



**Minutes of the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District  
held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 18 May 2022  
in the Council Chamber**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr J Boland (District Manager), Mr D O'Brien (Senior Executive Technician), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms L Kennedy (LPT Co-Ordinator), Ms M Hunt, Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officers), Mr T Shanahan, Mr O Brady (Administrative Officers), Mr S Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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**KN01/0522**

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended. There were no declarations of interest.

**KN02/0522**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

To approve the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 20 April 2022, and to note the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor A Connolly, seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer and agreed by the members, with Councillor McLoughlin Healy abstaining, that the minutes of



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the monthly meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on 20 April 2022 be adopted and the progress report noted.

### **KN03/0522**

#### **Municipal District Road Works**

Mr O'Brien advised the members of the following works

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

Road resurfacing works have commenced at the following locations

Maddenstown

Ladytown

Great Connell

Castlefish

Barretstown

Melon Hill

Ardinode

Standhouse Road

Colgans Cut

##### **LPT:**

Cutlery Road – Footpath works are finished, and surface overlay and line marking ongoing

The map of country roads is currently being prepared for presentation and approval of the councillors

##### **Miscellaneous Works:**

**Newbridge area:** Drainage works in Blacktrench, Road restoration Feighcullen, Road edge reinstatement Feighcullen, Water cuts, Pothole repair across the area.

**Newbridge Town:** Street bins upgraded, Upgrade to footpaths in Dara Park and Pairc Mhuire, Timber posts installed in Pairc Mhuire, remediated Trip hazards at the Oaks, Upgrading and cleaning of signs, Jetting drains in Liffey Hall and the Oaks. Verge and hedge trimming for visibility



**Kildare / Rathangan area:** Footpaths repairs in Toughers Grove Monasterevin, patching and cleaning Gullys across the area, Water cuts

**Kilcullen Area:** Pothole repairs, water cuts, cleaning signs, Gully cleaning, footpath repairs in Connolly Park.

The members conveyed their thanks to the Municipal District team for all the works. Councillor Heavey queried if works to rectify drainage and flooding issue specific to a particular resident in the Blacktrench area were being undertaken. Mr O'Brien advised that the issued would be looked at.

#### **KN04/0522**

#### **Capital Programme 2022-2024**

To discuss the Capital Programme 2022-2024.

The members raised the following points:

- It was disappointing to see that although the road to the Industrial Park had been included there was no provision for a relief road in Kilcullen. There was also nothing listed for the second bridge in Newbridge or for Victoria Bridge.
- Had any projects moved on since the last Capital Programme.
- How could an item get added to the Capital Programme.
- There was an over dependence on grant funding
- Could a geographical outline of spend be provided
- There appeared to be a lack of continuity as projects such as Cherry Avenue in Kildare had previously been listed but never got off the ground.
- Why had funding been listed for Athgarvan Healthcheck if that project had been completed.
- The plan was very opaque which could be improved by providing a digital version.
- Could further information be provided on the Southern Relief Road in Newbridge, the location of traffic management signalling, a breakdown of land acquisitions and the M7 bypass.



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The District Manager advised that he would revert to the members in relation to the details requested.

Mr D Hodgins advised that he would speak to Stephen Deegan regarding some questions and revert to the members.

Ms M Hunt advised that the bulk of monies had been paid in 2021 in relation to Athgarvan Healthcheck but there was now screening work to be done which would involve an Environmental Impact Assessment and a Project Assessment.

Ms M Higgins informed the members that two new columns had been added to the report showing current phase and the start of the next phase as some projects would run for up to six years eg Naas Library which had 33 stages of development.

The report was noted.

### **KN05/0522**

#### **Casual Trading Bye Laws**

To consider the report on public consultation and the making of Casual Trading Bye Laws for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

Mr. Shanahan referred to the submissions circulated to members in March, the two briefings held following the public consultation process (April and May) and the various memos circulated in response to questions raised by the members.

He noted the statutory documents that had been circulated to the members the week before the meeting to facilitate their decisions, namely:

- a) the Draft Bye Laws with marked amendments arising from public consultation and discussed at briefings;
- b) the statutory report on public consultation summarizing the issues and responses;
- c) the report outlining the decisions to be made to make the bye laws.

Mr. Shanahan described two further suggested amendments (in italics) arising from consultation, which were read to the members by the Mayor, being:

1. Clause 7:

Casual Trading shall only be carried out in the locations designated for that purpose in First



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Schedule to these Bye-Laws (*“the Casual Trading Area”*). Where required, an allotted pitch within the Casual Trading Area may be delineated by paint marking, signage or other suitable means as may be determined by Kildare County Council.

2. Change of trading hours for proposed casual trading area at Edward Street from daily to Wednesday to Saturday as below:

Newbridge – Edward Street (Schedule 1.5)	1 pitch  maximum	Wednesday- Saturday inclusive	07.30am –  17.00pm
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These amendments were agreed by the members. Mr. Shanahan summarised the matters arising from consultation that, as referenced in item c) were:

3. The addition to Clause 53 e) of the term in bold as below:

*A suitable receptacle for refuse, must be provided by the licence holder and must be kept at all times of trading within the trading place. **The licence holder shall not use public bins for the depositing of waste generated by their trading.***

4. The inclusion of Georges St, Newbridge as a trading area under the proposed bye laws, arising from support in public consultation for this proposal.

