



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 21 September 2022
in the Council Chamber**

Members Present: Councillor S Doyle (Mayor), Councillors A Connolly, N Connolly, K Duffy, N Heavey, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer, C Pender and M Stafford.

Apologies: Councillors R Power, F McLoughlin Healy

Officials Present: Mr J Boland (District Manager), Ms B Cuddy (District Engineer), Mr G Hooban (Executive Engineer), Ms C Barrett (Chief Fire Officer), Mr Kevin Dunne (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms F Byrne (Administrative Officer), Mr G Conlan (Senior Executive Officer), Ms S O'Gara (A/Senior Executive Architect and Urban Designer), Ms A Granville (Senior Planner), Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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Declaration of Interests

Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations of interest.



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Minutes and Progress Report

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

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Pender, seconded by Councillor A Connolly and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 20 July 2022 be approved and the progress report be noted.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the minutes of the annual meeting held on Wednesday, 20 July 2022 be approved.

Matters Arising – New Pay Parking Machines

Mr J Doyle advised the members that the new pay parking meters would be coin and card machines and would be placed in the same locations as the old meters. Clear instructions on how to use them would be displayed on each machine with the options of cash, tap and go and pay by phone.

The members had the following queries:

- Was the surface of the meter cleanable as there had been issues of vandalism and graffiti with the previous machines and who was responsible for the removal of graffiti.
- The new meters were a very welcome addition but had the fact that some machines were left out of operation in Kildare Town led to either a decrease in revenue or an increase in parking fines.
- The online app costs 25% more which is a significant surcharge. Is this a fee charged by the provider?
- Do the solar panels on the meters power them. Does the half hour grace period still apply.
- Are meters not going back to the same locations or any extras being added.
- Could an update be provided regarding Liffey Terrace.
- What was the timeline for installation of the new meters
- In recent times tickets had not been perforated. Would the new meters provide perforated tickets.

Mr J Doyle gave the following replies:



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- Although the meters were coated in a material which made them easy to clean the removal of graffiti can be difficult but was the responsibility of the contractor.
- There was a significant cost in the repair of meters which was why some in Kildare had been left out of order to be replaced rather than repaired. During this time however, the pay by phone option was available. The pay parking team was not aware of any significant increase in fines in the area.
- The app charge was a fee from the provider but should be less than 25%, however, further charges would be incurred by the user for reminder texts etc.
- Solar panels powered the meters regardless of weather.
- The half hour grace period still applied.
- A road opening licence had been applied for and works would start on replacing the meters when this was granted.
- New meters would provide perforated tickets.

Ms B Cuddy advised that proper process needed to be followed

KN03/0922

Municipal District Road Works

To receive an update on the municipal district road works.

Road Resurfacing Works:

The RI program is also nearing completion, except for the joint NTA RI schemes at Green Road and Tougher Road Monasterevin

Road Maintenance:

The 2022 Surface Dressing program is now complete just awaiting final line marking

LPT:

Rural road LPT scheme is nearing completion with works carried out in 9 separate locations:

- Ladytown
- Walshestown
- Glebe South
- Swordlestown



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- Lurg Lane
- Dereens
- Derrylea
- Thomastown
- Watergrange

NTA:

- Works have now commenced in Dara Park, widening of existing footpaths, regularisation of parking bays and road overlay.
- Tender awarded for Melitta Road footpath extension providing access to the Curragh.
- Works commenced on Green Road, widening of footpaths, provision of pedestrian crossing and road overlay.

Miscellaneous Works:

Newbridge Town: Signage cleaning and upgrade throughout Newbridge town.

Weed control, Footpaths and kerbs upgrade in Allenvue Heights, pothole repairs, improvement to estate entrance at Cedarwood Pk. Gully repairs – Chapel Lane installation of planters on Cutlery Road and hedge cutting throughout.

Newbridge Area: Drainage at Milltown and Blacktrench, hedge cutting throughout the area. Pothole repair, road verge reinstatement at Blacktrench, manhole replacement Suncroft

Kildare / Rathangan area: Drainage St Evins Park Monasterevin, hedge cutting throughout the area. Pothole repair, water cuts, repairing and washing road signs throughout area. Patching-Rathangan Edenderry Road.

Kilcullen Area: Grass cutting, verge cutting in Kilcullen, Caragh, surface dressing in Gormanstown, Mullaghboy, Pothole repairs in Dunlavin and Caragh
Replacement of bollards at Caragh church.

The report was noted.



KN04/0922

LPT Allocations 2021 and 2022

To agree the residual LPT Allocations 2021 and 2022.

