



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District  
Meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on 19 February 2020 in  
Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

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**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

**Officials Present:** Mr K Kavanagh (A/District Manager), Mr G Halton (Senior Executive Officer), Mr L Dunne (Senior Executive Officer), Ms B Cuddy, (District Engineer), Ms C Barrett (Chief Fire Officer), Ms P O'Rourke,(Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms E O'Brien, (Executive Engineer), Ms V Cooke, Mr J Shannon (Administrative Officers), Mr B Leonard (Meetings Administrator) and Ms S Fitzgerald (Meetings Secretary).

**KN01/0220**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Mayor proposed to suspend standing orders for five minutes.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

**KN02/0220**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 15 January 2020 together with the progress report.



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on Wednesday, 15 January 2020 be taken as read. The progress report was noted.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy raised a number of queries in relation the January Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District minutes. The meetings administrator, with agreement from the chair, requested that the proposed amendments to the January minutes would be put to the members for consideration at the March MD meeting.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **KN03/0220**

This item was raised at the meeting by Councillor McLoughlin Healy.

#### **KN25/0120 Second Bridge for Newbridge**

Mr J Coppinger, Senior Engineer gave an update to the members in relation to the second bridge planned for Newbridge and the Phase 0 report arising for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting 15 January 2020. He confirmed that:

- There was a long term plan for a second bridge in Newbridge.
- The Phase 0 report had not been prepared.
- The Phase 0 report was a complex, high level project that looked at various options including bus and rail service as well as setting out the financial requirements.
- A new round of Urban Regeneration and Development Funding (URDF) is to be called early 2020 and an application for funding for the second bridge would be made under this.
- A list of projects for the county had been prioritised, the second bridge had been given a level 3 priority.



## **KN04/0220**

### **Municipal District Road Works**

The District Engineer updated the members of the following road works in the municipal district.

#### **Road Resurfacing Works:**

**Bourne's Lane** – Resurfacing works have been completed on Bourne's Lane, including the installation of 3 ramps.

**Dara Park, Kildare Town-** Resurfacing works at the entrance to the estate have been completed.

#### **LPT/Pay Parking Projects/Footpath Improvements:**

- St. Patrick's park overlay has been completed
- Maryville phase two footpath improvement works have commenced.

#### **Drainage works:**

- Emergency drainage and road repairs on the Clongorey Road, Barrettstown.
- Drainage works carried out at Feighcullen Cross.

#### **Footpath:**

- Footpath upgrade works are being carried out at main street Rathangan,
- Dropped kerb and railing erected at Bourne's Lane.

#### **Miscellaneous Works:**

- The relocation of two speed cushions at entrance to Ridgewood Manor.
- Litter picking, leaf sweeping, some small drainage works and pothole patching throughout the MD area.
- Water cuts carried out throughout the MD area.
- The cleanup from Storm Ciara included removal of falling trees and flooding

## **KN05/0220**

### **LPT Schedule of Works 2020**

The members agreed to have a special meeting before the next meeting in March to discuss LPT allocation for 2020.



**Resolved** With the agreement of the members present that this item would be adjourned until the March meeting.

### **KN06/0220**

#### **Taking in Charge of Curragh Grange Estate in Newbridge**

The members considered the taking in charge of Curragh Grange Estate in Newbridge. It was proposed to take Curragh Grange (excluding 1-12 The Park) in charge at the request of the developer. Curragh Grange (excluding 1-12 The Park) comprised of 288 units. The units at 1-12 The Park were constructed by a different developer and would be considered at another time.

The development, Curragh Grange, was on public display for taking in charge from 6 March 2017 to 7 April 2017 inclusive. No submissions were received in relation to the taking in charge during the statutory period.

Vesting maps in the appropriate format have been received from the developer. Irish Water had approved the taking in charge of the estate and the water and wastewater infrastructure would be transferred to Irish Water.

The members raised the following points:

- Was the main road through the estate already taken in charge?
- The application for taking in charge of numbers one to twelve was recently submitted.
- How were estates prioritised for the taking in charge process?

