



**Draft Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District  
held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 19 July 2023  
in the MERITS Building**

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

**Remote Attendance:** Councillor F McLoughlin Healy

**Officials Present:** Mr K Kavanagh (A/District Manager), Ms M Higgins (Director of Services), Ms B Cuddy (Municipal District Engineer) Mr K Dunne (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms R Jackson (LPT Co-Ordinator), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Mr J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms KA O'Brien (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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The members acknowledged the recent departure of Councillor Mark Stafford and thanked him for his work throughout his service as a councillor for Kildare Newbridge Municipal District. They wished him well in his new role.

**KN01/0723**

**Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Councillor P O'Dwyer declared an interest regarding Item 5 as she is secretary of Newbridge Family Resource Centre.

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**KN02/0723**

**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 17 May 2023 and noted the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly, seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by the members, that the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 be taken as read and the progress report be noted.

**KN03/0723**

**Municipal District Road Works**

The District Engineer gave the following update on roadworks in the Municipal District.

**Restoration Improvement**

**Table 1**

Road No.	Location	Works Completed
L7037	Standhouse Road	√
L2028	Great Connell Newbridge	√
R413	Brannockstown	√
L7063	Kildangan	Works to be completed by Weekending 14 July 2023 ( <i>weather Permitting</i> )
L2030	Caragh	√
L3002	Punchersgrange / Pluckerstown	√
R413	Lumville-Athgarvan	Works to be completed by Weekending 14 July 2023 ( <i>weather Permitting</i> )
R445	Monasterevin	Works to be completed by Weekending 21 July 2023 ( <i>weather Permitting</i> )
R416	Station Road Newbidge	Works planned for first Week in September 2023
R416	Milltown Village	√
L6080 L6075	Sunnyhill Kilcullen	√



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R413	Castlemartin	Works to be completed by Weekending 21 July 2023 ( <i>weather Permitting</i> )
L7049 L5081	Ballykelly Monasterevin	√
R415	Newtown to Mullane Cross	√
R414	Mullane Cross ( <i>Surface Dress Only</i> )	√
L7008	Ellistown	√
R414	Tullylost to Mountrice	Works to be completed by Weekending 21 July 2023 ( <i>weather Permitting</i> )
L3003	Kilmoney	√

### Restoration Maintenance

Works completed at the following locations with the exception of line marking.

- L7007 Thomastown – Springfield Cross
- L3004 Mooretown
- L7004 Punchersgrange
- R424 Coolnafearagh Monasterevin

### Kildare

The surface dressing programme commenced in the Kildare area from the 12 – 16 of June. As a result, the first week of June revolved around preparation works in the area, which included patching, hedge cutting and drainage works on our 3 surface dressing roads at Thomastown, Rathangan, Mooretown, Kildare town, and the R424 Monasterevin to Portarlinton Road.

Additional works completed included hedge and verge cutting at dangerous junctions in locations at Cherryville Cross, Lackagh, Baraderra, Newtown Rathangan, Thomastown, Ellistown, Glenaree, Passlands Monasterevin, White Abbey Kildare

Town, Dublin Road Kildare Town, Curraghfarm Kildare Town, Monasterevin Road, Kildare town, Redhills, Knocknagalliagh and Ummeras.

Footpaths were repaired at Leinster Walk, Kildare town, Maryville, Kildare town, and Woodview, Monasterevin.

Old road signs and poles were replaced in the following locations:



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- New cul de sac signs at Thomastown East.
- New stop sign at Thomastown East.
- New 60 speed limit signs on the Monasterevin Road, Kildare.
- New traffic lights ahead signs on the R445 Kildare Town.
- New T junction signs Station Road, Kildare Town.
- New traffic lights ahead signs Station Road, Kildare Town.
- New junction signs and traffic light signs at Rowanville, Kildare Town.
- New traffic lights signs on the old N7 Kildare Town.
- Children crossing and junction signs Kildare Road, Rathangan.
- New junction signs Green Road, Kildare.
- New junction signs Dublin Road, Kildare.
- New traffic light signs Bride Street Kildare Town.
- New traffic light signs Pigeon Lane, Kildare town.
- New children crossing signs Bride Street Kildare Town.