Councillor Doyle proposed, on behalf of Councillor Power, an amount of €2310 to be allocated to St Conleths College, from his 2021 allocation, to support a student project. This was seconded by Councillor Anne Connolly and agreed by the members.

Councillor Doyle proposed to allocate the remainder of her LPT to Kildare Town Projects Group for Halloween and Christmas Community activities. This was seconded by Councillor A Connolly and agreed by the members.

Councillor A Connolly proposed an allocation of €7000 to the Municipal District Office, €5000 of which was to go towards safety measures at Martinstown Cross and the remaining €2000 to provide pencil bollards along the cycle path at Rathangan Boys National School. This was seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by the members.

Councillor P O'Dwyer proposed an allocation of €2000 to the Municipal District Office for road markings at Moorefield Park. This was seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by the members.

KN05/0922

Building Control Report on Housing Estates

To receive a report on finished, unfinished, and estates under construction in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

A detailed report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The members raised the following points:

- In relation to 1-12 The Park, Curragh Grange, Councillor P O'Dwyer advised that she had delivered the Section 180 herself and would like it confirmed that it had been received and was on file.
- Councillor Doyle requested an update on Loughminane Green and The Plains which were on the taking in charge list for a long time.
- Councillor Stafford queried why Ballantine Park in Allen was not on the report.
- The members commended the team on works to date and queried whether it was feasible to keep the momentum going with the current budget. If members allocated a



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certain budget per year towards the taking in charge of legacy estates could the Municipal District be looked at with some flexibility in the programme and distribution of resources.

Mr G Hooban advised that the Section 180 for Curragh Grange was on record and Loughminane Green and The Plains were ongoing.

Ms C Barrett advised that Ballantine Park was no longer in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District. The estate had considerable issues but that the developer was now back on site. She advised that she would follow this up. Ms Barrett advised that a report quantifying the cost per estate would be drafted and that a better idea of legacy expense was required before an estimated figure for the municipal district could be provided for members. The report was noted.

KN06/0922

Junction at Art McMorrough Hill

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor A Connolly. That the council liaise with the Department of Defence with a view to making safe the junction at Centra Supermarket at the bottom of Art McMurrough Hill, Curragh Camp.

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 Municipal District office agreed to facilitate a meeting and discuss the issue further with the Department of Defence.

Councillor A Connolly advised that a number of minor accidents had occurred in the area and she welcomes the report.

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

KN07/0922

Extinguishment of Public Right of Way

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



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That the council commence the process to terminate the public right of way over the High Bridge from the Passlands side at Monasterevin.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there had been several incidents of vehicles becoming stuck on the bridge in question where the Emergency services had to be called to sort out the issue. A meeting with the OPW was held and they raised concerns about the bridge where vehicles were repeatedly being struck. With the agreement of the members, the Municipal District office would commence the process of extinguishing the public right of way for vehicles on this bridge.

Councillor Duffy informed the members that the bridge in question was a double bridge near Ballykelly football pitch. Due to the steep nature of the bridge there was a constant issue of trucks being beached on the bridge. The only solution was the termination of the public right of way for vehicles and he requested the members support to begin the statutory process.

Ms B Cuddy advised that it was a great amenity area close to the Barrow Blueway and there was no need for vehicular access on the bridge. Locals were using alternative routes regularly. They had been consulted and supported the extinguishing of the public right of way for vehicles.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Duffy, seconded by Councillor N Connolly and agreed by the members that the statutory process to extinguish the public right of way for vehicles be commenced.

KN08/0922

Pedestrian Crossing Hopkins Haven

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

That the council include a pedestrian crossing for the Hopkins Haven estate, Monasterevin to enable a safe crossing from the estate to the existing footpath to connect these houses to the Town.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue could be examined in the context of the Monasterevin Cycle Network Project which was due to start Part 8 Public Consultation Process in Q4 2022. Should it not be possible to include it as part of the scheme, an alternative source of funding would be required to examine the issue.

Mr K Dunne advised that he was confident these works could be included in the scheme.

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

Items 9 and 15 were taken together

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Item 9

Direct Non-Vehicular Route College Farm to Newbridge Train Station

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heavey. That the council present a report on a possible direct route for pedestrians/cyclists/scooterists to access Newbridge Rail Station directly from College Farm without having to go through Great Southern Housing Estate.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor Duffy

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that access to the Newbridge Railway Station was a matter for Irish Rail/CIE. The Council would be supportive of increased permeability to public transport hubs for active travel modes.