He also noted that while the making of bye laws and approval of trading areas was a matter for members that there was strong opposition in the consultation, again expressed at a site meeting with community groups (facilitated at the members request) to designating casual trading areas at:

- Newbridge Linear Park
- 2 proposed pitches outside Town Hall, Newbridge
- Rathangan - adjacent to junction Market Square/Chapel Street

Mr Shanahan also noted that the members had discretion to make, but stay commencement of, the bye laws, should they wish, given this possibility had been raised by members in briefings.



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Questions followed from the members:

- Councillor Peggy O' Dwyer asked if designating both Georges St and Market Square Newbridge would be complementary or inhibit the growth of trading at either location. She also asked if trading ceased at Edward St what would then happen to the trading area, if adopted.
- Councillor Mc Loughlin Healy enquired regarding how the site visit with community groups at Market Square and Georges St had progressed. She also asked that any legal advice related to the making of bye laws be released to the members and expressed concern at the differing views between the Council and a community group regarding the regulation of markets.
- Councillor Stafford noted opposition to the proposed area in Rathangan indicating a view that it may be premature until a public realm project is implemented and that there is no history of trading at the location. He also asked why certain vegetables and fruits were exempt.
- He asked that legal advice regarding the market right in Kildare Town be made available to all members and voiced opposition to the introduction of bye laws at this location, but that some form of regulation was needed. He expressed concern about the operability of the Thursday market with such a specific proposed layout.
- Councillor Doyle asked why the bye law required licences of a minimum of 12 months and how a minimal review might be conducted regarding the bye laws if, through research at SPC or for other reasons, changes were needed, including for example fees or new/altered trading areas.
- Councillor Connolly expressed her desire for bye laws to be made omitting Rathangan.

Mr. Shanahan responded as follows:

- That the site visit to Georges St resulting in the proposed inclusion of same as a trading area was positive and that those present were of the view that a small no. of stalls at either end of the street would give more visibility to trading and potentially increase footfall. He advised that if trading ceased at Edward St that the members had the power to decide to remove the pitch, following public consultation, should they wish.



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- Cllr McLoughlin Healy was informed that the meeting with representatives of Tidy Towns, Cottage Market and Newbridge Access Grp was generally positive. The layout proposed for Georges St was measured on site with those present and the locations agreed gave the best balance between trading potential, access and other uses given the other businesses and street furniture etc on the street. In respect of Georges St, it was noted that not only had casual trading been discussed but that with a member of the Public Realm team present, that, noting anti-social behaviour and under-use of the Square that the benches at this location would be moved to the front of the Square leaving space for 14 no, 3m x 3m stalls. This action was a matter for the Public Realm Team. He did note however, that, as outlined in submissions from the Cottage Market, that the views of the representative of the Cottage Market regarding alternative models for managing markets were noted. He referred to the briefing at which this was discussed and the briefing note circulated to members regarding models for managing markets and advised that the Council were continuing to seek further advice and research on the matter of regulation and management and would provide that to SPC if needed, as it was understood members intended progressing such issues in this manner, but that common to *all* local authorities consulted, was that where trading was on a public square that casual trading bye laws were in place, given the Council's *obligations* to regulate this, as set out in the statutory reports circulated. It was again noted, that, as stated by members attending two briefings, they intended pursuing the operation of markets etc through SPC and CPG.
- Regarding Rathangan, Mr Shanahan advised that the question of prematurity was discussed with the Public Realm team but that the consultation process had identified there was no interest in designating this area for trading.
- Mr. Shanahan advised that there was a long-established principle of legal privilege for advice to the Executive and noted, as advised in briefings, the history of legal challenges against introduction of bye-laws. Accordingly, the advice could not be released. However, he reminded members that the legal basis for the approach regarding Kildare Town was outlined in briefings and in the consultation report issued to them, and he was happy to explain this but could not release the advice.
- Cllr Stafford was advised that certain vegetables were exempt arising from primary regulations, not bye laws and would share same.



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- Cllr Doyle was advised that the maximum duration of a licence was 12 months as the opportunity to trade had to be advertised annually. Reviews would take c10 weeks once decided by members, to allow for a 6-week consultation period and, following a decision to agree changes to a bye law, a 4-week appeal period. These decisions would have to be made at a statutory Municipal District meeting.

The Mayor summarised the decision to be made regarding the making of the Bye Laws as below, and put the matter to the members present:

- with amendments 1-4 above;
- the exclusion of Newbridge Linear Park, 2 proposed pitches outside Town Hall, Newbridge and in Rathangan - adjacent to junction Market Square/Chapel Street;
- Staying commencement to September 1, 2022.

Councillor Stafford asked that it be noted in the minutes that he was abstaining on this matter.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer and with the agreement of the majority of members, the bye laws, as amended, be approved.

### **KN06/0522**

#### **Reverse the Changes Deputation**

The members considered receiving a deputation from the Newbridge Reverse the Changes Group regarding the temporary cycle lane in Newbridge.

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that this was a matter for the members to agree. If agreed, the group would be contacted and arrangements made to receive a deputation from them.

The members raised the following points:

- Would the Executive be available at the meeting to address concerns raised.
- Could deputations from Newbridge Cycling Club and Kildare Cycling Club be invited to attend the same meeting to offer an opposing perspective.
- Would the Sustainable Transport Team be in attendance.
- A subsequent informal meeting should be organised to address concerns.





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Mr D Hodgins advised that the deputation would be bound by standing orders and deputation rules would apply. If the Sustainable Transport Team were required to be in attendance at the meeting then they would be in attendance for the deputation. Newbridge and Kildare Cycling Clubs could be invited to attend at a later date.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McLoughlin Healy, seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer and agreed by the members that a deputation from the Reverse the Changes Group be invited to attend the June Municipal District meeting.