### Newbridge

The Municipal District office started the month off with clearing three old concrete flower beds and replaced them with topsoil and finished off with tarring on Georges Lane.

- Tree topping was done at Sexton Bridge on footpath at both ends.
- We carried out traffic control for the ESB on the Green Road whilst they move poles back in off the new footpath.
- Grass verge cutting was carried out at Pollardstown, Moorefield Road, Curragh Racecourse, Old Kildare Road.
- We removed a tree from Mount Carmel that had fallen in bad weather.
- Traffic management was provided for traffic solutions for Station Road while they repaired a traffic light which was hit by a car.
- We had the patching lorry in College Farm estate for road repairs in and around junctions and roads.
- There was minor hedge cutting done at Finlays garage where the hedge was growing out over public footpath.



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- The road sweeper was sent up to The Curragh racecourse to clean all the road edge around ring road.
- Removed a number of trip hazards on Newbridge Main Street, Henry Street, Georges Street, The Back Street at the Old Court House, outside the Garda station, and Dunnes Stores across from Apple Green, this work is still ongoing.
- McGuinness Jetting were cleaning and jetting Newbridge Main Street, Pfizer Roundabout, Rosconnell estate, Piercetown, Liffey Hall, and Henry Street.

### Newbridge Surrounds

- Safety road signage at Martinstown Cross.
- Hedgecutting Ballysax, Cutbush.
- Surface dressing Christianstown.
- Preparing roads for surface dressing.
- Hedgecutting at Feighcullen.
- Patching Christianstown cul de sac and Rathbride to Kildare.
- Patching Ballysax.
- Hedgecutting Clongorey.
- Hedgecutting Allen area.

### Kilcullen

- Washing road signs. Grass cutting. Gully cleaning throughout the whole area.
- Replacing street furniture Kilcullen.
- Drainage work Cnoc na Greine Kilcullen.

The Report was noted.

**KN04/0723**

### **Update on 2023 LPT expenditure year to date**

Meetings Administrator apologised to the members that this was not circulated prior to the meeting and informed the members that he would circulate the LPT schedule after the meeting. Ms R



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Jackson informed the members if they had any queries regarding the LPT schedule they could email them in. Councillor Doyle suggested that the members could discuss their LPT at the next capital meeting.

The report was noted.

### KN05/0723

#### Residual LPT 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

Councillor T O'Dwyer proposed:

- €600 to go towards a Centenary Concert for the Curragh Command Band in St. Brigids Church 26 November.
- €13,000 to Kildare Newbridge Municipal District Office for the purpose of road safety works to be carried out in Kilcullen.

Councillor A Connolly proposed:

- €1,000 to Umeras Community Development for St. Brigid's Sculpture and Garden- prepare site and plant bulbs.
- €5,000 to Rathangan Tennis Club towards the laying of new surface on tennis courts.

Councillor Pender proposed:

- €1,000 to South Kildare Photography Club to support exhibitions throughout the county.

Councillor Heavey proposed:

- €3,000.00 to Clongorey District Association for an event on 19th August

**Resolved** on the proposals of Councillor T O'Dwyer, A Connolly C Pender and Heavey seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by all members that all the above allocations be approved.



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Councillor Pender declared conflict of interest for Item 5 as he is Director of Newbridge Family Resource centre. Councillor P O'Dwyer and Councillor Pender both left the room before Ms M Higgins addressed the members regarding 2020 LPT allocation for the proposal for Newbridge Family Resource Centre.

Ms M Higgins informed the members that previously in 2020 there was an €100,000 allocated to a youth project in Newbridge but drawdown never happened as no youth projects occurred and now she was asking the members to consider using the 2020 LPT monies for Newbridge Family Resource Centre as they have a project in place which sees the expansion of the centre to be able to provide more services for young people for instance childcare, counselling, homework groups, but they have fallen short and need this money to be able to secure €1 million from a national grant and Kildare County Council would be providing match funding €100,000.

