



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 14 December 2022
on Microsoft Teams**

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

Officials Present: Mr J Boland (District Manager), Mr J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr G Hooban (Executive Engineer), Ms B Cuddy (District Engineer), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms L Kennedy (LPT Co-Ordinator), Mr O Brady (Administrative Officer), Mr G Conlon (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

KN01/1222

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.

KN02/1222

Minutes and Progress Report

To approve the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 and to note the progress report.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor P O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor N Connolly and agreed by the members that the minutes of the monthly meeting of Kildare Newbridge Municipal District held on 16 November 2022 be approved and the progress report be noted.

KN03/1222

Municipal District Road Works

To receive an update on the municipal district road works.

Report:

Road Resurfacing Works:

Restoration Maintenance and Restoration Improvement schemes are now complete.

LPT:

Rural road LPT schemes are now complete.

NTA:

- Works are now complete in Dara Park with the exception of some line marking.
- Works are near completion on Melitta Road, Kildare.
- Works on Green Road are continuing, widening of footpaths, provision of pedestrian crossing and road overlay.
- Works are continuing on Tougher rd. The roads are now complete including the extension of the footpath across from SuperValu.

Miscellaneous Works:

Newbridge Town:

Trip hazards and tree stump removal at Pairc Mhuire. Removal of broken bollards Sarsfield's, Replaced damaged bollards and tactile paving on Cutlery Road. Installation of Anti Slip strips at the Library and Riverbank Steps plus wheelchair ramp. Leaves cleared off footpath at Pfizer.

Signage replaced in the following locations, Old Kildare Road, stop sign, Old Military Road Curragh chase, Morristown lights, Roseberry court Children at play, removed old poles at Racecourse, Parking signs Main Street, Newbridge



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Cleaning gullies throughout Newbridge Town.

Patching carried out in Roseberry L7028, Moorefield drive, Blackberry Lane, Walshestown cross, Ailsbury Park, Repaired trip hazard Chapel Lane.

Newbridge Area:

A Programme of sign replacement, repair and cleaning was carried out in the areas of Suncroft and Cut Bush, this included speed signs, stop signs and junction signs. There were also replacement signs installed on the Blacktrench road at the request of the Naas traffic corps. We also cleared out drains in Askrinraw and opened watercuts. There were also old ditches cleared out in the Baroda area with watercuts also.

Loads of spoil from works were removed from Pollardstown for recycling.

Kildare / Rathangan area:

Hedgecutting throughout Kildare, Monasterevin and Rathangan.

Potholes repairs throughout Kildare, Monasterevin Rathangan.

Bourne's Lane – Site Clearance Works.

Kildangan - Installation of Benches and signage.

Drainage issue resolved Coole Monasterevin.

Children at play sign Tully Rd,

Rathangan, Kildare Rd dropped curbs at various points to assist wheelchair users

Kilcullen Area:

Gully cleaning in Caragh.

Washing signs at all major junctions throughout area.

Gully cleaning Brannockstown, Kilcullen and Two Milehouse.

Water cuts Carnalway to Ballymoney, R448.

Pothole repairs Green Avenue, Ladytown, Logstown, Corbally, Castlekealy, and Gingerstown.

The members thanked Ms Cuddy and the team for all the works completed during 2022.

The report was noted.



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Councillor Doyle advised that she needed to step out of the meeting for a few moments and requested that Councillor Power take over as Chair.

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LPT 2021 and 2022

Councillor Duffy proposed an amount of €500 be allocated from festival grant funds to Hopkins Society towards insurance costs for a carol service. This was seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer and agreed by all members

Councillor Duffy proposed an amount of €19k be allocated from 2023 LPT to Kildangan Community Centre. The centre had received funding of €92k under town and village renewal scheme for reroofing the community centre. This had been delayed due to covid and now the cost of works was coming in at around €134k. With department funding and money already raised there was still a shortfall of €19k. Councillor Duffy apologised to members for the short notice and advised that if works were not completed by March 2023 the €92k funding could be lost.

