Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948 allows for the serving of 24- and 48-hour notices on illegal encampments and injunctions may be sought if not complied with.

Under Section 69 (1A) of the Roads Act, 1993, it was an offence to erect a temporary dwelling on a National road, Motorway, bus-way or protected road. An authorised person i.e. a person authorised by a Road Authority or a member of An Garda Siochana was entitled to remove a temporary dwelling from a National road.

The procedure applied was determined by the relevant legislation. In all cases the Housing Authority must also take into account the circumstances of the family including completion of a social work assessments and housing need / eligibility.

Councillor Ryan stated that it was taking a long time for these families to be moved and asked what the procedure was for moving these families especially with children and how





long does it take for the social workers to visit them. She stated the council needed to take the residents living beside the encampments into consideration.

Ms S Scully informed Councillor Ryan that she could speak to the Liaison Officer about any issues she had.

The report was noted.

### **KN21/1219**

#### **LPT and payparking income for the last 5 years**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

Can the council provide a detailed list of all projects to which funding was allocated to in the entire current district from LPT and payparking income for the last 5 years in a user friendly format highlighting the amount allocated, where funding was or was not drawn down, any difficulties getting invoices/receipts, and the geographical spread of LPT/Payparking across the district and include a column detailing the amount of other council grants or funds awarded to the same projects?

A report was received from Members Services informing the members that a list in the format requested was not readily available and would require significant resource time, however information related to LPT and payparking allocations for 2018 and 2019 was published on the council website. Each year and following members approval, all unspent LPT monies were carried over to the following year. The geographical spread of LPT/Payparking spend was as per what the members had approved each year. **Note:** All payparking monies were allocated to roads projects only.

A detailed report in relation to the 2019 LPT allocation and grants awarded/unspent monies had been prepared in relation to item 3 on this month's agenda. The adoption of the LPT Guidelines in September requires the Municipal District Manager to provide a cumulative quarterly report, for noting, on the status of LPT for the municipal district, which should assist the members going forward.



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Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked could she have the LPT report for the last five years for the January meeting.

The District Manager stated that he would speak to the Finance Section.

The report was noted.

### KN22/1219

#### Quarterly update on Strategic Projects and Public Realm

Ms S O’Gara briefed the members on the quarterly update on Strategic Projects and Public Realm for December 2019 for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District. She informed the members of the projects for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District as follows:

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| • Athgarvan – Health Check/Urban Design          | Current Estimated Value: €30K |
| • Kildangan Community Hall Upgrade               | Current Estimated Value €100K |
| • Kilcullen Market Square Upgrade                | Current Estimated Value €1.4M |
| • Rathangan Market Square Upgrade                | Current Estimated Value €1.3M |
| • Kildare Town – Town Renewal Plan               | Current Estimated Value €35K  |
| • Kildare Town – St. Bridget Well                | Draft concept received.       |
| • Kildare Cherry avenue                          | Current Estimated Value €7M   |
| • Newbridge Town Renewal Plan                    | Current Estimated Value €80K  |
| • Curragh Plains – Land Management Plan          | Current Estimated Value €260K |
| • Monasterevin Health Check/Urban Design ongoing | Current Estimated Value €80K  |
| • Monasterevin- Looped Walk/Community Centre     | Current Estimated Value €100K |

Councillor P O’Dwyer asked was the Riverbank and library projects separate from these projects or were they part of the Cultural Quarter.

The District Manger stated he would arrange a meeting with the members to update them on these two projects.

Following discussions amongst the members the following issues were raised:

- When in the new year would the council be having a public consultation with the community for Athgarvan.



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- Curragh Plains - €260K - Can you give more detail on this amount
- Kildare Cherry Avenue – Would a BMX track be built there
- Can Kildare town and the retail outlet be included, and could the members have a briefing on the tender.
- Monasterevin Health Check – What work was ongoing for this project
- Rathangan Market Square - When would the Part 8 be finalised
- St. Bridget's Well – Can the members have clarification on who owes the land
- Monasterevin Looped walk- that the Blueway be included in this project
- Second bridge for Newbridge

Ms S O'Gara informed the members that regarding Athgarvan €30K was for design fees and that they hoped to consult with the public in February 2020. She stated that she had no costing for this project. Regarding Kildare Cherry Avenue, there was a lot of work to be done before the council could send any documents to the members.