Ms Barrett, Chief Fire Officer confirmed the following:

- The main road through the estate would need to be checked to see had it been taken in charge.
- There had been no request for numbers one to twelve (The Park) from the developer for taking in charge.
- In this case the developer requested the estate to be taken in charge and these types of cases would take priority.



- In relation to the taking in charge of estates it is up to the developer to request same.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Stafford the taking in charge of Curragh Grange (excluding 1-12 The Park) was approved.

### **KN07/0220**

#### **Estates Taken in Charge in Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District**

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

Can the council confirm how many estates have been taken in charge in our municipal district, both Local Authority and private and what would the costs be to support the residents with grass cutting grants as in place in the Naas Municipal District?

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development informing the members that there were 97 housing estates (68 private and 29 local authority) which had received Residents Association grants in 2019 and were now located in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District. There were 7195 houses in total.

The LPT funding in the Naas Municipal District averaged out at €8.71 per house in 2019 (in addition to the resident's association grants).

If the members of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District would agree to allocate €62,700 from LPT funding, this would be in line with Naas LPT allocation.

It was agreed that this item be considered as part of discussions in the LPT Schedule of works.

The report was noted.

### **KN08/0220**

#### **Briefing from Local Link**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Alan Kerry, Transport Manager of Local Link, Kildare South Dublin to the meeting.



Mr. Kerry gave a briefing on Local Link informing the members of the vital role Local Link, Kildare South Dublin provides. In 2019 13,058 service trips were provided which was an increase of 4.7% compared to 2018. 109,027 passengers availed of Local Link scheduled services in 2019 which was an increase of 17.8% compared to 2018. Applications currently being considered for the four Rural Regular services included routes from Celbridge to Naas via Sallins Train Station, Athy to Carlow, Allenwood to Naas via Sallins Train Station and Route 880

The members raised the following points:

- It was good to see Caragh was included on the timetable.
- It was important that the time-table link in with rail services.
- Would there be any protection in place to stop private companies taking over these routes?
- It was important that local clubs and schools be made aware of the book-a-bus service.
- Was Kilcullen part of the Rural Regular Service being considered?
- This was an important service to offset carbon emissions.

Mr Kerry informed the members of the following:

- He would have no objections to a private company taking over the routes however as there was no element of profit it was unlikely they would want to.
- Kilcullen was one of the Rural Regular Service's being considered.
- A submission had been submitted to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) requesting the development of local links services in rural areas to be a statutory responsibility.
- The presentation would be sent to the members.

The Mayor thanked Mr Kerry for his presentation and wished him continued success.



### **KN09/0220**

#### **Path between Rathcurragh and Langton Park**

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

That the council investigate the path between Rathcurragh and Langton Park with a view to making it safe for public use.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the location in question was private property. With the agreement of the members, the Municipal District Office agreed they would investigate this and provide costing to resolve the issue.

The members agreed that the municipal district office would carry out a clean up and investigate the path.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Duffy that the report be noted and the members agreed that the Municipal District Office carry out a clean-up of the area and investigate the path.

### **KN10/0220**

#### **Traffic Movement on the Dublin Road from Kildare Town**

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

That the council review how traffic movement is working on the Dublin Road from Kildare Town since installing new traffic lights and perhaps advise on how to improve access for residents of Magee Terrace who are experiencing difficulty in getting out onto the road.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the two Toucan crossings provided on the Dublin Road in Kildare



were installed as part of the Lidl development and utilised the following technology; Extra Low Voltage (ELV) controller with LED signals with motion vehicle detection and pedestrian kerbside detection. The crossings were located in proximity to commercial and health care facilities on the Dublin Road and assist vulnerable road users including the residents of Magee Terrace to safely cross the Dublin Road. The Traffic Management Section have reviewed the operation of the Toucan crossings and confirm that the crossings have no impact on the operation junction of Magee Terrace which is approximately 120 meters from the nearest Toucan Crossing.

Councillor Doyle asked could a yellow box be considered for this area. The District Engineer agreed to investigate installing a yellow box.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Stafford that the report be noted and the District Engineer to investigate installing a yellow box.