### KN07/0522

#### LPT 2022 Grant Allocations

The members considered the following items for both festival grants and discretionary LPT.

Councillor	Festival	Discretionary	Allocated to	
N Heavey	15000		Junefest	
		5000	Newbridge Athletic Club	Long Jump
		2000	Newbridge Volleyball Club	Equipment
P O'Dwyer		8000	Public Lighting	Path Rathcurragh to Langton Park
		1500	Newbridge Family Resource Centre	
		500	Eire Óg	Camogie
C Pender		500	White Oaks Residents Assoc	Equipment
K Duffy	6500		Gordon Bennett Monasterevin	
S Doyle		2000	Community Gardens Kildare	
		1200	White Abbey Lawns Residents Ass	Reinstate Wall
		4000	Kildare Town Projects	Activation Town Square
	20000		Kildare Derby Festival	
	5000		Kildare Chamber of Commerce	Antique/Plant Fair
M Stafford	1000		Kildare Drama	
	1000		Rathangan Drama	
	1000		Scarefest Rathangan	
	2500		Silken Thomas Players	
A Connolly	3000		Bluebells and Buskers Festival	
R Power	12365		Manley Hopkins	
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The members made the following points:

- There had to be a better mechanism for organising festival grants. Having the closing date before LPT allocation was not satisfactory.
- There was no overview and it appeared that funding was being allocated on an adhoc basis.
- What was the amount carried over from last year.



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Ms L Kennedy stated that there was an amount of €28k from last year. All allocations would require receipts for drawdown.

The members made the following declarations of interest:

- Councillor Stafford committee member of Kildare Drama and Silken Thomas Players
- Councillor Heavey member of Junefest committee
- Councillor Duffy volunteer with Gordon Bennett
- Councillor Doyle committee member of Kildare Derby Festival

These members left the room while a vote took place.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor Pender and agreed by the members still in attendance that the LPT Grant Allocations be paid as presented.

### KN08/0522

#### Public Lighting Audit

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

That the council carry out a public lighting audit of the laneways and streets in Newbridge identifying where the council is responsible for providing lighting and where private management companies are responsible.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that public lights in the areas where the council were responsible for repair and maintenance had been surveyed and were available to view on the Deadsure Reporting System <https://enerveo.com/report-a-fault/>. This allowed the members of the public to report a fault. All the lights on the System were colour coded to reflect whether in private or public ownership.

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



**KN09/0522**

**Map of Proposed Cycleways Newbridge**

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillors T O'Dwyer, Pender, P O'Dwyer, McLoughlin Healy, Heavey and Power.

That following a formal written update to the Kildare-Newbridge Councillors, Kildare County Council issue a Press Statement to include a complete map showing all proposed cycleways in Newbridge and the connectivity between them, public and councillor feedback received to date, actions taken on foot of this feedback and next steps for this project.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a Frequently Asked Questions document relating to Active Travel Schemes had been prepared, as requested, and circulated to all members of Kildare County Council for their information. A copy of the document would be made available on the Council's website. As outlined in detail at the April Municipal District meeting, there was an allocation from the National Transport Authority within the 2022 Programme of Works for the Sustainable Transport Section to progress the design of a permanent cycle track and pedestrian scheme from the N7 Curragh Interchange to the R445 / Great Connell Road Roundabout and from the Mains Street/R416 junction (at the Newbridge Post Office) to the Newbridge Railway Station. This scheme would be brought forward to the members when the preliminary design stage was completed in 2023.

With regard to circulating all public correspondence regarding the Temporary Cycle and Seating Infrastructure Project on Main Street & Edward Street, Newbridge, this information was being collated and would be circulated to the elected members.

The members raised the following points:

- The generic Frequently Asked Questions document contained no specifics relating to the temporary cycle lanes in Newbridge. A map of the proposed routes was also required.
- Information needed to be provided that could be shared with the public
- It was becoming increasingly difficult to respond to queries without the relevant information



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- It would be beneficial to all to engage positively but a two-way conversation was now required as a comprehensive response has not been conveyed to the public
- Social Media was a very difficult platform for countering or replying to queries.
- A public meeting in Newbridge Town Hall was required to understand the issues but this would be pointless without members of the Executive there to answer queries.
- The Executive were hiding behind the members and not dealing with the issues.
- Had a petition been submitted relating to the temporary cycle lanes.
- Could a specific FAQ document be circulated to the members to assist with answering queries from the public.
- There would be further public consultation at the Part 8 stage.

Mr D Hodgins stated that he had already made a complaint about the comment relating to the Executive hiding behind the members as it was untrue and to say there had been a lack of public engagement was both unacceptable and incorrect. A lot of positive feedback had been received from the Section 38 consultation and only about 50 CRM cases had been dealt with criticising the scheme but it was a very small minority who were frustrated. The project needed to be considered in the context of a climate emergency. County and National policy was being implemented. There would be further opportunities for public engagement at the Part 8 stage. While there was no timeline yet for the Part 8, it would not happen in 2022. It was preferable to segregate cyclists behind parking spaces rather than have them negotiate HGV traffic. The FAQ document covered 26 schemes and was relevant to all areas. It would not be possible to create a bespoke document due to the time and resources it would require. All CRMs and motions and questions had received a response. The District Manager stated that change always created challenges and there would be difficulties and challenges involved in the implementation of the scheme.

