

Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held at 10.00 am on 16 October 2019 in Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare

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

Apologies: Councillor K Duffy and R Power,

Officials Present: Mr J Boland (District Manager), Mr N Morrissey (Director of Services), Ms P Conlon, (Senior Executive Planner), Mr K Kavanagh, Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Mr F Breen (Executive Planner), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms F Millane (Accountant), Ms P Pender (Administrative Officer), Mr B Cuddy (Municipal District Engineer), Ms S Martin (Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office), Ms K Keane, Mr B Leonard (Meetings Administrator) and Ms R O'Connell (Meetings Secretary)

KN01/1019

Minutes and Progress Report

To approve the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 18 September 2019 and to note the progress report.

Councillor McLoughlin-Healy asked the District Manager did he write to the Ministers for Agriculture, Environment and Defence about the Curragh plains as agreed at the September meeting.

The District Manager informed the members that he did not but that he and the Chief Executive had met with the Minister of Defence and had communicated the members concerns to him and he would be having a follow up meeting the following week. He stated that he would have a formal announcement in a few weeks and would keep the members updated.

Councillor P O'Dwyer stated that it was Deputy Heydon that had arranged the meeting of Kildare County Council and with the Minister of Defence.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Pender seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on 18 September 2019 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

KN02/1019

Matters Arising

The Mayor requested to take item 17 next as Mr Morrissey was going to brief the members about the second bridge for Newbridge and the new machinery yard and the members agreed.

Item 17.

Second Bridge in Newbridge

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. That the council provides details of the application for the second bridge for Newbridge.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council was unsuccessful in securing funding of €11.3million from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund for the Newbridge Southern Relief Road and Second Liffey Crossing. The proposed scheme involved the construction of a one-kilometre road, including a new bridge crossing of the River Liffey, which would link Great Connell Road and the Athgarvan Road in Newbridge. The project aims to:

- provide the essential infrastructure to support compact, consolidated development on zoned lands in Newbridge's southeast quadrant;
- reduce traffic congestion in the town centre and facilitate a public realm scheme; and
- provide high quality walking and cycling linkages between residential areas and employment hubs in Newbridge.

Mr Morrissey informed the members that there was no funding for a second bridge in Newbridge. The council was unsuccessful in securing funding from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund but would try again. Mr Morrissey said his team were in the process of putting together a phase zero report to submit to the Department of Transport, who would then do a cost benefit analysis.

Following discussion amongst the members, the following points were made:

- Had phase zero being done before and if not, when would it be done.
- Details on the costing of the second bridge.
- Traffic light on bridges needed to be looked at as this slowed traffic down.
- Putting a weight limit on traffic using the bridge.

Mr Morrissey gave an update on proposed plans for a second bridge and Southern Relief Road in Newbridge.

The proposed scheme involves the construction of a one-kilometre road, including a new bridge crossing of the River Liffey, which would link Great Connell Road and the Athgarvan Road in Newbridge.

Mr Morrissey stated that that application that went to the URDF would not be unlike the previous application and that phase zero was a more detailed report and had not been done before. He confirmed the second bridge in Newbridge was to alleviate traffic congestion whereas the second bridge in Celbridge was to deliver housing which was a key element for Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF). He stated it would probably be four to five years before it would be built.

New Machinery Yard

Mr Morrissey informed the members that the Part 8 had been passed for the machinery yard and that the new yard would be at Newhall, Naas, Co Kildare. Detailed design of the construction was being carried out and it should be going to tender in the next month or two. Tenders had commenced for clearing up the new site in the last few days.

Following discussion amongst the members, the following points were made:

- Who was funding the new machinery yard and how much would it cost?

- Was the council giving any benefit back to the community for hosting the machinery yard in the town.
- Should the developer pay a dividend to the council?
- There was a lack of youth facilities in Newbridge.
- Was the old machinery yard council owned?

Mr Morrissey informed the members that he does not have a costing on the new machinery yard. There was a commitment to move it many years ago and Naas was a more suitable location. The cost would be divided up 50-50 between the council and the Department of Transport given the new yard would also host the salt there for the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for the main roads such as M7. The council were working on tenders to commence. He also stated that the machinery yard was council owned and that no funding from the sale would be given to the Department of Transport.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy seconded by Councillor Doyle that the report be noted.

