

Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held at 10.00 am on 17 July 2019 in Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare

Members Present: Councillor M Stafford (Mayor), Councillors A Connolly, S Doyle, K Duffy, N Heavey, P O'Dwyer, C Pender, and P Ryan

Apologies: Councillors F McLoughlin Healy, T O'Dwyer and R Power

Officials Present: Mr J Boland (District Manager), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Mr B Cuddy (Municipal District Engineer), Ms S Scully (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office), Ms F Skehan (Meetings Administrator) and Ms R O'Connell (Meetings Secretary)

KN01/0719

Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 12 June 2019, together with the progress report.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Duffy seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on 12 June 2019 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

KN02/0719

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:

- Road improvement scheme ongoing at Nicholastown, Kilcullen – Construction Stage

- Tenders have been awarded for road improvement schemes in Newbridge – R445 Liffey Bridge to Buckley’s Cross, R416 Athgarvan Rd. – 2 Sections. Works to commence in the coming weeks following completion of ESB works at these locations.
- Tender awarded for road improvement scheme at Roseberry - L7040 Ring of Roseberry. Works to commence in the coming weeks.
- Tenders for Kildare Town road improvement and footpath repairs have issued.
- Remaining schemes to be tendered in the coming weeks.
- Road maintenance surface dressing works completed at the following locations:
 - R445 Whitesland to Cherryville
 - L7011 Crossmorris to Ellistown
 - R401 Thomastown Cross to The Forge
 - L3002 The Forge to Kilmoney
 - L3003 Moore’s Bridge to Rathbride Cross

- Surface dressing works ongoing at the following locations:
 - L3006 Brownstown to Maddenstown
 - L7034 Military Rd., The Curragh
 - L7036 Byrne’s Cross to Morristown
 - L3002 Pluckerstown

Footpath Improvements:

- Ongoing IPB funded footpath reconstruction and footpath repair works in Newbridge completed at College Park Rd., St. Dominic’s Park, Canning Place, Green Rd., Edward St., Henry St., Station Rd., Standhouse Rd.
- Footpath construction works at Brownstown adjacent to Community Centre.
- Footpath repair works at Highfield.

Miscellaneous Works:

- Drainage works carried out at Chapel Lane and Mount Carmel in Newbridge.
- Grass cutting, litter picking and gully cleaning ongoing within the municipal district area.
- Verge and hedge cutting carried out throughout the municipal district.
- Extensive patch repairs ongoing throughout the municipal district.

- Signs erected throughout Kildare Town for the National Stud.
- Surface Dressing preparation works carried out including sweeping, patching, cutting, and signing.

Councillor Stafford asked if the hedge could be cut at Ballykelly Cross.

Ms Cuddy stated that it would be done in the next three to four weeks.

KN03/0719

Allowance to the Cathaoirleach

The members considered payment of allowance to the Cathaoirleach of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District in accordance with Circular Letter LG 01/2018.

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that Section 143 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended referred to the payment of an allowance to a Cathaoirleach. Part IV of Circular LG01/2018 sets out the maximum amount of an allowance payable to Cathoirligh of Municipal Districts.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by all members present that the maximum allowance be paid to the Cathaoirleach of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District in accordance with Circular Letter LG 01/2018.

KN04/0719

Declare a public road in charge at Gandouge Lane, Newbridge.

The members considered the proposal to declare a public road in charge at Gandouge Lane, Newbridge.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the road needed to be taken in charge as development would be commencing there.

Councillor Stafford asked would there be any additional parking in that area.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that the lane would be a public road and as it was a large development additional parking would probably be included.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed by all members present to declare the public road at Gandouge Lane, Newbridge in charge .

KN05/0719

Taking in charge the Ros Glas Estate, Nurney Road, Monasterevin

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

What is the status of taking in charge the Ros Glas Estate, Nurney Road, Monasterevin, including details of any outstanding issues, associated cost and timeframe?

A report was received from Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the council did receive a Section 180 request from the residents of Ros Glas Avenue to take in charge the estate on 28 November 2018. Ros Glas Avenue, Monasterevin was not on the council's proposed list of estates for taking in charge in 2019. The council do not have the required taking in charge documentation to identify any possible infrastructural issues on site. All associated costs to progress the estate to the required taking in charge standard were the responsibility of the developer.