The members raised the following Points:

- It would be a shame for the resource centre to lose the grant if this money wasn't allocated to them.
- It would be a great benefit to the centre and the community.
- Three years ago, this LPT money was allocated for a youth project, but no specific project occurred and now there was a project requiring support.
- The Family Resource Centre offered a vast range of services for all ages.
- There was a need to support community projects.
- What was the drawdown time?
- Had the resource centre gone back to check timeline constraints.
- Councillor Mc Loughlin Healy expressed concerns over due diligence and feasibility being carried out before the drawdown. She would support the motion once the council had provided a report and carried out due diligence.

Ms M Higgins informed the members and assured them that public grants and eTenders would not allow drawdown for grants without due diligence and everything being in order. The deadline was very tight. The project had to be completed and drawdown before the 2 September 2024 so a contractor would need to be contracted now to commence work.



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Following further debate the motion was put to the floor

**Resolved** on the proposals of Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer and agreed by a majority of the members that the LPT allocation of €100,000 be allocated to the Newbridge Family Resource Centre.

The Mayor informed Councillor Mc Loughlin Healy that her objections were noted and that due diligence would come.

### **KN06/0723**

#### **Floods Cross**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer  
That the council install junction definition poles at Floods Cross to alert drivers they are approaching a junction.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that as part of the planned upgrade to the junction works at this location, we agree to include definition poles to alert drivers they are approaching a junction.

Councillor P O'Dwyer asked the Municipal District Engineer what upgrades were planned? Ms B Cuddy informed the members that road resurfacing was going to happen at this location.

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

### **KN07/0723**

#### **Car park behind Newbridge Town Hall**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer  
That the council refresh the car park markings in the local authority car park behind Newbridge Town Hall.





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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Transportation Department are organising the refreshing of the car park markings. The works will be completed in due course.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that the back of the local authority car park had very faded lines and as a result people were getting tickets. She had taken photos and got a map of the carpark which did not match the layout of the carpark. This needed to be realigned and signs needed to be installed.

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

### **KN08/0723**

#### **Bus Shelter locations**

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

That the council identify and submit the following bus shelter locations for consideration by the National Transport Authority (NTA); Kinneagh Cross, Athgarvan Village and Main Street and Naas Road, Kilcullen.

The motion was proposed by Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor N Connolly

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a member of the Sustainable Transport Section will contact Councillor O'Dwyer to confirm the proposed locations. The 2023 Programme has been developed with the NTA and the proposed locations can be surveyed and considered as part of the 2024 Programme.

Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members that concerns were previously raised and there was only a perch as a waiting area for pedestrians waiting or disembarking from a bus. She felt that



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when it's a motion an appropriate response should be given. She also asked was the list of proposed locations already submitted and if so when. Councillor Duffy informed the members that his question for item 23 was of similar concerns and it was agreed with the NTA in 2017, six years ago that a bus stop would be installed and still nothing had been done. Mr K Dunne informed the members that he did not have the answers now but would circulate to all members when available. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor N Connolly that the report be noted.

### **KN09/0723**

#### **R448 Kilcullen**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer  
That the council install a single bollard on the path on the R448 for pedestrian safety as motorists are mounting the path to turn left for Athy and avoid the traffic backed up at Thompsons Cross, Kilcullen.

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 the Municipal District office agree to assess the request made and to revert to Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer with the outcome.

Councillor T O'Dwyer asked Ms B Cuddy to circulate the outcome to all the members.

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



**KN10/0723**

**Bus Service Newbridge Town to Maynooth University**

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

Go scríobhfadh comhaltaí an Cheantair Bhardasaigh chuig an Údarás Náisiúnta Iompair agus chuig aon chomhlacht iomchuí eile ag iarraidh orthu seirbhís bus díreach poiblí a sholáthar idir Baile an Droichead Nua agus Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ag amanna áisiúla do mhic léinn.