KN03/1019

Material contravention of the Kildare Town Development Plan 2012-2018

Ms Conlan briefed the members on the material contravention of the Kildare Town Development Plan 2012-2018 - Planning Register Reference 19/525. She stated that the planning application was for the erection of a two-storey design studio and single storey dwelling retention of 3 no. shipping containers for use as a workshop and domestic garage access to the public road.

The members considered the material contravention as outlined.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Heavey, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by all members present that the material contravention of the Kildare Town Development Plan 2012-2018 - Planning Register Reference 19/525 be approved.

KN04/1019

Draft Budgetary Plan 2020

Ms Millane briefed the members on the draft budgetary plan for 2020. She stated that it was a difficult budget year and commercial rates had gone down.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy queried the LPT commitments that were made prior to the local election boundary changes and asked were these commitments still in place or was the process recommencing in particularly to community grant commitments.

Ms Millane informed the members that the District Manager would follow up on these LPT commitments and that the finance section could reallocate budgets if agreed by Municipal District members.

Councillor Stafford asked was the twinning grants and tidy town grant allocation consistent with Kilcullen and Monasterevin after coming into the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

Ms Millane stated they were and informed the members that twinning budgets were being moved to correct municipal district as part of the draft budgetary plan for 2020.

Mr Dunne informed the members that Kilcullen, Caragh and Monasterevin tidy towns grants had being equally distributed into the Municipal District area.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Stafford and all members agreeing that the draft budgetary plan for 2020 be approved.

KN05/1019

Municipal district road works

Ms B Cuddy Municipal District Engineer updated the members on the municipal district road works as follows:

Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office:

- Athgarvan road and Bridge to rope factory: Surface overlay completed.

- Melitia Road, Dunmurry Road, Chapel Lane, Priest Lane: Contractor on site upgrading footpaths, road resurfacing commenced and would continue until after the midterm break, works to include resurfacing, and raising of iron works.
- Ring of Roseberry, Mylerstown to Healy's Bridge & Ratherman to Blacktrench Road recycling commenced on the 16, junction overlays left to complete.

Road Surface Dressing works:

The Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Area had completed its surface dressing work for 2019.

LPT/Pay Parking Projects/Footpath Improvements:

- Fenview overlay completed.
- The village overlay completed.
- Moorefield Park overlay complete.
- Junction at railway bridge – works complete.
- Replacement of footpath at railway station.
- Replacement of cattle grid on the Rathbride Road.

Footpaths:

- Footpaths repairs at Brownstown
- Footpaths repairs at the football pitch in Kildare town
- Footpath up grade and replacement at Mountcarmel

Miscellaneous works:

- Replacement of handrail at Allenwood further roadside accident.
- Installation of Bollards at Dunmurry along the grass area.
- Hedge cutting Hill of Allen, continued our routine junction and verge trimming throughout the county
- Ongoing maintenance across the Municipal District area, including water cuts and extensive jetting of surface water pipe network.
- Ongoing patching throughout the Municipal District area – Pollardstown, Robbertstown, Lackagh and Redhills
- Cleaning and repairing of road signs

Drainage:

- Drainage works carried out at Suncroft – installation of soak hole
- Brownstown and Roseberry – cleaning drains and replacing grates
- Friarstown – installation of manhole and upgrade to pipes

Naas Municipal District:

The Naas Municipal District propose to replace the entryway signage for Kilcullen with new decorative signs. The signs were to be provided by the Kilcullen Community Action group. The signs were to be installed by the Naas Municipal District.

The locations were as follows:

- * Naas Road
- * Athy Road
- * Newbridge Road
- * Logstown Road
- * Newabbey Road

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked were the cycle lanes at the bridge going to be coloured or were they finished. She stated there was several cul-de-sacs that needed footpaths and asked how much funding was needed to finish Mount Carmel as the budget was €80,000.