The members stated that they were not in favour of allocating such a large amount of money from the 2023 budget this far in advance, especially given the lack of notice and queried if the monies previously allocated to public realm had already been used. It was agreed to discuss with Mr G Conlon under item 21.

Councillor Pender proposed an amount of €2500 to Teach Tearnann for outreach services. He also advised that he was a member of the Board of Newbridge Family Resource Centre. This was seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by all members.

Councillor Doyle returned and resumed the Chair.

KN05/1222

Taking in Charge Cnoc na Greine Woods

Mr J Hennessy advised that the map and taking in charge reports had been previously circulated to members. There were issues with the foul sewer network but Irish Water had recently committed to funding the works to take the area to taking in charge level. It was the recommendation of the Building and Development Control Department that the members agree to taking in charge Cnoc na Greine Woods.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer and agreed by all members that the taking in charge of Cnoc na Greine Woods proceed.

KN06/1222

Taking in Charge Orchard Park, Curragh

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor A Connolly. Can the council indicate what progress, if any, has been made with the Department of Defence in the process of the taking in charge of Orchard Park, Curragh.

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that Development Control held a meeting with the Property Management Branch (PMB) of the Department of Defence (DoD) in 2021 regarding the taking in charge of Orchard Park and two other DoD estates in Kildare Town. The PMB were advised that they would need to furnish As Constructed Drawings (ACDs), CCTV surveys, water and public lighting Audits to facilitate an initial review of the estate. The PMB were also advised that the DoD estates would need to be brought up to a taking in charge standard. It was acknowledged that there may be obstacles to fully taking in charge the Orchard Park, Curragh as the estate appears to be connected to the private DoD water supply, foul sewer and surface water sewer systems. We await the ACDs which will clarify what has been constructed. Development Control await the submission of the ACDs, CCTV surveys and audits from the DoD. Development Control contacted the PMB again in 2022 and the PMB have advised they are progressing matters on their end. The PMB advised that they have upgraded the public lighting in the estate. At this point in time the onus remains with the PMB to progress the taking in charge of the estate. The report was noted.



KN07/1222

Sustainable Travel and Active Travel Update

Mr D Hodgins presented the members with an update on the Sustainable Transport and Active Travel Team projects in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District (see Appendix 1) and invited questions from the members.

The members raised the following points:

- Temporary cycle lanes in Newbridge caused major upset and there was a need to learn from this experience.
- There was a need to shift to walking to school. As most schools in Newbridge were at one end of the town and retail was at the opposite end a safe pedestrian route was imperative between the two areas.
- When would the preliminary design be available and would the councillors have any input.
- Could a list of the schools chosen for the “safe route to schools” initiative be circulated.
- Could the public consultation information be made available out of normal business hours.
- What was the criteria for the “safe route to schools” programme as there did not appear to be equity across the county.
- The pie chart was a great addition to the presentation as it was clear to see the improvements made but for the next update could a breakdown of the spend be incorporated.
- Rathangan had three schools located in different areas. Lough Road also required a footpath and lights as part of the Slí na Sláinte route. Who would be best placed to speak to regarding the works.

Mr Hodgins made the following replies:

- The NTA had sought to improve the communication of the hierarchy of road users to the public.
- The schemes were no longer being referred to as cycle schemes but as active travel schemes. This cleared up some confusion for the public regarding new schemes that



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were being introduced as they were for all road users and not solely for cyclists as previously this had polarised into an anti car or pro cyclist debate. An information campaign would be looked at in the New Year with the NTA.

- An Taisce/Green Schools selected one school from each municipal district for the Safe Routes to School Programme in 2022 and the choosing of one from each municipal district was encouraged by the council. However, in 2023 this process was not followed. Two schools were chosen in Newbridge, two also in Clane and one in Celbridge.
- Mr Hodgins agreed that there was a need to be able to walk from one end of Newbridge to the other on appropriate footpaths. There would also be consultation with Public Realm regarding this and works needed to be focused on end users.
- Pre part 8 meetings would be held with members. After submissions were received and the Chief Executive Report prepared an in-committee meeting would be held with members prior to the part 8 decision which should help minimise members concerns regarding lack of information.
- Active Travel designs would either go directly to An Bord Pleanála or to Part 8. A part 8 would be brought back to the members to either approve, reject or approve with amendments. This would then go back to the NTA for decision.
- With regard to Rathangan Mr Hodgins advised that this was not on the programme at the moment and this may not be a priority for the funding agency, but it was important that local discretion was used regarding small improvement works.