Without the required taking in charge documentation, reports and surveys, it was premature to give a timeframe for the taking in charge of this estate.

The report was noted.

KN06/0719

Placing traffic lights at the Morristown Bridge

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

That the council considers placing traffic lights at the Morristown Bridge, Morristown Road, Newbridge, to improve road safety for users of the bridge, both vehicular and pedestrian.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this matter would require a technical assessment by Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and the Traffic Management Centre. Ultimately a source of funding would need to be identified if the works were deemed appropriate.

Councillor P O'Dwyer asked would the assessment be carried out in 2019 and could this item be put on the progress report.

Councillor Heavey stated were three bridges in Newbridge with traffic lights, which assist the flow of traffic and all bridges should be reviewed to maintain the flow of traffic.

The Senior Executive Officer stated the assessment would not be carried out in 2019 and that she would put it on the 2020 programme list for the technical assessment team to investigate.

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

KN07/0719

Review of pay parking bye laws in Kildare town

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

That the council begin a review of pay parking bye laws in Kildare town encompassing all lands between the motorway and railway lines, and that this review include a 6 day pay parking regime regulation.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department would schedule a review of the Kildare Town Parking Bye-Laws. Consideration of extension of the hours of enforcement to include a six day parking regime was a matter for the members to agree. However, in advance of the commencement of a technical assessment and preparation of a draft for the members views and consideration, there were a number of projects and initiatives that were underway which would impact on parking controls in the town:

- Health Check of Kildare Town
- Proposed Traffic Management Plan
- Proposed Kildare Town Northern Link and South Green Access Improvement Scheme

Councillor Doyle stated that there was an issue with all day parking as people were parking on Saturdays outside business and leaving their cars for the day.

The Senior Executive Officer stated that a public consultation would need to be carried out with businesses to control the parking and that she would organise an in-committee meeting with the members to discuss the first phase of Kildare Town Parking Bye-Laws.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the report be noted and an in-committee meeting arranged with the members to discuss the first phase of Kildare Town Parking Bye-Laws.

KN08/0719

Broken fence and overgrown area along the entrance to Grangemore Cottages

The Cathaoireach confirmed Councillor T O'Dwyer had sent her apologies and informed him in writing that Councillor Duffy was authorised to move her motions on her behalf.

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

That the council address the broken fence and overgrown area along the entrance to Grangemore Cottages, Grangemore, Brannockstown, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that a report would be given at the meeting as allowed for under Standing Order No 15.

The Senior Executive Officer stated that this item falls between the Environment and Roads Department.

The District Manager stated that he would issue the response and would meet with Councillor T O'Dwyer before the next meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Duffy seconded by Councillor Doyle that the report be noted and the District Manager meet with Councillor T O'Dwyer before the next meeting.

KN09/0719

Bus shelters in Kilcullen

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

That the council identify and commit to installing a minimum of two bus shelters in Kilcullen.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) provide bus shelters in conjunction with the local authority and a list of bus shelters had been prepared by the NTA, to be developed in County Kildare in conjunction with Kildare County Council (list attached). The provision of bus shelters at and opposite the petrol station on Main Street, Kilcullen, had been assessed, however, due to restrictions in footpath width and available space the shelters were not progressing at this time.

Councillor Duffy asked was this list of bus shelters going to be revisited. He stated that we were trying to encourage the public to use public transport and not asking the council to pave roads. He asked was there a process on changing the list.

Councillor Doyle asked was the proposed site not suitable for the bus shelter.

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

- Rathangan and Kilmeague had funding for bus shelters but now have been told that the location were not suitable
- When would the list be revisited

The Senior Executive Officer stated as per the report given, bus shelters would not be progressing in Kilcullen at these locations. The list that the members had received was the final list and the licence for bus services was under the NTA and they would not be adding to the list. A contractor has been employed to install the bus shelters that were on the list. The NTA and engineers was working through the list and technical assessments were being carried out for the location of these bus shelters.

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

KN10/0719

The Mayor requested to take items 10 and 14 together and all the members agreed.

Item 10.