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

### **KN10/0522**

#### **Road Safety Caragh Village**

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



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That the council consider suitable road safety improvements for Caragh village centre including the refurbishment of ramps and the introduction of appropriate zebra crossings and/or lights.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request for upgrade and safety improvements required a technical assessment to assess the overall requirements of the village. The Municipal District office agreed to include the location for assessment and any works deemed necessary would be subject to budget availability. It should be noted that there were several locations awaiting technical assessments due to staff shortage in the Municipal District office. Councillor Power queried whether a petition had been received regarding a zebra crossing and whether works were planned over the summer.

Mr D O'Brien advised that he would follow up with the councillor.

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

### **KN11/0522**

#### **Victoria Bridge, Caragh**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer. That the council examine the possibility of using a Traffic Light Controlled Management System at Victoria Bridge, Thomastown, Caragh.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a major Capital Works Project was required to mitigate against drivers not travelling with due care and attention at this location. This would require as a minimum, the scheme to be included on the Capital Programme, a budget set aside for the works, design of a new bridge or widening of the existing bridge along with other considerations. The Municipal District Office had undertaken appropriate measures to give



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advanced warning to drivers, the installation of shuttle working traffic lights was impractical at this location due to complications of the layout.

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

### **KN12/0522**

#### **Road Safety Newtown Cross**

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

That the council examine mitigation measures to improve safety of the bad blind bend just beyond Newtown Cross en route to Athy and begin to examine long term measures to align the road as provided for through previous planning permission.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office agreed to include this location in the line marking program, which would include the freshening up of yellow and white lines and the installation of slow signs and yellow strips. The long-term program required a design and budget allocation.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor N Connolly that the report be noted.

### **KN13/0522**

#### **Traffic Calming Brailstown Commons**

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

That the council install traffic calming measures on the R415 approaching the bad bend at Brailstown Commons, Kildare.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office agreed to include this location in the



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line marking program, which would include the freshening up of yellow and white lines and the installation of slow signs and yellow strips.

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

### **KN14/0522**

#### **Resurfacing L7008**

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

That the council add the local road L7008 Mount Prospect to the county boundary at Kiltaghan North, Rathangan to the resurfacing programme.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office agreed to include this road for consideration on the Restoration Improvement Programme for 2023. In the short term, the council would include this route on the routine maintenance schedule.

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

### **KN15/0522**

#### **Off Street Parking, New Street Rathangan**

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

That the council assess potential locations for additional off-street parking for residents of New Street, Rathangan.

The motion was proposed by Councillor A Connolly and seconded by Councillor Pender.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Pay Parking Section would assess and investigate any locations for off street parking and revert to the members if any locations were identified.



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However, funding would have to be identified should this involve the purchase or leasing of land.

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

### KN16/0522

#### Pathway Skirteen Bridge

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

That the council consider including the final stretch of 200 metres of pathway along the R445 from Skirteen bridge past the Hazel Hotel into Monasterevin to improve safety and promote active travel and connectivity between the Barrow Blueway and the Town Centre as either part of the Barrow Blueway or NTA active travel program.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor N Connolly.

A report was received from the Public Realm Department informing the members that there were existing footpaths on both sides of (Skirteen) Clogheen bridge which the Blueway would be connecting to, to access the towpath alongside the canal either side of the bridge. The section referred to in this motion was outside the redline boundary of the Barrow Blueway. Appropriate connectivity to the town centre, in terms of the Blueway concept already existed in the current proposal which brought cyclists and pedestrians into Monasterevin alongside the canal.

A report was also received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section would examine the extent of the work and liaise with the National Transport Agency regarding funding for the works in the context of the proposed Monasterevin Cycle Network Project.

Councillor Duffy advised that this missing piece of footpath was crucial for ease of accessibility to the Blueway.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor N Connolly that the report be noted.





**KN17/0522**

**Footpath Newtown Cross to Cluain Aileann**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor A Connolly.  
Can the council confirm if there are plans to put in place a footpath from Newtown Cross, Kildare to Cluain Aileann Estate, Newtown, Kildare?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office had no plans to install a footpath at the requested location.

The report was noted.

**KN18/0522**

**Footpaths Ard Bhríde Suncroft**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor A Connolly.  
Can the council confirm if there are any plans to upgrade the footpaths at Ard Bhríde, Suncroft?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office have no plans to install a footpath at the requested location.

The report was noted.

**KN19/0522**

**Parking Spaces Newbridge and Kildare Town**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Stafford.  
Can the council confirm the number of on-street car parking spaces that have been removed in Newbridge and Kildare Town over the past 5 years as a result of public realm works, emergency covid-19 response and installation of cycle lanes and other traffic measures?

A report was received from the Public Realm Department informing the members that the number of on-street car parking spaces removed in Newbridge and Kildare Town over the



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past 5 years as a result of public realm works, emergency Covid-19 response and installation of cycle lanes and other traffic measures were as follows:

Newbridge – a total of 15 carparking spaces on the Main Street and 1 on Cutlery Road

Kildare Town – no on-street carparking spaces had been removed.

A total of 29 off street carparking spaces were removed in Market Square for the tactical urbanism Covid-19 response project.

A report was also received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in addition to the above, 1 additional space was reallocated on Cutlery Road, Newbridge due to the recent widening of the footpath. 2 spaces were removed on the Main Street, Newbridge to facilitate bus services at an existing bus stop. The reports were noted.