The members thanked Mr Hodgins for the update on sustainable transport and active travel schemes and for providing clarity on the issues raised.

The report was noted.

KN08/1222

Traffic Lights Caragh Bridge

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

That the council include a dedicated pedestrian and cycle timing option on the traffic light sequence at Caragh Bridge.

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



A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section consider it impractical to add separate staging at the Caragh Bridge traffic signals for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. It is noted that there is no footpath on the approaches to the bridge nor across the structure itself.

Councillor O'Dwyer stated that the bridge was very narrow and there was no space for cyclists or pedestrians to cross the bridge safely.

Mr D Hodgins stated that the bridge was too narrow to have a designated space for pedestrians and cyclists. A separate structure or new bridge was required. No improvement in safety could be achieved by the addition of specific traffic lights for pedestrians and cyclists.

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

KN09/1222

Fr Kinsella Park Caragh

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer. That the council review the disabled parking spaces in Fr. Kinsella Park Caragh and consider relocation to a different area within the carpark.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the carpark in Fr Kinsella Park is not the responsibility of Kildare County Council. It is managed by Caragh Parish Council. However, we will discuss the matter with them and assist to review the arrangements if necessary.

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



KN10/1222

Traffic Calming Athgarvan to Two Mile House

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer.
That Kildare County Council install appropriate traffic calming measures on the Athgarvan Road to Two Mile House within the 50kmph zone as you approach the village, similar to the measures that are already in place on the Naas approach road to Two Mile House which are very effective.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a Technical Assessment is required for any traffic calming measures to be installed. The Municipal District office agree to include this location to undergo a Technical Assessment, the Municipal District Office will revert when completed. Councillor T O'Dwyer advised the members that the installation of a driver feedback sign had been effective to some degree but further traffic calming was required as drivers were not aware they were approaching a village.

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

KN11/1222

Footpaths Ard Bhríde, Carna, Suncroft

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor A Connolly.
That the council include the upgrading of the footpaths at Ard Bhríde, Carna, Suncroft on the works schedule for 2023.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office agree to include this location for consideration in our footpath program for 2023 subject to budgets being available.



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

KN12/1222

Road Resurfacing at Dara Park Kildare

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

That the council resurface the internal roads at Dara Park, 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 at the previous meeting the District Engineer requested that the Councillors look favourably on providing LPT / Paid parking funding towards older housing estates in the Municipal District area in 2023. Dara Park could be included for consideration under this funding stream.

Councillor Stafford advised that he would discuss this with the District Engineer offline.

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

KN13/1222

Traffic Calming at Roseberry Hill

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

That the municipal district engineer engage with local residents in Roseberry Hill Newbridge to discuss a traffic calming solution near the estate entrance / Centra.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Traffic Calming is a technical issue and requires a technical assessment to determine suitability prior to any engagement with residents, The Municipal



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District office will include this location for assessment and will then revert to Councillor Power, at that stage a meeting can be arranged through Councillor Power if required. The District Engineer informed the members that this area needed to be investigated as a whole. The Municipal District Office was in the process of compiling a list of such requests which would go before members in early 2023 for prioritisation.

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

KN14/1222

Traffic Lights at Junction of Drogheda Street and Dublin Street, Monasterevin

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Connolly. That Comhairle Chontae Chill Dara install traffic lights at the junctions of Drogheda Street and Dublin Street, Monasterevin at the Nags Head to improve traffic flow at peak times.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section, as part of the Monasterevin Town Active Travel Project, is seeking to install of traffic signals at this location to facilitate pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, including cyclists.

The Part 8 Public Consultation Proposals is due to be published in Q1 2023. The preliminary design stage is being concluded at present.