Councillor P O'Dwyer stated that a part of the ring road at Roseberry needed to be carried out and was there any budget left to finish it for this year.

Ms Cuddy informed the members that the colouring of the cycle lane would be carried out. She stated that in Mount Carmel the road and paths was concrete with the services buried in them and due to this the works were much more costly to complete.

Issued by: Ms B Cuddy, Municipal District Engineer.

KN06/1019

LPT for 2019 and previous years

The District Manager briefed the members on the LPT for 2019 and for previous years. He stated that he had eight projects that he would like the cumulative balance to go towards and would come back with timelines for these projects.

The Meetings Administrator reminded the members of the requirements of the recently adopted LPT guidelines and advised that any agreement of LPT funding/grants needed to be listed on the agenda and agreed by resolution of the members.

A lengthy discussion followed amongst the members and the Mayor stated that the Municipal District members would have a further meeting on this.

KN07/1019

Walshestown Abbey to be taken in charge

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

That the council draw up a 'site resolution plan' asap but not later than the end of this calendar year for Walshestown Abbey to be taken in charge before the end of 2020.

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

The District Manager informed the members that as there was nobody present from Building and Development Control to speak on Councillor Heavey's motion that he would contact the section after the meeting and update the members.

Councillor Heavey stated that the estate was built in 2004 and this had been the third council that sought to take it in charge. He stated that he had spoken to the engineer and that a 'site resolution plan' was required within this calendar year and that the residents wanted the plan to commence.

Councillor Mcloughlin Healy stated that Councillor Duffy had previously asked for a report on the list of housing estates that were not taken in charge and could the members have it.

The District Manager informed the members that he had dealt with water problems in that estate and knew they were issues and would come back to them. He informed the members that he would try to get the report of the list of housing estates that were not taken in charge.

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

KN08/1019

A solar speed sign at Cowpasture, Monasterevin

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

That the council consider putting in a solar speed sign at Cowpasture, Monasterevin as speed here is becoming a major issue from the traffic lights at Supervalu to the main Kildare/Dublin Road junction and is impacting on housing estates and businesses on this road.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a technical assessment would be required by Speed Limit Review team / Traffic Management Section. Any subsequent recommendations from this review could then be reviewed in relation to the 2020 budget approvals.

Councillor Ryan asked if funding could be identified for a solar speed sign to be put up as speeding has become a major issue at this location.

Ms Cuddy informed the members that the issues here were policy and speed control. The council does not deal with speed as An Garda were the responsible body for this but a technical assessment needed to be done.

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

KN09/1019

The provision of a controlled crossing

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer.
That the council examine road safety at the rear entrance to Newbridge College on the Barrettstown Road and consider the provision of a controlled crossing.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section examined the location with regard to the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing. There was no suitable location in the vicinity of the Barrettstown Road and the Newbridge College entrance for a controlled pedestrian crossing. This was due to the proximity of the Roseberry junction with the Barrettstown Road and a number of domestic entrances in the vicinity of the pedestrian desire line. An uncontrolled crossing point was considered a more suitable option at this location.

It should be noted that traffic calming in the form of ramps was provided in the area. In terms of pedestrian facilities, a footpath was provided on both sides of the Barrettstown Road to Sex Road and a controlled pedestrian crossing was provided at the Southern Entrance of Newbridge College to facilitate pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

Councillor P O'Dwyer noted the response indicated that an uncontrolled crossing point was considered a more suitable option at this location and asked if it could be put on the TAAG list for 2020.

Ms Cuddy stated she did not give this report and that she would put it on the TAAG list.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked if full yellow boxes could be put outside all the estates.

Ms Cuddy informed the members that yellow boxes were used for main roads and junctions, not for housing estates and that she does not have a line marking budget to carry out any further works in this regard.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor P O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor Pender that the report be noted.

KN010/1019

Erect signage to warn of the wild deer herd at Dunstown Wood

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.

That the council investigate and if deemed appropriate erect signage on the Stephenstown to Carnalway Road to warn of the wild deer herd that are in that area particularly along by Dunstown Wood.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office has had no reports of any incidents cause by wild deer in the area.