### **KN20/0522**

#### **Public Lighting Church View Suncroft**

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

Can the council provide an update on the rectification of the public street lights in Church View Estate, Suncroft as there is still an on-going issue with several lights not working?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were a number of cable faults and cable breaks in the lighting for this estate. There were extensive works required here in order to repair all the damage. A quotation had been received from Contractors, Enerveo, for a complete upgrade of the estate which was in excess of €150,000 (ex vat). However, there was no provision in the current budget for this work. In the interim, the council had instructed Contractors to carry out repairs to the existing lighting in the estate and it was hoped to commence work on site the week commencing the 15 May.

The report was noted.

### **KN21/0522**

#### **Athgarvan Road**

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



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Can the council confirm if any progress has been made regarding the widening of the Athgarvan Road from the traffic lights junction in Athgarvan back towards the wider section on the approach road to Newbridge, to make safe this dangerous pinch point in particular near the Crash Repair Centre along this section of road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there were no plans at present to widen the Athgarvan Road from the traffic lights junction back towards the wider section on the approach road to Newbridge.

However, should a motion be submitted and agreed for this request the Roads Design Team could carry out an assessment of this area and pending the results of any such assessment, this project could then be considered for inclusion into the Capital Programme for 2023/2024. The report was noted.

### **KN22/0522**

#### **Flooding and Drainage Lurg Lane, Athgarvan**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.  
Can the council confirm if it has plans to address the ongoing flooding and drainage issues along the Lurg Lane, Athgarvan?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the drainage programme of works was being prepared in the coming weeks, following which, the matter could be further discussed with the member to establish if the location was suitable for inclusion.

The report was noted.

### **KN23/0522**

#### **Vacant Post Engineer**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer.  
Can the council confirm when the vacant engineers post will be filled in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District which has been vacant for a considerable time?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Human Resources Section were currently going through the recruitment process to recruit for this position.

The report was noted.

### **KN24/20522**

#### **Parking Spaces Cutlery Road**

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

Can the council outline the process to allow for the removal of five parking spaces on Cutlery Road to improve traffic flow at the junction; a suggestion that is being brought forward by local businesses?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the removal of parking spaces required a Section 38 Notice. It had to be advertised and go through public consultation and then be voted on by the members of the Municipal District. The member could submit a motion regarding this proposal and if such a motion was agreed, it could be reviewed as part of the Pay Parking Review for Newbridge.

Councillor Power stated that he would resubmit the item as a motion.

The report was noted.

### **KN25/0522**

#### **Traffic Management Plan Newbridge**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. Can the council circulate the most recent draft Traffic Management Plans/designs for Newbridge that were drawn up by the NTA - a process discussed and endorsed by municipal district councillors - which the council subsequently rejected, and which triggered the council taking responsibility for the design back in house?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that on a point of correction, the Transportation Department could confirm that the NTA document 'Draft Newbridge Town Transport Framework (2019)' had



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not been rejected by the council. The following documents were attached for the members information: 1. The “Draft Newbridge Town Transport Framework” and 2. The “Draft Newbridge Transport Plan – Public Consultation Document” (Jan 2019).

Councillor McLoughlin Healy requested clarification on why the design had been taken back in-house and had it not been rejected by the council. What was the current status of the document.

Mr D Hodgins, Ms M Hunt and the District Manager all clarified that it had been a draft plan and had not been progressed as it was not comprehensive enough and would not have been suitable due to the absence of a second bridge. The NTA proposal had not been rejected by the council.

The report was noted.

### **KN26/0522**

#### **Dog Friendly Public Buildings**

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

Can the council confirm to what extent dogs are allowed in public buildings and facilities in this municipal district and whether there are plans to make these areas more dog friendly?

A report was received from the Library Services informing the members that currently only dogs who were identifiable as assistance dogs and assistance dogs/puppies in training had full access to public library buildings. They could be easily identified by their working dog/puppy in training jacket, bearing the relevant organisations logo.

As many library members including children and older people could have fears or anxieties about dogs or allergies to dogs, there were no plans to extend access arrangements to other types of dogs.

In addition, the policy avoided any issues or complaints around sanitation or aggressive or out of control dog behaviour and noise in our libraries.

However, the Library Service regularly ran workshops and events hosted by Dogs Trust, DSPCA, Kildare Animal Foundation and other animal charities on choosing a suitable pet and how to train and look after your dog. Often the charity would bring along suitable therapy dogs to introduce to children and there had been events where children could practice reading to a therapy dog who was trained to be around children and people with disabilities.



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A further report was received from the Facilities Section informing the members that currently only dogs who were identifiable as assistance dogs and assistance dogs/puppies in training had full access to public buildings. There were no plans for this to be extended. The reports were noted.

### **KN27/0522**

#### **Vacant Units, Old Mill Race**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Duffy.  
Can the council provide any update on the status of 14 vacant units in Old Mill Race, Monasterevin including whether the council is purchasing or leasing them from the developer and when they would be available for allocation?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members Kildare County Council are currently in the process of acquiring 14 units in this development and discussions are ongoing with the Developer in relation to final completion of the units and subsequent handover. A more definite timeframe as to when the units will be ready for allocation will be available when the units are fully completed.

Councillor Duffy sought clarification on a timeframe for the developer to complete the handover and queried what was causing the delay.

The report was noted.

The Mayor proposed a 10 minute break be taken which was agreed by the members.