#### **KN11/0220**

##### **Footpath and Street Lighting Bell Harbour to Passlands Cemetery**

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

That the council upgrade and extend the footpath and street lighting from the canal at Bell Harbour down to the Passlands Cemetery.

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 that this would require a design and costing between public lighting and the municipal district office. There are no plans or budget at present, however the municipal district office agrees to discuss further with the public lighting section.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy seconded by Councillor Stafford that the report be noted and the Municipal District Office would discuss upgrading and extending the footpath and street lighting with the Public Lighting Section.





### **KN12/0220**

#### **Improvement works Townsland to Crossmorris**

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

That the council undertake ditch drainage improvement works in the Townsland area of Crossmorris, Kildare to prevent on-going flooding to surrounding farmlands and residences. (map previously provided to the municipal district office).

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 that the Municipal District Office were agreeable to meet on site and investigate this issue further.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy seconded by Councillor Stafford that the report be noted and the Municipal District Engineer to meet Councillor Duffy on site and investigate this matter.

### **KN13/0220**

#### **Works on Older Estates**

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

That the council compile a list of older estates in this municipal district where rear entrance areas are in poor condition with a view to improving through a rolling programme of work.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no resources or funding available to carry out this request. These areas were included in the routine maintenance programme if in charge, and the council endeavour to maintain subject to budgets.



Councillor Doyle asked for this item to be referred to the Housing Department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor McLoughlin that the report be noted and the item referred the Housing Department.

#### **KN14/0220**

##### **Install a Footpath in Athgarvan**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer. That the council carry out a feasibility study and cost analysis to install a path in Athgarvan using the council owned land behind the wall that runs from the four crossroads at the traffic lights in Athgarvan back towards Newbridge to meet up with an existing path.

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

Ms B Cuddy informed the members that there was no budget allocation for these works. This matter could be referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG). Councillor T O'Dwyer requested a cost analysis be carried out.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Pender with the agreement of the members that this item be referred to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) and a cost analysis be carried out.

#### **KN15/0220**

##### **Bus Shelters in Kilcullen**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer. That the council request the National Transport Authority to carry out a suitability assessment identifying three bus shelter locations in Kilcullen to facilitate passengers being picked up at Cnoc Na Greine on the Newbridge Road, at the traffic lights main street Kilcullen and the third bus shelter in the vicinity of the Kayfoam Factory retail unit.

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



A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a request would be issued to the National Transport Authority if the members agreed.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by the members that the report be noted and a request be issued to the National Transport Authority.

#### **KN16/0220**

##### **Wheelchair Parking Near Stack's Pharmacy, Monasterevin**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. That the council provide wheelchair parking as near as is safely possible on side of Stack's Pharmacy in Monasterevin.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are two disabled parking spaces across the road. There were very restricted parking spaces at this location and no room for a disabled bay at the requested location.

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

#### **KN17/0220**

##### **Yellow Box Outside St Conleth's Day Care Centre**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. That the council arrange for a yellow box to be installed outside St Conleth's Day Care Centre in Kildare Town.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is an existing yellow box in front of the care centre. There are also double yellow lines both sides of the road. There were no plans to install a yellow box on the public road.

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

### **KN18/0220**

#### **Road Markings and Lighting at Ladytown**

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

That the council outline their programme and schedule for improving safety with road markings and lighting at the junction at Ladytown Kildare County Council's yard where Road L2031 from Floods Cross and L6064 join the dual carriageway R445.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the municipal district office has no plans or budget allocated to carry out works at this location in 2020. It should also be noted that the Irish Water contract 2B will continue to carry out works at this location for the coming months.

The following issues were raised by the members:

- There was inadequate lighting at this junction.
- There were very few road markings along this stretch of road.
- The volume of traffic using this road has increased since the new exit was opened.
- Were there plans by Irish Water to improve this road once works are completed?
- Could the members be updated once Irish Water works were completed?