Item 15

Closure of Walkways

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



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Can Kildare County Council outline how residents suffering from unacceptable antisocial behaviour in housing estates may seek relief by the closure of walkways that plainly facilitate this unacceptable antisocial behaviour in this Municipal District.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Transportation Department were not agreeable to closing permeability links existing countywide. It was an objective of current Government and Department of Transport to increase these links and something our Active Travel team were developing at locations. Anti-Social behaviour was a matter for An Garda Síochána to monitor and enforce. The Transportation Section would examine areas where problems were arising with a view to possibly enhancing the area. This could include additional lighting to the area subject to funding and resource availability.

Councillor Heavey informed the members that there was an issue of antisocial behaviour in a specific estate and that the walkway was being used as an escape route. An alternative route to the train station was available and would only involve the removal of railings to the overflow car park at the train station.

The members raised the following points

- Permeability needed to be maintained but there was also an onus of responsibility on Kildare County Council as construction of the alleyway was a condition of planning so it should not just be down to enforcement by An Garda Síochána.
- There was a need to be proactive and the issue needed to be addressed but other estates in the area also needed consideration.
- A previous unofficial route to the train station had been deemed unsafe and closed.
- Could Councillor Heavey provide a map and photos of the exact location he was proposing the new route should go.

The members requested that Kildare County Council write to Irish Rail requesting that they consider allowing access through overflow car park to pedestrians coming from College Farm to the train station.

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



KN10/0922

Yellow Box at KARE, Kilcullen

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.
Can the council confirm if it has plans to install a yellow box at the entrance to the KARE facility in Kilcullen to facilitate safe access for service users' buses.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that due to the nature of the access required at this location, the Municipal District office agreed to have a site meeting to discuss the issue further.
The report was noted

KN11/0922

Consultation with Newbridge Access Group

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer.
Can the council confirm if Newbridge Access Group have been consulted on the plan, given recent NTA funding secured for road, footpath and parking improvements in Dara Park?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Newbridge Access Group have had discussions with both the contractor and council staff members. It was understood that the nature of the works would cause disruption while the contractor was on site. However, the works would enhance the area in relation to access.

Councillor P O'Dwyer thanked Ms B Cuddy and the Municipal District staff for their work on this issue.

The report was noted.

KN12/0922

Footpath Nursing Home to GAA Suncroft

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 the Nursing Home in Suncroft up to the GAA Grounds?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there was no available funding for these works in the current 2022 budget. The Municipal District Office agreed to investigate this area further in 2023 subject to funding.

The report was noted.

KN13/0922

Public Lighting Oldgrange Wood

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

Can the council provide a date when the new street lights in Old Grange Wood, Monasterevin will be switched on?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Public Lighting Team were still waiting for the ESB to make the connection to these lights and expected it would happen within the next 6 weeks.

Councillor Duffy queried if anything could be done to speed up the process.

Ms B Cuddy advised that she would speak to Mr E Moses and revert to the members.

The report was noted

KN14/0922

Traffic Calming Athgarvan to Curragh Road

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

Can the council confirm if it has considered installing traffic calming measures on the Athgarvan to Curragh Road, past the pitch and putt, following recent Garda speed checks which detected motorists driving in excess of the 50kph speed limit.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this was a recently upgraded road with an improved road surface and upgraded line marking including slow warnings. There were no plans to do further traffic calming works at this location. Speeding was an issue for An Garda Síochána to enforce.



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Councillor T O'Dwyer advised that evidence coming from JPC that speeding was an issue in Athgarvan, with recent speed checks recording speeds of up to 86kmph in a 50 kmph zone, could not be ignored.

The report was noted

KN15/0922

Realignment of Road at Knavinstown Graveyard

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

Can the Council confirm if it has any proposals to realign the road at Knavinstown Graveyard, Kildare in light of the number of vehicular collisions with the wall?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads Project Team had no plans to realign the road at Knavinstown Graveyard, Kildare. The Roads Projects and Planning section was operating at capacity and therefore did not currently have the resources or funding to deliver this project. Councillor Stafford advised that he would revisit the issue in the form of a motion at a later date.

The report was noted.

KN16/0922

Sites for Modular Units

The members considered the following motion in the names of Councillors Stafford, T O'Dwyer and P O'Dwyer.

That Kildare County Council confirm the complete list of sites submitted to the Department of Housing for consideration for modular units and what criteria the council considered for each proposed site in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District and in the event of additional emergency sites being required that the council engage with Councillors and resident associations prior to a site being submitted.