Accidents at Brownstown Cross

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

In light of the increasing number of accidents at Brownstown Cross, that the council conduct a traffic review of this cross roads.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that while traffic and junction layout could be assessed, it appeared that motorists were not obeying the rules of the road and were ignoring warning signage, including STOP signs, when approaching the junction which required that they stop before proceeding through the junction. A roundabout would not be feasible at this location as there was insufficient road width on the four approaching roads. The installation of a roundabout would require the taking of lands along the edge of the Curragh Plains to facilitate the realignment of the road along with the relocation of existing services, which would result in significant cost. Permission would also be required from the Department of Defence and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. This location had previously been referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) for assessment.

Item 14.

Junction at Brownstown the Curragh

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

That the council examines the junction at Brownstown the Curragh with a view to seeing how it can be made safer as residents currently have huge concerns.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that while traffic and junction layout could be assessed, it appeared that motorists were not obeying the rules of the road and were ignoring warning signage, including STOP signs, when approaching the junction which required that they stop before proceeding through the junction. A roundabout would not be feasible at this location as there was insufficient road width on the four approaching roads. The installation of a roundabout would require the taking of lands along the edge of the Curragh Plains to facilitate the realignment of the road along with the relocation of existing services, which would result in significant cost. Permission would also be required from the Department of Defence and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The location had previously been referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) for assessment.

Councillor Connolly said that she accepted the report but that there had been two more accidents in the last month at the cross. She stated that she knew that it would be difficult acquiring the Department of Defence land but some mechanism needed to be put in as it was a very dangerous cross and the stop signs were not working.

Councillor Ryan stated that the report mentioned a roundabout but she had not asked for a roundabout to be put in, she had asked that the council put something in to slow traffic coming up to the cross.

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

- That this item was already on the progress report, traffic lights was needed as the majority of the accidents were happening from the Suncroft side.
- The footpath on the left hand side of the Rising Sun pub coming from the Suncroft side was coming out too far onto the road.
- The mound of clay that was put to make incoming traffic at the Curragh Camp side to stop was not working either.

The Senior Executive Officer stated that this issue was previously raised and that stop signs were there but motorists were not obeying the rules of the road and were ignoring warning signage, including STOP signs when they were approaching this junction.

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

KN11/0719

A database of rural roads within the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District

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

Following on from the local election campaign, that the council consult with councillors with a view to building a database of rural roads within the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District in need of resurfacing/maintenance.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members there was a pavement management system (PMS) in place, where all roads were surveyed and rated by a trained Municipal District staff member. This rating was then used to determine the type of rehabilitation work the road requires. There were a number of criteria used when selecting roads for the road programme:

- The Pavement Management System(PMS)
- Annual average daily traffic
- Location of the road

Councillor Connolly stated that there were a lot of rural roads that needed resurfacing etc and asked could the members give the Roads department a list of the rural roads that needed to be looked at.

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

- Budgets needed to be revisited as there were 11 members in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District getting the same LPT allocation budget as 5 members in another Municipal District which was not reasonable.
- Could rural roads in the Municipal District be repaired/surveyed next year?

The Municipal District Engineer stated that every road in the county had been looked at and explained to the members how the list was compiled for each road as per grade from 1 to 10 in the county for regional to rural roads. She also explained that each Municipal District received a budget and this was allocated for this year. She stated that Kildare and Newbridge were getting more funding than any other areas in this Municipal District and if the members had a particular road that needed to be looked at, they could put it in as a motion at their monthly meeting.

The Senior Executive Officer explained that the Roads department annual programme was prepared for each year and that she would send the new members a copy of the 2019 annual programme.

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

KN12/0719

Signage on the approach to the Newbridge Skatepark

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

That the council erect signage on the approach to the Newbridge Skatepark to alert motorists and pedestrians that they are approaching a play area.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members this was already a very busy junction with a complicated controlled pedestrian crossing and associated signage. Any additional signs may further complicate the area, therefore, the Municipal District Office recommends against the installation of any additional signs at this location.

Councillor P O'Dwyer stated that the skatepark has been very successful but it was at a busy location and signage needed to be erected to make the public aware.

Ms B Cuddy stated that a staggered sign gateway could be put up in the park but that she would have to speak to the Parks Section about relevant funding.

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

KN13/0719

Roundabout at the Athy Road

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

That the council consider putting in a roundabout at the Athy Road turn off in Monasterevin Co. Kildare (R417/R445).