Councillor T O'Dwyer stated that the National Parks and Wild Life Services does not report any incidents caused by wild deer to the council. She stated that under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 and in relation to licences, that wild deer had been reported in this area. She stated that this 80km stretch of road was a fast, straight stretch of road and it was brought to her attention by concerned residents that the deer move between the three woods which means they cross from each side of this road. She stated that if a vehicle travelling at 80km hit a deer on this road it would most definitely have serious consequences.

Ms Cuddy stated that she would investigate the matter further.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the report be noted, and the District Engineer investigate the matter further.

KN11/1019

Traffic safety management survey

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.

That the council carry out a traffic safety management survey at Mill Lane near Alliganstown with a view to putting in place appropriate signage and crash barriers if required as this is a very busy road with the local school bus, local farmers and commuters all using the road at the same time.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a technical assessment would be required, and this issue was referred to TAAG.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN12/1019

Sheep grid at the entrance to Orchard Park

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

That the council position a sheep grid at the entrance to Orchard Park, The Curragh.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members there was no funding in the 2019 budget for additional sheep grids.

Councillor Connolly stated that a cattle grid was there but that the sheep were rolling over it and were getting into resident's gardens and destroying them.

Ms Cuddy informed the members that sheep grids were very expensive and if there were LPT funding available there would be no problem doing it.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Connolly seconded by Councillor Heavey that the report be noted.

KN13/1019

The Mayor confirmed that Councillor Duffy had sent his apologise and had given his written permission to Councillor T O'Dwyer to move his motions on his behalf.

Remedial stormwater drainage improvement works

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

That the council prioritise remedial stormwater drainage improvement works at the junction of L1002 and the road that leads back to Ballykelly Cross on the R414 which is prone to severe

flooding, impacting the safety of the road and on occasion floods nearby adjoining residential properties.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members this location was being examined at present in relation to the flooding issue, it was proposed to install a French drainage system along the edge of the road to provide additional capacity in times of flash flooding. Works would commence before the year end.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy that the report be noted.

KN14/1019

'Speed limit' and 'warning bad bend' signage

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

That the council consider the erection of 'speed limit' and 'warning bad bend' signage on the stretch of road down from Ballykelly Cross heading towards Lackagh Beg or Cherryville.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the Municipal District Office was in agreement to this request subject to funding to install a repeater speed sign and a bad bend sign at this location.

Councillor T O'Dwyer asked had a costing list being done on this.

Ms Cuddy informed the members that no costing list had been done.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN15/1019

Street drain cleaning schedule

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

That in light of recent storm activity and localised flooding that has taken place, that this municipal district engages in a proactive street drain cleaning schedule to clear drains in areas where flooding is likely to take place.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members there was an annual maintenance program of street drainage within the Municipal District. It should be noted that flash floods would always lead to an element of surface water until it makes its way to the drainage network.

Councillor Pender stated that some drains had not being cleaned and was looking for this to be done.

Ms B Cuddy asked Councillor Pender to email her the list of drains that needed to be cleaned and she would investigate it.

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

KN16/1019

Replace the Keep Clear road markings on the Dunmurray Rd, Bishopsland

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

That the council replace the Keep Clear road markings on the Dunmurray Road, Bishopsland, Kildare with a yellow box which is a much more visible sign.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the council would review this location in relation to traffic movements and if deemed necessary the council would replace the keep clear with a yellow box subject to funding.

Councillor Stafford stated that there was a crèche there and that the motorists don't see the 'Keep Clear' sign.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford seconded by Councillor Ryan that the report be noted.

KN17/1019

Install pull in areas and surface dress the road

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

That where appropriate, the council install pull in areas and surface dress the road from Ellistown to Concealment, Rathangan.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members there was no additional funding available in the 2019 annual roads budget; these works could be included for consideration in the 2020 budget.

Councillor Stafford stated that ideally the road also needed to be widened.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford seconded by Councillor Heavey that the report be noted.

KN18/1019

Introducing a cycle lane

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

That the council considers introducing a cycle lane from the Industrial estate on the outskirts of Kilcullen into Kilcullen town.