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

KN15/1222

Traffic Lights at Cowpasture Monasterevin

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Connolly That Comhairle Chontae Chill Dara install traffic lights at the junction of Cowpasture, Monasterevin where it joins the R445 to improve traffic flow at peak times.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Sustainable Transport Section is publishing the Monasterevin Town Active Travel Project for a Part 8 Public Consultation Process in Q1 2023. There are no proposals to signalise this junction as part of the preliminary design at present.

Councillor N Connolly informed the members that there had been a number of accidents in the area and there was a serious need for traffic calming or traffic lights.

Councillor Duffy supported the motion as he had a previous similar motion regarding the lack of connectivity from Hopkin's Haven to the town. He agreed that the area was unsafe.

Mr D Hodgins advised that there were traffic signals planned for the Nag's Head junction, the Athy Road and the Dublin Road and the installation of more traffic calming could lead to complaints of there being too many. He stated that the part 8 public consultation process would be informative in this regard.

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

KN16/1222

Traffic Calming at Logstown Road

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to install traffic calming measures on the approach to the Logstown Road, Kilcullen from the Carnalway side?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are no plans at present within the Municipal District office. The report was noted.

KN17/1222

Liaisons with Offaly County Council re L3001

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



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Can the council provide an update on any liaisons with Offaly County Council regarding the condition of the L3001 between Rathangan and Edenderry?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office have had no interaction with Offaly County Council. The Road Improvement programs fund to the county boundary. The Municipal District Office did a section of this road this year and hope subject to funding to do another section next year.

Councillor Stafford informed the members that while the condition of the road was the responsibility of Offaly County Council many commuters using the road were from Kildare. He advised he would discuss the matter with the District Engineer offline.

The report was noted.

KN18/1222

Removal of Parking Spaces Cutlery Road

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

Can the council provide an update on the removal of parking spaces on Cutlery Road, Newbridge as previously agreed by this municipal district?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in order to commence a Section 38 process, a design needs to be finalised showing the proposal that will go out on public display. This has yet to be done and requires Cllr Power, who brought the motion initially to this forum, to contact the Pay Parking and Roads Design team to discuss and define the proposed layout. Once this is done, the Section 38 will come back to the members with the layout provided for their information and seek approval to proceed to public consultation.

Councillor Power stated that he was unaware that he was required to progress this and would contact Roads Design and Pay Parking.

The report was noted.



KN19/1222

Compulsory Purchase Orders

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

Can the council confirm how many Compulsory Purchase Orders have been commenced in the last 3 years in the Municipal District?

Reports were received from both the Roads and Housing Departments informing the members that The Housing Department has commenced one CPO in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District area in the last 3 years. Additional staffing resources have been assigned to the Vacant Homes Team and it is planned to commence a programme of Compulsory Purchase Orders across the county following identification of suitable properties. The Roads Department have commenced one Compulsory Purchase Order in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District in the last 3 years. The project is the R445 Newhall Junction Improvement Project in 2022.

Councillor N Connolly advised that he had seen a further 6 potential Compulsory Purchase Orders and queried if any more would be coming up in the near future.

Mr O Brady stated that he was unaware of anything further but he would investigate and revert to members.

The report was noted.

KN20/1222

Site at Rosconnell

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

Can the council confirm when houses will be built on the residential site at Rosconnell, folio number 35240F, following the recent report from the Department of Housing outlining where local authorities had built houses throughout 2022.

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the undeveloped lands in folios KE35230F and KE14382F zoned for residential purposes has been proposed for inclusion in Public Private Partnership Bundle 6 as a mixed use social and affordable development. The site is currently being considered by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for inclusion in PPP Bundle 6.



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Councillor T O'Dwyer queried if any timeline was available. Mr O Brady advised that he did not have any information but would investigate and circulate information to members. The report was noted.

KN21/1222

Public Realm Update

The public realm update report had been previously circulated to members.

Regarding the previously discussed Kildangan Community Centre Mr Conlon advised that public realm had no budget for the works as any LPT money received had already been allocated. He advised that 85-90% of the project could be delivered on time.