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the provision of a roundabout at the intersection of two regional roads (R417/R445) would require a full examination and technical assessment by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department. The identification of a source of funding would be required if the provision of a roundabout was deemed appropriate, feasible and safe.

Councillor Ryan asked if a small roundabout could be installed and asked if the assessment could be done sooner.

Ms B Cuddy stated that the Athy Municipal District budget for the Monasterevin Roads Programme has been allocated for this year. The Roads Design Department had replied to the motion and this would be assessed and put on the roads programme list for next year.

The Senior Executive Officer explained that putting in a small roundabout does not assist pedestrians and that the Roads Planning Department would need to assess the area.

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

KN14/0719

Public bins along Sexes Road

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

That the council install public bins along Sexes Road and extend the waste collection route to include these.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members due to the many competing demands placed on available budgets the Municipal District Office have no plans to install any additional bins at this time.

Councillor Pender asked if one or two bins could be put in to stop the public disposing their private waste on the street.

Councillor P O'Dwyer asked if a bin could be put at an area on top of the bridge.

Ms B Cuddy stated that they would not be putting up additional bins as they were trying to encourage people to bring home their rubbish.

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

KN15/0719

Road safety audit of Drogheda Street, Monasterevin

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

That the council's Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department undertake a road safety audit of Drogheda Street, Monasterevin to assess the traffic congestion and safety issues in the vicinity of St. Evin's Primary School, St. John's National School and St. Peter's National School.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the schools in the vicinity contribute to the generation of traffic and localised congestion during school drop off and pick up times. The Road Safety Officer had visited the schools on a number of occasions in the past to ensure that children walking to and from schools were aware of road and traffic safety. A junior school warden's team was in place at St Peter's National School. Traffic wardens had also previously attended at the schools during peak times to ensure that parents/guardians do not park on the footpath or in an unauthorised manner in the vicinity of the schools during these times. Kildare County Council has re-lined the road and improved signage on Drogheda Street recently in order to improve safety for school children.

Councillor Duffy stated at peak hours there was significant traffic at the schools and it was the council's duty to ensure the safety of children. The council needed to look at some alternatives to reduce traffic.

Councillor Ryan stated that she supported the motion and the junction needed to be looked at.

The Senior Executive Officer stated that the Roads Safety Officer had met with the Athy Municipal District Engineer and had investigated this area. She stated that the Roads Safety Officer would meet with the members on this issue.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Duffy seconded by Councillor Ryan with all members agreeing that a meeting be held with the Roads Safety Officer and that the report be noted.

KN16/0719

To establish three disabled car parking bays

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

That the council investigate options to establish three disabled car parking bays in the vicinity of St Peter's National School, Monasterevin from September 2019, but be aware that the existing Day Care Centre and its ambulance bay is still a requirement for the future use of that facility.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members this would require a technical examination to determine the availability of adequate space. Engagement with the School and adjacent Day Care Centre would be necessary. Subject to agreement being reached, the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department could arrange for lining/signing as required.

Councillor Duffy stated a restricted area for three parking spaces was needed and that he has been in contact with the school regarding the matter.

The Senior Executive Officer stated she would liaise with the Road Safety Officer and would engage with the school.

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

KN17/0719

Final wearing course on the sections of Rathbride Abbey, Kildare

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

That the council lay the final wearing course on the sections of Rathbride Abbey, Kildare particularly Rathbride Close where required.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members this location was not included in the road works programme for 2019.

The council would list it for consideration as part of their road works programme for 2020.

Councillor Stafford asked was this estate taken in charge.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that it was taken in charge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford seconded by Councillor Doyle that the report be noted and the council would list it for consideration as part of their road works programme for 2020.

KN18/0719

Traffic Management Plan for Kildare Town and Newbridge

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

Can the council confirm what the schedule of delivery is for the Traffic Management Plan for Kildare Town and Newbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members with regard to Kildare Town, work was being progressed on the first phase of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to complete a traffic model. This work was being progressed as part of the proposed Kildare Town Northern Link and South Green Access Improvement Scheme, for which a non-statutory public consultation was ongoing. The transport strategy would be developed as part of phase 2 which would require a procurement process – there was no timeline for this phase at this time.