She stated regarding Monasterevin, they were reviewing the masterplan and hoped to be completed in 2020. She stated that Rathangan Market Square would be finalised early next year and the second bridge in Newbridge was part of a different project.

Councillor Stafford stated that he had been doing work on St. Bridget's well and that the council needed to seek clarification on who owed the land.

The District Manager informed the members that €260K was an estimated figure for the Curragh Plains and that 50% would be funded by the council and 50% by the Department of Defence. He stated that tenders would be going out after Christmas and this would probably take three months to be finalised and it was hoped that consultants would be appointed in the second quarter of 2020. He stated that there would be a public consultation on all these projects.



**KN23/1219**

**Shop fronts to fit in with the Town Renewal Plan for Newbridge.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer.

That the Planning Authority provide a template design for shop fronts to fit in with the Town Renewal Plan for Newbridge.

The motion was proposed by Councillor P O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Doyle.

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm Project Manager informing the members that the Planning Authority produced a Shop Front Guidelines document in 2013 with key design recommendations for all types of shopfront design.

There may be scope to incorporate the key shopfront design recommendations during the design development stage of some of the delivery projects identified in the draft Newbridge Town Renewal Plan (for example, George's Street Renewal).

Councillor P O'Dwyer asked would a colour pallet be part of the Public Realm project.

Following discussions amongst the members the following issues were raised:

- Can there be a colour pallet choice which could be used to suit the street.
- As part of the planning conditions, they should be an extending material pallet included in the Local Area plan (LAP) and County Development plan.

Ms S O'Gara informed the members that a colour pallet was not part of the Public realm project.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor P O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Doyle that the report be noted



**KN24/1219**

**Cleaning programme of the River Barney (otherwise Boney River)**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Stafford.

That the council will commence a cleaning programme of the River Barney (otherwise Boney River) along the boundary between the townlands of Feighcullen and Pluckerstown which is liable for flooding as a result of the current blockage.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Doyle.

A report was received from Environment Section informing the members that a briefing on Drainage Channel Maintenance would be given to each relevant Municipal District members at the January Municipal District meetings and any questions arising could be addressed then. For the members information, drainage works could only be carried out between July and September and were dependent on environmental and health and safety constraints and any requirements of Inland Fisheries Ireland".

Councillor Stafford stated that there was an encampment there which prevented the council from doing the work and stated that he would wait until the January 2020 Municipal District meeting.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Doyle that the report be noted.

**KN25/1219**

**Monasterevin Council Hall**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

That the council clarify any role or function the council has in relation to Monasterevin Council Hall including but not limited to, and where relevant, the administration, funding, terms of funding, oversight or management of the hall.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and seconded by Councillor Pender.



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A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development informing the members that this was a council owned facility. A committee was setup in 2011 comprising of local volunteers to take on the day to day running of the community hall and to build a clientele for the facility.

The Council had a caretaker's agreement with the committee. The current committee has called an AGM for 8:30pm on the 12 December 2019 to see if new volunteers could be co-opted onto the committee. Monasterevin Community hall was awarded a community grant of €1200 in 2018 for the upgrade of kitchen facilities and boiler.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked was there oversight on who was running the hall and sought clarity on any issues related to the hall.

Mr D McDermott informed the member that the hall was managed by a committee and there was also a caretaker for the hall. He stated that if there were any issues, the council would take ownership of managing the hall.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy, seconded by Councillor Pender that the report be noted.

### **KN26/1219**

#### **Gate at The Gables in Newbridge**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer.

Can the council provide an update on the gate at The Gables in Newbridge that leads to the Linear Park?

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members that our legal advisors were in contact with the property owners in relation to the matter.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.