Councillor Doyle advised the members that a meeting would be taking place onsite between the Community Centre and the Community Department so any decisions on funding should be deferred until the outcome of this meeting was known.

Councillor Duffy stated that if there was an opportunity to get some funding through Community he would withdraw his LPT request.

The members raised the following points:

- Could more clarification be provided on the €45k for Covid 19 response.
- Could an update be provide on the Centre of Excellence and St Conleths Square
- The Square in Kildare was causing a lot of frustration as €45k had been outlaid. The positive energy was being eroded and cars were creeping back in. There was a need for action to be taken.

Mr Conlon advised that Ms O'Gara had been working on the Centre of Excellence and St Conleths Square and he would circulate further information to the members.

With regard to The Square Kildare, Mr Conlon advised that he was also frustrated to still be consulting on this. The area was still designated as pay parking and there was work ongoing to designate it as pedestrian only. Going forward there would be resources dedicated to progressing this.

The report was noted.



KN22/1222

Public Lighting Main Street to Eyre Street

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heavey
That the council commission and bring forward a report on public lighting of the streets and lanes connecting Main Street to Eyre Street and in the developed squares within that part of Newbridge designated for Public Realm Development, as a matter of urgency.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the lighting at this location will be assessed as part of the PLEEP (Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project), the survey and design of which will commence in Quarter 2 2023 in County Kildare. The PLEEP Design will identify locations where additional lighting will be required and depending on availability of funds it will be carried out.

Councillor Heavey stated that the area had a history of anti-social behaviour. The area required better public lighting to help combat this.

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

KN23/1222

Barrow Blueway

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Duffy.
Can the council provide an update on the Barrow Blueway project to include the status of the tendering and construction commencement?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that towpath works continue on the remaining unbound sections and are due to be completed at the end of February 2023. The installation of 10 no. jetties will commence thereafter. A tender is currently progressing on etenders for all road crossings and is due to close on 20 December 2022. A contract will be awarded in early 2023, subject to a successful tendering process, with a 10 month construction programme. A tender for the



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new bridge at Rathangan will commence in January 2023, with a contract expected to be awarded by the end of Q1 2023 and works complete end of Q4 2023. The Barrow Blueway will be launched Q1 2024.

Councillor Duffy advised that he welcomed the update.

The report was noted.

KN24/1222

Path and Playground Two Mile House

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

That the council ringfence a proportion of funding from Development Levies for Development Reference 16645 in Two Mile House to fund a path the community have been requesting for the past 20 years and a playground through the recreation and amenity element of the development levies.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the allocation of funding towards capital projects such as playgrounds and community facilities will be reviewed in Q2 2023 as part of the capital programme. The request for a playground in Two Mile House can be discussed as part of this review.

Councillor T O'Dwyer stated that a site had been identified free of charge for the playground.

There were only two amenities requested which were the footpath and the playground.

Considerable development levies had been collected from the area which was now de-zoned under the new County Development Plan. Some of these monies had been ringfenced for recreational and amenity use.

Mr S Wallace that the GAA had provided a site but Parks would be unable to deliver the playground due to other commitments. The item should be added to the Capital Programme.

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



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The following 2 items were taken together.

KN25/1222

Territorial Just Transition Plan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Stafford.
That the council clarify why the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District was excluded from the Territorial Just Transition Plan and Programme and request the Government to reinstate the municipal district.

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

A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that Kildare Newbridge Municipal District was included in the local Just Transition plan which was provided to Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA). Kildare County Council proposes to follow up with relevant government departments to clarify the matter. The map included in the recently published Just Transition report shows the proposed territory where the EU Just Transition Fund could be focused. The areas are yet to be confirmed by the European Commission.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Power that a letter issue to the Minister.

KN26/1222

Letter to Minister

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Power.
That the members of Kildare-Newbridge Municipal district write to the Minister to ask him to publish the report that formed the basis of the Just Transition Territory, the criteria that led to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District being omitted from the territorial plan and to give assurance that projects within this district and aligned with the ethos of the just transition will still be eligible for government support.

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



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A report was received from the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree however Kildare County Council will offer any assistance required in drafting a letter.