With regard to Newbridge, the members accepted the National Transport Authority (NTA) proposal for the town and Kildare County Council was now awaiting further communication on the progress on this plan from the NTA (See appendix A).

The report was noted.

KN19/0719

The works at Pollardstown Cross

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

Can the council give a timeframe as to when the works at Pollardstown Cross will be completed?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members under the Low Cost Safety Scheme (LCSS), Kildare County Council has received funding to carry out works at Pollardstown including the relocation of an ESB pylon. The council has applied to the ESB for moving of same and they have provided the council with a quote and a

proposed new location. Subject to agreement with the landowner and ESB, it was proposed these works would be completed as part of the 2019 works programme.

The report was noted.

KN20/0719

Ellistown GAA grounds

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

Can the council give a timeframe as to when the road markings and signage at the entrance to Ellistown GAA grounds will be completed?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the Municipal District Office has previously agreed to carry out an assessment of this location subject to funding.

The report was noted.

KN21/0719

List of the private car parks in the area

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

Can the council provide a list of the private car parks in the area and who is responsible for their upkeep and maintenance.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the information requested was not held by Kildare County Council as the provision for maintenance and upkeep of private car parking facilities does not fall under the councils remit or jurisdiction and were not owned or managed by the council.

The report was noted.

KN22/0719

Booking system for Newbridge Town Hall

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

That the council investigate and develop an online enquiry and booking system for Newbridge Town Hall.

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

A report was received from Facilities Manager, Corporate Services Department stating that the Facilities Section was currently looking into procuring a booking system which could be used for bookings in all community buildings owned by the council including Newbridge Town Hall.

Councillor Pender confirmed that a lot of people had asked him about booking Newbridge Town Hall and asked if this item could be put on the progress report to keep the members updated.

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

KN23/0719

Removal of local election posters from the Curragh

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

That the council request the Department of Defence to clarify on what basis it caused the removal of local election posters from the Curragh without any prior consultation with the council and to acknowledge it is a matter for the Local Authority to remove election posters at its sole discretion in accordance with the Litter Pollution Acts on the road network that is excluded from the Curragh of Kildare Acts, 1961-1969.

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

A report was received from the Meeting Administrator informing the members that if the members agree, correspondence could issue to the Department of Defence as requested.

Councillor Stafford stated that he had put up local election posters on the Curragh and they were taken down on two occasions without any notification from the Department of Defence. He asked that the council write to the Department of Defence seeking clarification if they have the authority to remove posters.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer and all members agreeing that the report be noted and that the council write to Department of Defence as outlined.

KN24/0719

Applicants which have been taken off the housing list

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

Can the council confirm the number of housing applicants which have been taken off the housing list as a result of breaching the income limit eligibility criteria in this municipal district?

A report was received from Housing Department informing the members that it was not possible to provide the information requested on a municipal district basis; however in 2018 a total of 149 households failed to qualify for social housing support on income grounds or were removed from the housing list because their income breached the maximum amount allowable.

The report was noted.

KN25/0719

List of the social housing units for Monasterevin

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

Can the council provide a detailed list of the social housing units becoming available from new developments in Monasterevin over the next 12 months, including such estates as Brocan Wood, Old Grange Wood and Ferns Bridge, as well as the number of existing council social housing units in this municipal district that are not allocated due to issues with the property?

A report was received from Housing Department informing the members that Kildare County Council would deliver 20 units in two of the estates referred to in the question. The council were presently in Part V negotiations with the developer of one of the estates referenced and as the deal was not concluded no details could be provided. In order to protect the identity of future tenants, Kildare County Council does not release the address of properties which it was purchasing. In accordance with the protocol agreed at the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), the members were provided with a monthly report detailing existing social housing stock which was vacant. One property was currently listed as vacant in Monasterevin.

The report was noted.

KN26/0719

Alcohol Bye-Laws

The Meeting Administrator gave a briefing to the members about the new county-wide alcohol bye-laws in their Municipal District area and advised that the draft bye laws were currently on public display. She further advised that any comments or observations from the members should be sent to the customer care email as soon as possible in order to prepare the necessary documentation for the September plenary council meeting.

KN27/0719

Waterways Ireland

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

That this Municipal District Committee seeks to meet with Waterways Ireland to highlight the unique selling points of Monasterevin for it to be included as a hub destination on the Blueway route.