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



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A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that site selection suitability criteria as set out in the Departments letter to Kildare County Council on 1 April 2022:

- Given the scale and urgency of the need to accommodate refugees from Ukraine, a broad range of potential sites and buildings may be considered.
- Sites that may be suitable for the immediate development of temporary or permanent housing, and which have not already been earmarked for social and affordable housing under Housing for All.
- Sites can include sites in public or private ownership.
- Such sites will ultimately be suitable for the development of permanent residential accommodation in accordance with basic site selection criteria
- Sites may include those that are not already zoned for residential development as well as zoned housing lands, that may be made immediately available for residential development.
- Sites should have access to piped services and water and wastewater treatment facilities, with sufficient scope for additional population loading.
- Site should include availability of connections to the electricity network and digital infrastructure/ telecoms – broadband connectivity is essential.
- Site size and scale should be relative to the settlement in which the site is located. Generally, refugee accommodation should be at a scale that doesn't exceed the population of the settlement, and potential development should balance the need for economies of scale against the need to avoid isolating and to help integrate refugees into the community.



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- Sites should have safe road and pedestrian access, as well as the availability of public transport.
- Site configuration and topography are also important. For example, a flat, regular shaped site that is sheltered from the elements by planting or landscape is preferable to one that is long and narrow, sloped or hilly or that may be open and exposed to the prevailing wind. Sites prone to flooding should not be considered.

18 public and private sites were mapped on a land mapping database provided by the Department for the purpose of identifying the range of sites proposed for selection. Of those 18 sites 9 sites are in private ownership.

The 9 sites in public ownership by Municipal District are:

Celbridge/Leixlip MD

Hazelhatch Road Celbridge Public

Clane/Maynooth MD

Clogharinka Public

Nancy's Lane, Clane Public

Kildare/Newbridge MD

Dara Park, Newbridge Public

Beech Grove, Rathangan Public

Lakeside Park, Newbridge Public

Lands between Beech Grove and St. Patrick's Park, Rathangan Public

Athy MD

Skenagun, Castledermot Public

Clonmullion, Athy Public



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Kildare County Council has not been requested to propose additional sites not included in the list of sites identified above. Kildare County Council was not consulted in the final selection of the sites chosen for development of modular housing in Kildare.

The members raised the following points:

- This was a live, emotive and sensitive situation and it was still a cause of major concern and upset in adjacent communities.
- The criteria used to identify sites was very open to interpretation.
- The main problem was in the area of communication as councillors were not informed of the situation, had not been included in the process and could not give out responsible information.

Did they not mention the method of the public being informed

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

KN17/0922

Public Realm Update

To receive an update on Public Realm projects.

Mr G Conlan advised that the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and asked if the councillors had any questions.

The members raised the following points:

- There were ongoing issues regarding access to the Cathedral on the square in Kildare despite the introduction of double yellow lines and planters
- In 2021 members had been informed that it was hoped to commence a healthcheck of the Curragh communities. Was there any progress on this.
- What was the screening which needed to take place prior to the launch of the Town Renewal Plan in Athgarvan.
- Regarding Rathangan was a timeline available for going to tender.
- Parking in Kildare Town appeared to have paused. In light of the forthcoming Brigid 1500 events and Kildare becoming a destination town could landowners in the area be engaged with regarding providing parking.

Mr G Conlan gave the following replies:



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- Issues in Kildare Town regarding Cathedral access were being investigated. Enforcement of parking was an issue for the warden and An Garda Síochána.. Consultation with local businesses was continuing.
- Healthcheck of Curragh communities had not progressed but was still on the agenda.
- The screening process in Athgarvan was a legal requirement and currently was awaiting prices from the contractor.

Ms S O’Gara gave the following updates:

- The Cathedral in Kildare required 24hr access and this right of way had to be maintained. A few different options were being investigated currently
- Consultation with local businesses in Kildare was ongoing
- Rathangan was progressing well with just a few issues to be addressed and she would revert with a timeline to tender.

The report was noted.

KN18/0922

Newbridge Local Area Plan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O’Dwyer.
Can the council confirm the start date for the Newbridge Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing members that dates for the statutory review of the Newbridge Local Area Plan could not be confirmed until such time as the Kildare County Development Plan process had been fully completed.

Ms A Granville confirmed that the Planning Department were not in a position to clarify dates yet.

The report was noted.

KN20/0922

Barrow Blueway

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Duffy.
Can the council provide a detailed update on the Barrow Blueway project delivery and outline the timeframes to commence and complete the council’s portion of the project.



A report was received from the Public Realm Department informing the members that of the 36.5km of unbound towpath surface 28.5 km is complete. Of the 8 km remaining, 2.7km is in progress. The Towpath unbound works are due for completion at the end February 2023. The Road Crossings detailed design and the Bridge detailed design is underway. The Bridge at Athy has been omitted from the scheme in light of the Athy Distributer Road project. The Athy Distributer Road project included a dedicated recreational route across the River Barrow on the existing railway bridge. The Barrow Blueway scheme will tie in with Athy Distributer Road project.