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

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members this would require examination by TAAG in consultation with the Municipal District engineer.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy queried if a cycle lane could be put in from the link road coming from Cnoc Na Gréine in and around a 3km area back into Kilcullen town. She stated to supply cycle routes for schools and to review both sides of the road especially as speeding along the Naas side of the road was an issue and if the council made a list for cycles lanes like they have for TAAG and KLIPS.

Councillor T O'Dwyer stated she was in favour of cycle lanes and that she had previously put motions in for bus shelters, pedestrian crossing etc which were much needed in Kilcullen.

Ms Pender stated that this matter might need a Part 8 and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the lands. There would also be an issue with funding for it. She stated that she would put in on TAAG and it would need to be examined.

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

KN19/1019

Pilot electronic signage

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

That this municipal district pilot electronic signage in an effort to de clutter town centres, deliver sustainable messaging and potentially provide an income stream for the county through commercial usage.

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

A report was received from Kildare Fáilte informing the members this was an excellent idea and to confirm, Kildare Failte/Into Kildare had previously reviewed and proposed installing electronic signage in each of the Municipal District's and costed this out at one per district. Due to budgetary restrictions, this had not happened to date however it was being proposed again for 2020. It was very important this signage was managed as some commercial organisations use it as an advertising board with inappropriate adverts. Kildare Failte to commission a report on signage in the county, subject to funding being available, and then propose a plan for the future.

Councillor Doyle asked if a cost benefit analysis could be done on this.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Connolly that the report be noted and a cost benefit analysis carried out.

KN20/1019

Speed Review

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.

Can the council confirm a date as to when the Speed Review for Two Mile House, Brannockstown, Kildcullen and surrounding hinterlands will be available for councillors to review?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the Countrywide Speed Limit Review was progressing, and the Transportation Section anticipate, based on current technical resources, the following dates:

- Notice to/response from Garda Commissioner - Q1 2020
- Public Consultation - Q1/Q2 2020
- Seek TII Approval – Q2/Q3 2020
- Adoption of Bye-Laws at County Council Meeting – Q4 2020
- It is estimated the Bye-Laws will come into force in Q1/Q2 2021.

The speed limits on roads in the county would be set in accordance with the "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" (March 2015) that was published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Please see <http://speedlimits.ie/data/documents/Guidelines-March-2015-Edition.pdf>

Any proposed changes to speed limits on roads in the county could be viewed at the Public Consultation stage.

The report was noted.

KN21/1019

Works and signage at Sheshoon Cross

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

Can the council provide a timeline when works and signage at Sheshoon Cross, The Curragh will be completed?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members there was funding available under the Low-cost accident schemes for upgrade works at this junction, it was proposed that these works would be carried out before the end of the 2019 subject to staff and contractor availability.

The report was noted.

KN22/1019

Road signage and road markings at Mountrice Cross, Monasterevin

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

Can the council provide a timeline when the road signage and road markings at Mountrice Cross, Monasterevin will be completed?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members there was no funding available in the 2019 budget for works at this location, it could be include in the 2020 budget subject to approval by the members.

The report was noted.

KN23/1019

Road surface along the median strip of the Tully Road, Kildare

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

Can the council investigate the road surface along the median strip of the Tully Road, Kildare where there appears to be a groove in a section of the road?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members following further investigation the council would patch the area in question in the coming days and would include it for consideration for surface dressing in the 2020 roads programme.

The report was noted.

KN24/1019

Fixed charge notices were issued

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

Can the council confirm how many fixed charge notices were issued in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District in the last three years in respect of the following (i) Pay and Display offences, (ii) Non display of Motor Tax offences (iii) other offences?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members due to a change-over in Software the report below could only provide figures from October 2017 to date.

Kildare - Newbridge Municipal District Fixed Penalty Notice Issue		
Figures 02.10.2017 - 06.10.2019		
	Kildare Town	Newbridge
Non Display of current road Tax	1109	5348
Non display of Pay and Display	1144	5314
Other Offences	528	1888

The report was noted.