### **KN28/0522**

#### **Community Heritage Grants**

To consider the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 allocation for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

Table 2 Allocation to Kildare Newbridge MD

No	File Ref	MD	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	5	Kildare	Kildare Town Walking Tours	Guided walking tours	€1,000
2	6	Kildare	Kildare Town Heritage Centre	Guided tour & trail book	€1,300



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3	7	Kildare	Solas Bhríde Centre & Hermitages CLG	Publication of "Re-kindling the flame" Re St Brigid	€750
4	8	Kildare	Curragh Local History groups	Exhibition plinth for the church bell from the original Curragh church, 1885.	€1,300
5	11	Kildare	Caragh Tidy Towns	To commission a non-intrusive geophysical survey of the old cemetery in Caragh in order to delineate the footprint of the former church on the site - KD018-011001 (Sites and Monuments Record). To enhance the historical record of the area	€1,500
6	12	Kildare	Rathangan Tidy Towns	Quaker heritage drive with a mixture of interpretive signs and driveway markers containing QR codes which will redirect the visitors to textual, audio and visual online content relating to the history of the Quakers in the area.	€1,300
7	13	Kildare	Milltown Tidy Towns	Historical signage	€1,300
8	17	Kildare	Kildare Town Community Garden	Workshops & talks	€1,300
9	19	Kildare	Cill Dara Historical Society	Calendar & booklet	€1,200
10	20	Kildare	Old Kilcullen Area Community Assoc.	Fencing to facilitate geophysical survey work	€1,880
11	25	Kildare	Moanbane Park Kilcullen Works Committee	Assisting pollinators	€400
12	29	Kildare	Liffey Hall Res Assoc, Newbridge	Planting of native trees for pollinators.	€900
13	34	Kildare	Rathangan Beekeepers Assoc.	Protecting & rearing native Irish Black Honey Bees- <i>Apis Mellifera mellifera</i>	€1,200
14	39	Kildare	The Oldbog Cottage	Demonstration of memorabilia	€1,150
15	40	Kildare	Monasterevin Tidy Towns	Workshops to identify and take rubbings of artwork and wording found on headstones in heritage graveyards; Passlands Graveyard and St. John's Graveyard, Monasterevin. The participants will be Transition Year Students at St. Paul's Secondary School, Monasterevin	€1,300
16	42	Kildare	Silken Thomas	Erect a metal sign (similar to what was recently erected for the 3 Abbey's in Kildare town) that would detail some of the history of the remaining Tower House behind the Silken Thomas.	€1,300
<b>Total</b>					<b>€19,080</b>



Table 3 Allocation to projects the cover the whole county or more than one MD

No	File ref	MD	Name of Group	Project Details	Allocated
1	1	County	Kildare Bat Groups	Identify new brown long eared roost. The group hope to identify new brown long eared roosts within the county through a social media campaign and check each site using a thermal scope, as well as at a dusk emergence count bat survey.	€1,200
2	27	County	Birdwatch Ireland Kildare branch	Thermal Imaging equipment	€1,200
3	35	County	North Kildare Beekeepers' Association	Beekeeping education for members	€1,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>€3,400</b>

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor P O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by the members that the Community Heritage Grants be paid as presented.

#### **KN29/0522**

#### **Public Telephone Booths**

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

That the council engage with the relevant authorities to remove, repurpose, purchase or upgrade the public telephone booths throughout Newbridge Town that have fallen into complete disuse or disrepair.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor N Connolly.

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Eir had a statutory responsibility to provide and maintain public payphones. A statutory process including consultation was required for the removal of any public payphone, and a S254 licence was required for the placement of a new public payphone on public lands.





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Clear Channel were working with EIR to rollout a programme of public payphone upgrades throughout Ireland. In this regard, a meeting was held with Clear Channel in April 2021 to discuss public payphone upgrade proposals for various locations throughout Kildare, including public payphones in both Kildare town and Newbridge. Following feedback provided to Clear Channel at this meeting, revised design proposals were awaited.

The members raised the following points:

- A number of telephone booths are not operational and are causing hazards.
- One particular booth outside Bank of Ireland had a notice for planned removal attached back in 2015 but had not been removed. This particular booth was in a bad state of repair and had a piece of metal jutting out into the cycle lane which would pose a danger.
- Telephone Booths in Carlow and Clare had been repurposed as car chargers.
- Although Eir had an obligation to provide and maintain a certain number of public telephone booths surely they should remove dangerous booths and ones which had non functioning telephones.

Ms M Hunt informed the members that Clear Channel wanted to replace telephone booths with ones with advertising panels which the council considered inappropriate. Clear Channel would not remove any telephone booths until they could be replaced with a newer version.

Ms Hunt advised that she would pass on the members comments regarding the telephone booth at Bank of Ireland.

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

### **KN30/0522**

#### **Liffey Hall**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. That the council address the queries and concerns of Liffey Hall residents arising from the Glenveagh development on the adjacent Athgarvan road, including the rationale for removal of shrubbery at Liffey Hall in the last 12 months and the dumping of weeds and rubbish at entrance to the estate, the regular discolouration of tap water each time water is pumped for use by the development and clarification as to when and if a roundabout is going ahead at the junction between the Athgarvan and Liffey Hall roads.



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

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that Building and Development Control had an Engineer on site engaging with the developer and inspections and monitoring continues. It could also be confirmed that no complaints were on record in relation to this site.

A second report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that a response was previously issued regarding the removal of the hedgerow in respect of the Housing Development at Kilbelin, Newbridge, Co. Kildare (ABP 18/302141). The members were advised that the removal of the hedgerow did not require planning permission, and its removal was not a breach of any condition of this permission granted by An Bord Pleanála. A landscaping plan was submitted as part of this permission and may be inspected on the website of An Bord Pleanála or at Kildare County Council Online Planning Enquiry System. The Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 included policies for the protection and management of existing hedgerows and for the replacement of hedgerows where removal was necessary during development. The Planning Department were not aware of any issues from a planning perspective in respect of shrubbery at Liffey Hall.