The District Engineer informed the members of the following:

- That this road is not on the programme of works.
- No improvement works would be considered until Irish Water works were completed at this location.
- When the municipal district office are informed that Irish Water have completed works at this location, the members would be informed.

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

### **KN19/0220**

#### **Pay Parking in Newbridge and Kildare Town**

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

That the council as part of the review of pay parking in Newbridge and Kildare Town consider the different requirements of each town and any new town to be included under pay parking bye laws including but not limited to observation periods, the level of fine, issuing permits to businesses.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as outlined in the County Parking Policy Framework Document as adopted by the Elected Members the Council aims to provide a professional and consistent parking management services for the benefit of all its citizens and visitors to the County. While each town may have minor individual requirements, when a review of any parking bye-law takes place the Roads Department considers the overall importance to regulate parking consistently across the county in order to avoid confusion to, businesses, motorists and visitors to County Kildare who may travel from one town to another. A lack of consistency often leads to confusion which often results in the issuing of fines as a result of confusion. Consistent parking bye-laws also allows for the enhancement and implementation of on-line services for motorists and businesses.



The members raised the following points:

- Business owners were getting parking tickets while unloading at their premises.
- People with parking tickets over the time by 5-10 minutes were getting parking fines.
- Bye-laws should be formed with the need of individual towns in mind.
- Parking in Kilcullen would need to be examined.
- If there were empty parking spaces and a car is over the allotted time should this be taken into account before issuing parking fines?
- That the council consider assisting businesses in this matter.

Councillor Stafford asked for this to be referred to the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by the members that the report be noted and this item referred to the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC.

### **KN20/0220**

#### **Surface Water Drainage at Cut Bush Road**

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

That the council investigate the surface water drainage at Cut Bush Road, Cut Bush and conduct the necessary remedial works at this location.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the municipal district office would meet on site and investigate this issue further.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Pender that the report be noted.



### **KN21/0220**

#### **Road Safety Improvements Previously Considered for Cross Keys Junction**

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

Can the council confirm what road safety improvements have been previously considered for the Cross Keys junction in Kildangan?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Cross Keys junction is on the main road within the Athy Municipal District area. The Municipal District Engineer would discuss this with Athy Municipal District office and would report back to the members.

The report was noted.

### **KN22/0220**

#### **Update on Proposed Junction Upgrades at R445/R417 and R417/L7055**

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

Please provide an update on the proposed junction upgrades at R445/R417 and R417/L7055 Monasterevin which were a condition of the St Paul's Secondary School planning application and included in the council's capital program, including a timeframe for its delivery?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the project is currently underway. The preliminary appraisal is being prepared together with preliminary design. Appropriate Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Screening will also be advanced before statutory procedures. The extent of these steps and the necessity for them will be an output of the preliminary appraisal. Once the transportation department have a preliminary design, the transportation department will make a presentation of the project to the municipal district members.



Councillor Duffy asked for clarification around timings for delivery of this. Mr Halton stated he would come back with further details.

The report was noted.

### **KN23/0220**

#### **Schedule for Delivery of Traffic Management Plan**

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

Can the council provide an update on the schedule for delivery of Traffic Management Plan within the municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Kildare Town Transport Strategy (an enhanced Traffic Management Plan) is in procurement at present and once a contract has been concluded the project will begin. Once an outline programme has been developed, the members will be informed. There was likely to be an information gathering phase at the outset and this would include the views of the municipal district members.

In relation to Newbridge, the members will be aware that the National Transport Authority have dealt directly with that urban area. It was not anticipated that any other town in the municipal district would require a Transport Strategy in the current year.

Councillor Doyle stated there was a need for an independent Traffic Management Plan and queried what timelines would be involved in this process.

The report was noted.

### **KN24/0220**

#### **Monitoring and Issuing of Fines on Caragh Bridge**

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

Can the council confirm who is responsible for the monitoring of the camera and issuing of fines on the Caragh Bridge?





A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the CCTV is connected to the Traffic Management Centre. It should be noted that monitoring is not carried out on any continuous basis. The matter of enforcement of traffic law in relation to this one-way system is with An Garda Síochána.