KN25/1019

Ramps in The Oaks in Newbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy.
Can the council provide a timeline for the installation of ramps in The Oaks in Newbridge?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members traffic calming measures for The Oaks were included in the 2019 LPT budget and it was proposed that works would be completed by the year end.

The report was noted.

KN26/1019

Monasterevin on the motorway signage for M7, Junction 14

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Doyle.
Can the council request that Transport Infrastructure Ireland include Monasterevin on the motorway signage for M7, Junction 14?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Kildare National Roads Office in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) would examine the signage at Junctions 14 and 15 (north and southbound).

The report was noted.

KN27/1019

Our Lady's Shrine in Monasterevin

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

Can the council confirm that they have no objections with Ballykelly GFC and St. Evin's Park Association upgrading the existing Our Lady's Shrine in Monasterevin?

A report was received from Members Services informing the members that the members of Kildare County Council adopted a Civic Memorial Policy in February 2018 regarding public commemoration and memorials. Whilst this policy relates to new requests, details of what an upgrade entails would need to be further clarified before permission was granted for any works of this nature. The Corporate Services department, who administers the Civic Memorial Policy, would be happy to assist in the matter in conjunction with the Municipal District Engineer. The report was noted.

KN28/1019

Hosting one or two municipal district meetings in local towns

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

Can this committee consider hosting one or two municipal district meetings in local towns throughout the municipal district to allow for more engagement within the municipal district, demonstrate the workings of the council to our municipal community and that any such meetings could be combined with local visits or inspections of projects in the area?

A report was received from Members Services informing the members that Standing Orders for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District states that meetings shall normally be held in the principle offices of the council at Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas provided that the municipal district may from time to time by resolution appoint an alternative location for a particular meeting. In this regard, it was a matter for the members to agree.

The report was noted.

KN29/1019

Redress scheme for the residents of Millfield Estate, Newbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. Can the council provide an update on the redress scheme for the residents of Millfield Estate, Newbridge?

A report was received from Members Services informing the members Kildare County Council had no remit or role in a redress scheme for the residents of the Millfield Estate in Newbridge. As confirmed previously, this was a private housing estate.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked if the council were involved in the preparation of costings and had this been done and she asked the council to write to the Minister and Department of Housing to push for the redress scheme to be progressed and asked why the Department reported that the Council were working with residents to assess costs of remediation when the residents report no such engagement has happened. People were unable to sell their houses as they were not fire safe.

The District Manager undertook to seek clarification on the queries raised
The report was noted.

KN30/1019

Columbarium wall in St Evin's Cemetery

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Ryan. That the council consider putting in a columbarium wall in St Evin's Cemetery.

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

A report was received from Environment & Water Section informing the members that the Environment Department was progressing a programme to construct columbarium walls (for the interment of cremated remains) at selected cemeteries within the county. To date, these facilities have been provided in Naas, Laraghbryan (Maynooth) and Churchtown (Athy). Plans were being prepared currently for additional locations at Derrinturn, Rathangan, Crookstown and Newbridge. In addition, dedicated ash plot locations (surface level) had been provided in Newbridge and

Derrinturn. Available resources for future facilities would be considered as part of the Council's Capital Budget.

The District Manger informed the members that he would include St. Evin's Cemetery on the list. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN31/1019

Plan for Barrettstown Cemetery

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

Can the council provide information on the overall plan for Barrettstown Cemetery, Barrettstown Road, Newbridge?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members the they have engaged with the Heritage Officer regarding a possible extension within the existing cemetery. The area was currently identified as a zone of archaeological interest. A report had also been commissioned re remedial works, mainly flood protection and costings are awaited.

The District Manager stated that he would investigate it as there was a problem with erosion. He would commission a report but does not have it. He would draw up a plan for the extension within the cemetery and hoped to include it in the 2020 capital program works.

The report was noted.

KN32/1019

Site of the Water Tower in Newbridge

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

Can the council provide land ownership details for the site of the Water Tower in Newbridge?