A report was also received from the Parks Department informing the members that the Parks Section were not aware of any shrub removal at Liffey Hall or the rationale for it. If the Councillor or the Resident's Association could forward the details the matter would be pursued.

A report was also received from the Roads, Transport and Public Safety Department informing the members that A 4-arm signalised junction was being installed at the Athgarvan Road / Liffey Hall Junction and not a roundabout by the developer, Glenveagh, as part of their planning permission conditions. These works should be commencing shortly on site. A report was also received from the Water Services Department informing the members that in the past, the Council would consider applications for 'standpipe licences' but this no longer



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applied and such consents were now entirely matters for Irish Water. The concerns as outlined in the motion were noted and were being taken up directly with Irish Water.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy advised that the hedge in question was at Liffey Hall and not the hedge that had been removed by Glenveagh. She advised that she had supporting photographs which she would send to meetings for follow up.

Councillor P O'Dwyer stated that the Liffey Hall Residents Association and Mr D O'Brien had met with Glenveagh Developments regarding the shrubbery and the traffic lights.

The District Manager stated that he would follow up with the different departments in question when the photos were received.

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

### KN31/0522

#### Parklet Maintenance

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

Can the council provide details of the maintenance and management of the recent parklets installed in Newbridge, in particular the plants?

A report was received from the Public Realm Department informing the members that the on-going maintenance of the parklets in Newbridge would be addressed by Strategic Projects and Public Realm team (SPPR), the Active Travel Team and the Municipal District Office.

SPPR had been in discussions with the Tidy Towns who had kindly offered their assistance in the watering of the plants.

The report was noted.



**KN32/0522**

**Tidy Towns Grants**

To consider the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups for 2022.

Tidy Towns Grants Allocation 2022						
	TT Group (10)	Population Category (from TT report)	Proposed Budget Allocation	Agreed LPT Allocation	Total	
Kildare-Newbridge MD	Newbridge	G (15,001 to 25,000)	€ 8,650	€ 25,538	€ 34,188	
	Kildare	E (5,001 to 10,000)	€ 2,335	€ 17,438	€ 19,773	
	Monasterevin	D (2,501 to 5,000)	€ 1,211	€ 13,500	€ 14,711	
	Kilcullen	D (2,501 to 5,000)	€ 1,211	€ 10,800	€ 12,011	
	Rathangan	D (2,501 to 5,000)	€ 1,211	€ 10,800	€ 12,011	
	Suncroft	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 518	€ 6,416	€ 6,934	
	Caragh	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 518	€ 4,500	€ 5,018	
	Brannockstown	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 518	€ 2,700	€ 3,218	
	Kildangan	B (201 to 1,000)	€ 518	€ 1,350	€ 1,868	
	Milltown	A (up to 200)	€ 239	€ 6,416	€ 6,655	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>€ 16,929</b>	<b>€ 99,458</b>	<b>€ 116,387</b>

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Pender, seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by the members that the Tidy Towns allocations be paid as presented.

**KN33/0522**

**Funding to Create Synergies**

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

That the council explore potential sources of additional funding both private and public to create synergies that will enhance grant opportunities, innovation for climate change and improve competition results for our tidy towns groups in the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Climate Action Department informing the members that there was a wide and varied array of funds (with the purpose in whole or in part) to create or enhance climate action orientated opportunities through innovation with the potential to create further inroads to a sustainable life style for all including the immense efforts of the Tidy Town's groups.



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Synergies between funding sources and communities were in play through the Public Participation Network and County Kildare Leader Partnership for example. The one-stop-shop approach of The Wheel [www.wheel.ie](http://www.wheel.ie) was a source of immense information with offerings from training, information events, guidance, and funding opportunities. This forum, along with other platforms, was being used by the Climate Action Office to advertise the Climate Innovation Fund bringing the generous support offered by the Municipal Districts to the wider community. The Climate Innovation Fund focused on opportunities for individuals, researchers, groups etc. to develop scalable innovative approaches to climate action in the areas of mitigation and adaptation.

Funding sources from social banking such as Clann Credo and Community Finance provided funding to social enterprise efforts and communities. They offered specific climate action loans and included climate focused criterium in their funding process which can result in additional benefits to the borrower. Private businesses practicing corporate social responsibility tended to provide expertise, resources and/or financial assistance to community efforts including in the area of climate action for example INTEL and Kildare Village (The Bicester Collection).

The upcoming Community Climate Action Fund would be a substantial source of funding for community climate action efforts and would be advertised by the council when commenced. It may be advantageous in some situations to avail of a mixture of funding streams, where applicable, to increase the financial feasibility and advancement of projects. Further information if required could be sought from the Climate Action Office.

Councillor Doyle stated that there were opportunities for a public/private partnership regarding provision of litter bins as had been done in other areas. Perhaps a field trip could be organised as a learning opportunity.

The District Manager advised that there was great local interest in the work of Tidy Towns groups and would investigate the possibility of learning or team building opportunities.

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



**KN34/0522**

**Flood Relief Works**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor N Connolly.  
Can the council confirm what plans are in place for flood relief works in the municipal district?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that there was a flood relief scheme proposed for Newbridge. Details of this scheme could be found in the OPWs Flood Risk Management Plans, which were adopted by the Council in 2018 and were available at [www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie).