The report was noted.

### **KN25/0220**

#### **Junction at Exit Hopkins Haven**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Connolly.  
Has the council any plans to make safe the junction as you exit Hopkins Haven in Monasterevin?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no planned works or budget allocated for works at this location for 2020.

The report was noted.

### **KN26/0220**

#### **Jake's Law Signage**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Connolly  
Can the council clarify as to why the Jake's Law signage has not been erected in Preston Brook, Rathangan?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the provision of "Jakes Law" signage would be completed as part of the contract(s) to implement the county wide speed limit review.



Councillor Connolly stated that this was in the minutes in April 2018 as being completed. Mr Halton stated he would look into this and update the members.

The report was noted.

#### **KN27/0220**

#### **Repairs to Potholes in Maryville**

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

Can the council explain why the repairs to potholes in the Cul De Sac in Maryville, Kildare Town are only lasting a month or two at most?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location was included in the routine maintenance programme. Patching/pothole repairs were only temporary repairs. There were a number of issues that could lead to failure, such as weather and traffic volume. Ideally, the council would prefer to replace rather than repair, however budgets would not allow for this.

The report was noted.

#### **KN28/0220**

#### **Traffic Calming for the Oaks**

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

Can the council inform the residents of the Oaks when their traffic calming, for which monies were set aside last year, will be put in situ?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the design was being prepared by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports office in the National Roads Office.



Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated that money had been set aside for this project and that this would need to be looked at urgently.

The District Engineer informed the members that this was with the National Roads Office design team as ramps were no longer used and that the design for this would be available in March. He confirmed there would be traffic calming measures put in place in The Oaks, but it would take time.

The report was noted.

### **KN29/0220**

#### **Traffic Wardens Operating Outside of Areas Governed by Pay Parking Bye Laws**

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

Can the council advise on the powers of traffic wardens operating outside of areas governed by pay parking bye laws in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District and how often such powers are exercised?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members the Traffic Wardens that operate outside the pay parking bye-laws are Kildare County Council Community Wardens. There is one full-time warden carrying out traffic duties in the north of the county and one half time Community Warden in the south who also had litter duties. Both wardens in the north and south of the county would also carry out relief school warden duties when required. Regarding the powers of the Wardens, they had the same powers as all Traffic Wardens with regards to traffic. These powers are exercised daily from Monday to Friday.

The report was noted.



### **KN30/0220**

#### **Footpath from Rathangan Industrial Estate to Spencer Bridge Mullantine**

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

Can the council provide an update on the long-standing commitment to install a foot path from Rathangan Industrial Estate to Spencer Bridge Mullantine, Rathangan?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there had been no budget allocation to the municipal district in 2020 for the outlined commitment.

The report was noted.

### **KN31/0220**

#### **Litter Collection and Street Cleaning Routes**

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

Can the council provide details of the litter collection and street cleaning routes throughout the municipal district in an effort to identify blackspots?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the municipal district office facilitate the environment section to carry out street sweeping and litter picking within the municipal district area, but ultimately the budget is allocated by the Environment Section. In relation to identifying blackspots and illegal dumping within the municipal district area this information would need to come from the environment section. The council don't currently have a map of the street cleaning routes, one is being prepared by the technician and will be made available when completed.

Street cleaning was broken down as follows in the municipal district area:

#### **Kildare Town:**

Sweeping: Small Sweeper four days a week and the large sweeper one day a week.

Bins are emptied every second day. Litter pick is carried out on a Sunday.



Rathangan: Large sweeper would be in Rathangan on a Monday. The small sweeper and a litter pick would be carried out on a Wednesday.

Bins and a litter pick would be carried out on a Sunday.

Newbridge: Small sweeper four days a week and the large sweeper two days a week.

Bins would be emptied on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

A litter pick is carried out on a Sunday.

Monasterevin: Street sweeping would be carried out on a Monday and a Friday.

Bins would be emptied on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

Litter pick would be carried out on a Sunday.

Kilcullen: Sweeping would be carried out on a Monday and a Thursday.