The Road Crossings will be tendered as one package and the Bridge in Rathangan will be tendered separately. The Road Crossing tender will be progressed at the end of October with construction expected to commence in January 2023. The Bridge Tender will be progressed at the end of November. Award of the Bridge contract is expected in January 2023 with completion of the Bridge construction at the end of Q3 2023.

The report was noted.

KN21/0922

Bulk Waste Amnesty

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

Can the Council confirm if it proposes to introduce a bulk waste amnesty (including mattress amnesty) in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District for 2022?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the next mattress amnesty, which would not include bulky waste, would be on Oct 2 next at the following locations: Silliot Hill (to facilitate south of the county) and Celbridge Interchange (to facilitate north of county). Details were currently being published and circulated by our communications team.

Councillor Stafford requested that a bulky waste amnesty be considered for next year.

The report was noted.

KN22/0922



Poetry Jukebox

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.
That Kildare County Council install a poetry jukebox at Kilcullen Library bringing poetry into public spaces, allowing us to encounter poems in a totally new way, similar to the installation in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

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

A report was received from the A/County Librarian informing the members that the Poetry Jukebox was an initiative of Poetry Ireland and UCD as part of the *Poetry as Commemoration Project*. We had contacted the organisers and there were currently no plans to bring the project to Kildare. There were two poetry jukebox installations touring the following locations:

Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Waterford, Galway, Limerick and Derry. However, creative writing workshops were planned for 2023 as part of the project. These workshops would run in partnership with Poetry Ireland, where it was hoped to connect the public with local primary source materials from the War of Independence and Civil War.

Councillor t O'Dwyer informed the members that she was actively engaging with Ms A Myler
Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor P O'Dwyer that the report be noted.

KN23/0922

Premises for St Conleth's Branch of ONE

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer.
That the council identify a premises in Newbridge for the St Conleth's Branch of the Organisation of National Ex Service Personnel (ONE) similar to St Michael's Branch ONE in Athy.

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



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A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Newbridge Town Hall was regularly used by many local groups and was available for booking by the St Conleth's Branch of the Organisation of National Ex Service Personnel (ONE). The Riverbank Arts Centre was available for local groups as well as areas of the library. There was a limited budget available however the community department welcomed the opportunity to support this group in any way possible. Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that veterans had left the Curragh and moved to towns such as Newbridge. As a garrison town, a dedicated space for use as a drop in centre, similar to those used by men's shed group should be available for use by the ONE group in Newbridge.

The members raised the following points:

- There were currently many veterans living in the Newbridge area who required a dedicated drop in space, not a meeting space.
- The former monastery, recently purchased by Kildare County Council, had a lot of rooms which could provide a potential location.

Ms P O'Brien advised that Kildare County Council owned limited property which would be suitable for this initiative. Athy worked differently in that the property was not owned by Kildare County Council but a nominal grant was provided. Ms O'Brien advised that she would be happy to engage on this.

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

KN24/0922

Car Park at Killinthomas Woods

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor A Connolly
That the Council provide a progress report on the meeting held with Coillte in June 2021 on the proposed extension to the car park at Killinthomas Woods.

The motion was proposed by Councillor A Connolly and seconded by Councillor Duffy



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A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there had been no further contact from Coillte in relation to the extension of the carpark. The proposed extension was on Coillte land and was therefore ultimately a matter for them to consider. Councillor A Connolly advised that there were major issues with parking at Killinthomas Woods and was disappointed to note that a June 2021 plan by Coillte to extend the carpark had not been progress.

Councillor Stafford advised that Coillte were developing another car park in the area and this might see this as resolving the issue

Ms P O'Brien advised that she would re-engage with Coillte.

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

KN25/0922

Ulster Bank ATM network

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

That this Municipal District Committee write to Ulster Bank asking them to maintain their current ATM network in third party premises in this Municipal District by arranging replacement service from other providers.

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

A report was received from the Meetings Administrator informing the members that if the members were in agreement a letter could be issued in their names.

Councillor Stafford informed members that one ATM in particular, located at the Canal Court Retail Space in Rathangan had been removed rather than taken by another provider. As this ATM was the only 24 hour one in the area it would be greatly missed.

Members agreed that a letter issue to Ulster Bank querying if all ATMs in third party premises could be offered to another provider but specifying this particular one.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Duffy that a letter issue from the members to Ulster Bank requesting that all their ATMs in third party



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premises be offered to another provider but particularly highlighting the issue with the ATM in Rathangan.

The meeting concluded.