Drainage maintenance took place in drainage districts around the county, on a multi-annual basis. Machine works were carried out between the months of July and September and were prioritised in areas where there was a risk to property. Maintenance works were proposed on the River Barrow, south of Monasterevin, this summer, subject to environmental constraints. Councillor N Connolly queried if there were plans to use river sensors as they provided interesting data.

The District Manager advised that he would follow up offline.

The report was noted.

**KN35/0522**

**Control of Horses**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Stafford.  
Can the council confirm the number of licences/seizure notices issued in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District since the commencement of the Control of Horses Byelaws, 2016?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that for clarity, the 2016 byelaws related to Athy only and even then, to a defined area of Athy. The rest of the county was covered by byelaws introduced in 2000.

Bearing in mind changes to the municipal district boundaries since 2016, there were 94 horses impounded during that time in the Municipal District.



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Councillor Stafford advised that he was considering the bye laws for Newbridge which commenced on 1 May 2017 and requested that the information be provided after the meeting.

The report was noted.

### **KN36/0522**

#### **Lyme's Disease Awareness**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Connolly. That Comhairle Contae Chill Dara liaise with Coillte, the OPW and other relevant bodies to erect signs to improve the awareness around ticks causing Lyme's Disease at our scenic areas, public bogs, woodlands and other suitable areas in this municipal district.

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that subject to the members approval, the Parks Section will liaise with relevant bodies to see if it is feasible to erect signs to improve awareness around ticks and Lyme's Disease.

The members raised the following points:

- May was Lyme's disease awareness month.
- While awareness was growing, signage on what to look out for would improve this.
- Could the motion be sent forward to Full Council for a countywide approach.
- Prior to the Full Council meeting could the Parks Department liaise with the relevant bodies so that more information would be available.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly, seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed by the members that the Parks Department liaise with the relevant bodies and that the motion be referred to Full Council.

### **KN37/0522**

#### **Bank of Ireland Premises, Monasterevin**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Connolly. That Comhairle Contae Chill Dara consider the purchase of the former Bank of Ireland premises on Dublin Street, Monasterevin for use as a shared services centre.



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A report was received from the Local Enterprise Office informing the members that the economic development team recently visited the former Bank of Ireland premises in Monasterevin to assess its suitability for future development. The LEO office had been informed by Bank of Ireland that the premises was due to be placed on the open market for sale in the coming weeks and had asked Bank of Ireland that they be kept informed regarding same. Any considerations around the purchase of the site would be contingent on available budget and/or future departmental funding schemes that would facilitate this.

The members raised the following points:

- Minister Humphreys was providing funding to Local Authorities for the purchase of buildings.
- There was a likelihood of other buildings also coming on board for possible purchase like the Bank of Ireland premises in Kilcullen and the Ulster Bank building in Newbridge.

Ms McNabb noted the interest of the members but advised that funding needed to be in place prior to the purchase of any buildings.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor Duffy that the report be noted.

### **KN38/0522**

#### **Youthspace, Kilcullen**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer. That the council identify potential buildings in Kilcullen that could be developed into a Youth Space where young people can meet for a game of table tennis or pool and hang out with their friends in a comfortable indoor space, possibly a building that Kildare County Council owns or a vacant building and to put out an ask for a shared space to address the lack of youth specific programmes in Kilcullen.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Culture Department informing the members that the council local community worker would link with the relevant youth services to establish and promote youth services in Kilcullen. There were currently no suitable Kildare





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County Council owned community facilities available in the area however the community team welcomed the opportunity to work with any community group to assist in any way possible.

The members raised the following points:

- There was a disconnect with teens who weren't aware that it was even possible for them to contact members to air their views or make a request.
- The purchase of the Bank of Ireland building in Kilcullen could create lots of potential uses.
- There were organised events for the elderly and the very young but nothing for teens who really needed a safe youth space.
- The youth should be involved and listened to in the creation of a safe space as there was a danger of it being too formalised.
- There was perceived antisocial behaviour with groups of teens. If they congregated for a chat it was perceived that they were loitering or 'up to no good' when in fact they just wanted to meet up.
- Offaly County Council had recently purchased a derelict building under the Just Transition Fund which had been restored as a Climate Change Hub.

The District Manager advised that the possibility of funding through the Climate Action Community Fund could be investigated but that there was an element of risk involved in the purchase of buildings.

Ms P O'Brien stated that she was happy to engage with youth groups to look at spaces. The Community Hall Fund was available to upgrade facilities.

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

### **KN39/0522**

#### **Lands at Rickardstown**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy. Can the council clarify the date by which the lease between the council and Sarsfield's GAA and Newbridge United for the land at Rickardstown is expected to be finalised, and access to the site permitted?



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A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the lease for the land had been forwarded to solicitors acting for Newbridge United for signing by the club. It must then be forwarded to Sarsfield GAA for signing. The lease should be completed by the end of May provided both clubs expedited the signing. Arrangements were being made to have the site reinstated and it was planned to have this completed by the end of July. Access to the site could be permitted after that.

The report was noted.

### **KN40/0522**

#### **Tree Pruning Schedule**

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

Can the council issue the members with the proposed tree pruning schedule, to include locations and timings for the forthcoming program in this municipal district?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the programme for tree works in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District was attached to this report. The cost of the works was €40k. The cost was being met from the €12k LPT allocated in 2021 by the Municipal District members and the balance from the Parks Maintenance budget. The works were due to commence at the end of the month and would be completed by the end of July. Any work involving hedgerows included on the programme would be carried out after the bird nesting season.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.