The members raised the following points:

- It was disappointing and frustrating to see that the Municipal District had apparently been excluded from the Territorial Just Transition Fund.
- Many residents of the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District were heavily reliant on fossil fuel usage with many communities built around the bog.
- Rathangan in particular had been devastated by the move from fossil fuel usage but Newbridge had also been heavily reliant on Bord na Mona for employment
- Would the omission mean that certain projects could not be included or be funded from another source
- Although the Municipal District was omitted from the map, clarification should be sought from the Minister regarding the criteria as the areas for inclusion had not yet been confirmed by the European Commission

The District Manager advised that he had no further information on the issue but agreed that a letter should issue to the Minister requesting clarification and that he would be happy to draft this.

Councillor Power proposed that a letter issue. This was seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed by the members.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor Stafford that a letter issue to the Minister seeking clarification on the areas included and to request confirmation of the appeals procedure.

KN27/1222

Boardwalk at Liffey Linear Park

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer.
Can the council provide an update on the development of the Boardwalk in Newbridge as part of Liffey Linear Park?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that progression on the boardwalk has not been possible due to the resources being reallocated to resolving



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the safety issue with the path to The Gables. Additionally work on additional play facilities has also been progressing. It won't be possible to work on the Boardwalk until these works are complete.

The report was noted.

KN28/1222

Facilities to research Family History

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

Can the council confirm what facilities are available within the municipal district to assist people in researching their family history?

A report was received from the Library Services informing the members that Kildare Library and Arts Services is the most appropriate point of contact for people researching their family history in Co. Kildare and in the Municipal District.

They house the appropriate collections and have been actively digitising material to make it available to people online, all over the world.

They also offer advice and guidance to members of the public and researchers and respond to queries from all over. The collections were moved for safety reasons from Newbridge but access to the public is as always available by appointment.

Contact details and links to information and resources are available on the Library & Arts web pages – all queries can be directed to the Local Studies, Genealogy and Archives

Department. Please contact us at archives@kildarecoco.ie and localhistory@kildarecoco.ie

Our website <https://kildarecoco.ie/library/LocalStudiesGenealogyandArchives/Genealogy/>

Councillor N Connolly queried where records are currently kept. The meetings administrator advised that he would pass on the queries to Mr Corrigan.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.



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Transport Strategy



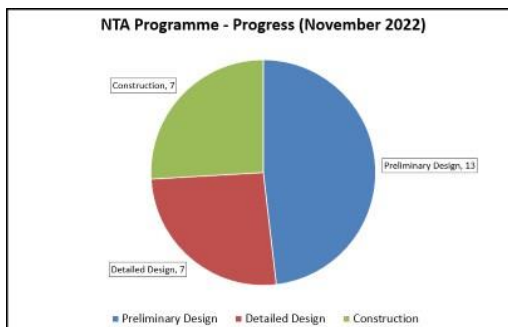
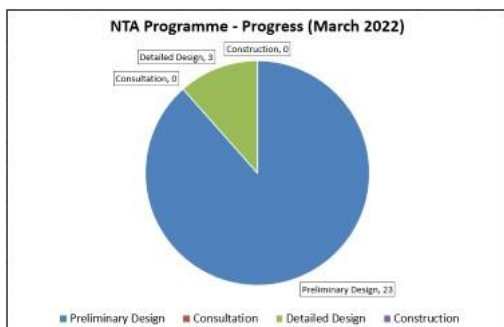
Figure 8.4: Road User Hierarchy



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Newbridge-Kildare MD Area



Newbridge-Kildare MD Area 2023 Work Programme



1. Naas-Newbridge Inter-Urban Active Travel Corridor (Preliminary Design*)
2. Newbridge Main Street & Station Road Active Travel Corridor (Preliminary Design*)
3. Monasterevin Active Travel Scheme (Part 8 & Detailed Design)
4. VRU Improvements at crossings & junctions (Continuing)
5. Safe Routes To School (St. Brigid's Kildare Town)
6. Cycle Safety Improvements at existing junctions (Continuing)
7. Cycle Parking at Town Centres, Schools & Sports Clubs (Continuing)