Bins would be emptied by environment section.

The report was noted.

### **KN32/0220**

#### **Update to Identify a Site for the New Post Primary School in the Curragh**

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

That the council write to the Department of Defence and the Department of Education requesting an update on the identification of a site for new Post Primary School on the Curragh.

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

A report was received from the Planning Department stating that the Department of Education and Skills had indicated that Kildare Town was the preferred location for a new Post Primary School. Notwithstanding this it was proposed to explore the potential of Suncroft as an alternative location, and contact would be made with the Department in this regard.

However, should the above motion be agreed by the members, a letter would issue to the Department of Defence and the Department of Education requesting an update on the identification of a site for new Post Primary School on the Curragh.



The members raised the following points:

- How did the two areas in the report come in for discussion?
- When was the location changed, as it was always centred around the Curragh.
- By whom was the location changed?
- How was this information circulated?
- Who had been consulted?
- Who was involved in the change of location process?
- Who feeds into the process?

The District Manager informed the members he would clarify this with the Director of Planning for the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Power that the report be noted and a letter to issue to Department of Defence and the Department of Education requesting an update and the District Manager seek an update from the Director of Planning.

### **KN33/0220**

#### **Drainage Channel Maintenance Programme 2020**

Ms O' Brien gave an overview on the Drainage Channel Maintenance Programme for 2020.

The works carried out were:

- silt and vegetation management
- aquatic vegetation cutting
- bank protection
- tree cutting, branch trimming (tree cutting is limited to between September and February)
- bridge and structure repairs.

In-stream works with machinery are limited to the months of July, August and September..



Other issues which can affect works include restrictions from Inland Fisheries Ireland, such as the current restrictions aimed at minimising the impact of the Crayfish plague currently in the River Slate and River Barrow.

Currently, there are three drainage districts within the Kildare Municipal District. These are sections of the Barrow Drainage District, the Kildare Drainage District and the Connell Drainage District.

Maintenance was carried out on the Umeras stream in 2019 and the Cowpasture Stream in 2018 which form part of the Barrow Drainage District, the River Slate in 2018, which forms part of the Kildare Drainage District in 2018 and works were carried out by a contractor on the Connell Drainage District in 2019 as part of drainage works on the R445.

Works are proposed on the Cowpasture stream in 2020 (Barrow Drainage District) and on the Boherbaun River (Kildare Drainage District) in 2021. These works are subject to the restrictions listed above.

The members raised the following points:

- What works are being carried out on Cowpasture Stream?
- Is there any works being carried out on River Barrow from Feighcullen to Pluckerstown?

Ms O'Brien stated the following:

- Works on Cowpasture Stream include removal of silt and cutting trees
- Work is restricted on the River Barrow due to the Crayfish plague

The members welcomed the report.

### **KN34/0220**

#### **Prevent Vandalism to The Curragh Post Office**

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



That the council liaise with Department of Defence with a view to making secure the Curragh Post Office to prevent vandalism.

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

A report was received from the District Manager informing the members that he will examine the matter and liaise with the Department of Defence as requested.

Councillor Connolly stated that the building needed immediate attention.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Connolly seconded by Councillor Power that the District Manager will examine this item and liaise with the Department of Defence.

#### **KN35/0220**

#### **Suspend Standing Orders**

The Mayor proposed to suspend Standing Orders for 15 minutes.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for 15 minutes to allow the meeting continue.

#### **KN36/0220**

#### **Graffiti Wall/Area**

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

That the council investigate and introduce a legal graffiti wall/area in Newbridge, similar to the Wildstyle-Shop Wall in Berlin, Germany.

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





A report was received from the Arts Officer informing the members that in her opinion it would be more advantageous to work with the Joint Policing Committee, or other partners, to identify a group of individuals who were engaged in graffiti, or who were at risk of anti-social behaviour to engage in a developmental project around street art, with an established street artist. This would not necessarily lead to a graffiti wall, as the emphasis of the work would be process based.

The establishment of a graffiti wall should be discussed with the Urban Regeneration team for Newbridge, Tidy Towns and other parties.