A report was received from the Water Services informing the members from records, the Water tower in Newbridge had been in Council ownership since the 1940s or 1950s however there was no record in Land Registry of same. Kildare County Council are currently progressing this registration and the matter is with our solicitors. There is no record in Land Registry of ownership

of the site immediately outside the fenced boundary of the Tower. This would be investigated further.

A report was received from the Water Services and Environment section informing the members arrangements were being put in place to have the site examined with a view to having a clean-up of the area.

The reports were noted

KN33/1019

Funding assistance for Christmas lights in Kilcullen

The members considered the following adjourned motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer. That the council consider a request for funding assistance for Christmas lights in Kilcullen for December 2019.

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

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members it was a matter for the members to consider an LPT award to the relevant group as Naas Municipal District did not include funding for Christmas lights in its 2019 list.

Alternatively, an application for a community grant could be made by the relevant group (the maximum award would be €3,000).

Councillor T O'Dwyer stated that the group had received an application form for a community grant.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that she would clarify the matter and revert.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor Ryan that the report be noted.

KN34/1019

The tourist information signs throughout Newbridge

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

That this municipal district take responsibility for the upgrade of the information and upkeep of the Tourist information signs throughout Newbridge, develop a map of heritage and tourism related areas that can be visited and remove unnecessary and out of date commercial advertising.

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

A report was received from the Director of Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members there were a number of very important aspects to this motion; (a) the tidying up and removal of unauthorised signposts (b) the creation of a map of tourism and heritage areas in Newbridge, and (c) the upkeep and maintenance of existing tourist information signage. In relation to Item A this was a matter for Planning and Environment. This request had been forwarded to Kildare Failte for their feedback on items B and C as this issue had also arisen in other towns including Naas. This had also been referred to the Public Realm Team as the Public Realm plan for Newbridge needs to take cognisance of signage in the town. When feedback would be received on this matter the information would be forwarded to the members.

A report was received from Chief Executive Kildare Failte informing the members that Kildare Failte the tourism board for County Kildare would be delighted to manage (b) and (c) in association with relevant parties if budget was available to cover costs. They also suggested the creation and implementation of a strategic plan for tourism signage in the county working in partnership with the public realm team.

Councillor Pender stated that illegal signage was put up all around the town and not taken down. He stated that the council had a signage policy which they were not implementing.

The District Manager asked Councillor Pender to send him in the list of photographs of these signs and he would investigate it for him noting this matter was dealt with both Environment and Planning Section.

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

KN35/1019

Winter maintenance programme.

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

That the council include all trees growing in College Park, Newbridge in its winter maintenance programme.

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

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development Park informing the members the trees in College Park would be examined and any maintenance work would be considered for the next programme of works. The completion of the work would be subject to the budget available to complete the work being sufficient to carry out all the requests the council have had to date this year for pruning and removal.

Councillor Heavey stated that heretofore, the trees had been maintained by two residents but who were not now able to maintain them anymore. He asked if the council could take this on for the residents.

Mr Wallace stated that he would investigate this matter.

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

KN36/1019

Funding allocated to Parks and Recreational areas within the municipal district

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

Can the council provide a breakdown of funding in tabular format that is allocated to Parks and Recreational areas within the municipal district and the sources of this funding?

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development Park section informing the members the sources of funding for the Parks Section come from the annual revenue budget, the capital programme and LPT. A breakdown of the works programme for 2019 presented to the Municipal Area earlier to year was attached which showed the projects proposed for the year and where they are being funded from.

The report was noted.

KN37/1019

Liffey Linear Amenity Project

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

Can the council examine the feasibility of fast-tracking the delivery of the Liffey Linear Amenity Project through the dedication of development levies accrued through the development of the Lidl distribution centre?

A report was received from Economic Community and Cultural Development Park the allocation of levies from any development was based on the adopted Development Levies Scheme 2015-2022. Levies collected for amenity and recreation were allocated across various projects relating to amenity and recreation, libraries and arts and public realm in the municipal area. There was no scope to alter the allocation of levies outside of this mechanism. The delivery of the Liffey Valley Amenity Project was being funded through the capital programme. However, given the scale of the project it was likely that it would require additional sources of funding to fully implement it. The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.