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

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that if the members were in agreement, an invitation could be extended to Waterways Ireland as requested.

Councillor Doyle agreed that the members should meet with Waterways Ireland to highlight Monasterevin as a tourist attraction and to include it as a hub destination on the Blueway route.

Councillor Duffy stated that he supported the motion as there were new developments happening in Monasterevin with the Minch Norton building to be developed into a distillery business and this would help attract tourists to Monasterevin.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Stafford with all members agreeing that the report be noted and the council write to Waterways Ireland inviting them to meet with the members.

KN28/0719

O'Modhrain Hall

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

In line with the fact that the Trustees of O'Modhrain Hall had until the 28 of May to respond to a letter issued by Joe Boland, what response if any has been received and what is the current status of O'Modhrain Hall?

A report was received from District Manager informing the members that regrettably, there was no response to the council's correspondence.

It was also noted that a letter was received in the interim (12 June 2019) from the Charities Regulator (copied to individuals who made submissions) wherein it was noted that the regulator had not been notified that the sale has concluded (copy attached). In these circumstances, particularly given the ongoing dereliction issue, the council would now have to consider the option of recommencing CPO procedures afresh.

The report was noted.

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New market square development in Kilcullen

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

Can the council work together with the residents and business in Kilcullen to ensure the new market square development in Kilcullen is designed in a way to be used in a shared/multi-purpose manner?

A report was received from Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare County Council has been working with Kilcullen Community Action (KCA) which includes local business people, residents, and local educators amongst others. Local consultation was carried out by KCA with a public consultation day held at the Market Square itself, to ensure the opinion of the public was heard. It was the intention that the redevelopment of Kilcullen Market Square would be designed in a shared/multi-purpose manner to represent the requirements of the community.

The report was noted.

KN30/0719

Design for the Linear Park extension

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

Can the council provide an update on the tender to procure landscape architects for the purpose of a design for the Linear Park extension, Newbridge from St Conleths Bridge to Newbridge College?

A report was received from the Executive Parks Superintendent, informing the members the tender for the procurement of professional services such as landscape architects, engineers etc. was currently being drafted with a view to advertising it as soon as practicable.

The report was noted.

KN31/0719

Old dispensary Ard Mhuire, Portarlinton Road, Rathangan

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

Can the council furnish an update on the proposal to acquire the old dispensary Ard Mhuire, Portarlinton Road, Rathangan for community use?

A report was received from Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members the Health Service Executive (HSE) had confirmed that it has accepted Kildare County Council's offer to buy the building. Both legal representatives for the council and HSE were now engaging to complete the transfer of the property.

When this has been completed the council would engage with community groups in the area regarding its use.

The report was noted.

KN32/0719

Report on the relevant demographics of the municipal district

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

In order to assist with LPT and pay-parking allocations and other future projects can the council furnish a report on the relevant demographics of the municipal district to include each settlement and identify any particular areas of disadvantage?

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A report was received from Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Co-ordinator, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that AIRO in Maynooth University, produced seven detailed reports based on Census 2016 for Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

These were launched at full council in June 2018 and were presented as follows:

- Demographics
- Housing
- Health
- Commuting
- Employment, industry and occupations
- Education
- Summary document

These reports provide a range of datasets based on Census 2016. They breakdown the data, to enable comparisons of the:

- County to the state and region,
- MD
- Metro/hinterland,
- Urban/rural
- Primary economic growth town
- Secondary economic growth town
- District Employment Centre
- Local Employment Centres (small town)
- Local Employment Centres (village)

A range of information was available, in these reports on the relevant demographics for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District, the primary and secondary towns, small towns and villages. Page 38 of the demographics report provides information on the deprivation index for the county. Kildare LCDC was currently working with AIRO to produce a report based on all aspects of social housing (to include the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP), Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) etc.), to determine if this impacts on the national definition of deprivation. This would be provided to the members as soon as it was available. The census reports have been given to the new members as part of their Guidance Manual and induction training. Copies were

available in hard format from the Community Section, or at <http://www.kildarelcdc.ie/publications-links/>

Extensive information was available to the members in these reports and they provide a very important basis to inform resource allocation and service needs.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.