A budget would need to be identified for artist's fees, materials and associated costs.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy noted that there was no representation from the Arts Service in attendance at the meeting.

Concerns were raised by the members that graffiti should not be directly linked with Anti-Social Behaviour.

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

### **KN37/0220**

#### **Reverse Vending Machine**

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

That this municipal district takes proactive steps to facilitate the installation of a reverse vending machine in Newbridge in an effort to reduce littering, promote recycling and encourage people to shop local.

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

A report was received from the Environment Section stating that Reverse vending machines, (RVM's) are automated machines that utilise advanced technology to identify, sort, and collect used beverage containers for recycling or re-use. These machines are



usually located in retail outlets and typically offered incentives for recycling used drinks containers, for example, in the form of money back or an instore discount voucher. The proposal in the notice of motion had merit as it would help to keep litter off the street and promote the reuse, reduction, and recycling of waste, and even small steps like recycling more drinks containers can have a positive impact on our environment

There would be issues of cost, location of the machines, and storage of the recycled containers to be considered. Currently Naas Municipal District was in the process of trialling a reverse vending machine, and it may be beneficial for the members to await the outcome of this pilot scheme.

The members raised the following points:

- Recycling needed to be encouraged.
- Could this be ran as an initiative for companies?
- How could this be made commercially viable?
- Would it be possible to get an idea of costings from the Naas Municipal District members?

Mr. K Kavanagh stated the following:

- Naas Municipal District have allocated LPT funding for this project.
- Councillor Martin, Naas Municipal District was championing this project in Naas.
- The reverse vending machines would be located in retail outlets and not on Kildare County Council premises.

The Mayor suggested that it would be useful to first assess the Naas Municipal District project.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Pender seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer that the report be noted and Councillor Pender contact Councillor Martin on this item.



**KN38/0220**

**Litter Bins**

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

Can the council confirm that the litter bins throughout Newbridge are in appropriate locations in relation to litter reports received to the Environment Department and fixmystreet.ie?

A report was received from the Municipal District Office confirming that the litter bins are in appropriate locations throughout Newbridge. The Municipal District Office regularly revised the location of litter bins and also consulted with the Tidy Towns and other community groups.

The report was noted.

**KN39/0220**

**Parks Works Programme 2020**

Ms O'Rourke, Executive Parks Superintendent gave an overview of the Parks Works Programme for 2020 and circulated a report to the members.

The members raised the following points:

- It was disappointing to note that there appeared to be the same amount of trees being planted for 2020 as was in 2019.
- That there was no funding set aside for Newbridge playground in the planned works for 2020
- What was the delay with the public water point
- The timeframe for the works to the Kilcullen playground was unacceptable
- What was the delay on works at Cherry Avenue Park?

Ms O'Rourke replied with the following:

- The public water point for Lourdesville was currently being considered by Irish Water



- Tree planting in response to Climate Change had been referred to the Climate Action SPC
- The timeframe for the works to the Kilcullen playground would be looked at
- Cherry Avenue Park's works needed the acoustics checked

The members agreed that the Parks presentation be circulated to them with an option to having this presentation at another meeting if required.

### **KN40/0220**

#### **CCTV Programme**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer  
Given that the Department of Justice have extended the timeframe for groups to apply for funding assistance for the CCTV programme can the council please provide an update on where the council are in relation to rolling out the CCTV programme for groups in this municipal district that have been identified as suitable and ready to proceed?

A report was received from the Economic Community & Cultural Development Department, that the Council had not been notified by the Department of Justice and Equality that the CCTV scheme had been extended as indicated, but that once this information was advised the Economic Community & Cultural Development Department would confirm the position to the Joint Policing Committee.

In order to make an application under the scheme, a community group's proposed CCTV scheme would need to:

- be approved by the local Joint Policing Committee,
- have the prior support of the Local Authority, which must act as data controller, and
- have the authorisation of the Garda Commissioner.

To date, no community group in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District had submitted a request for approval to the council or JPC as required.



The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.