That the members of the municipal district write to the National Transport Authority and any other relevant body asking them to provide a public direct bus service between Newbridge Town and Maynooth University at convenient times for students.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that with the agreement of the members, The Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department will communicate with the National Transport Authority or relevant body.

Councillor N Connolly informed the members that James Stokes a student from Maynooth University that lives in Newbridge was in the public gallery as he had raised the concerns to him regarding the lack of bus services from Newbridge to Maynooth University. James along with other students must get up at ridiculous awkward hours to get a train and then a bus to get the college and the evenings can be longer due to traffic meaning they are not getting home until late and very tired by the time they arrive home.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by all the members that a letter be written by the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces Department to the National Transport Authority and that the report be noted.

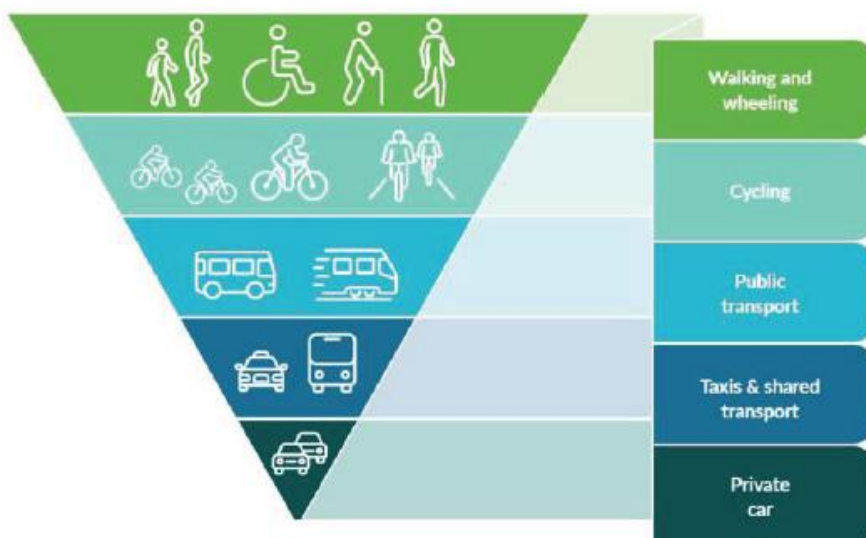
**KN11/0723**

**Green Road/Langton Road Junction**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Connolly  
Go ndéanfaidh Comhairle Contae Chill Dara imscrúdú ar sholáthar scagbhealaigh ar chlé ar Acomhal Bhóthar Glas/Bhóthar Langton leis an R445 ag Garáiste McLoughlin, chun saorshreabhadh tráchtá a éascú ón mBóthar Glas go dtí an R445, chun taisteal i dtreo an M7. That the council investigate the provision of a left hand filter route on the Green Road/Langton Road Junction with the R445 at McLoughlins Garage, to facilitate the free flow of traffic from the Green Road to the R445, in order to travel towards the M7.

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 increasing the capacity for vehicular traffic at signalised junctions is not supported by the policies set out in national and local documentation. In particular, the provision of dedicated left turning lanes for motorised vehicles can lead to an increased risk to vulnerable road users, in particular cyclists, due to the geometric layout of these facilities. Furthermore, widening of the carriageway for turning traffic would introduce longer or additional crossing points for pedestrians which conflicts with the Road User Hierarchy set out by the Department of Transport and National Transport Authority, as shown below.





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The members raised the following points:

- This junction was very busy with heavy load trucks.
- Other local authorities were happy to improve safety at junctions and help traffic flow.
- Buses were nearly always late due to the back up of traffic at this junction.
- Probably one of the busiest junctions in Newbridge
- Very frustrated, the members needed to meet with Mr D Hodgins to discuss practical options and to provide him with the list of areas where this had been achieved.

Councillor N Connolly had spoken to colleagues in Cork County Council who told him the Ballymaquirk Junction was to be upgraded to facilitate traffic volumes. Colleagues in Dublin County Council informed him that the Alfie Byrne Road junction in Clontarf was upgraded and expanded earlier this year to assist traffic flow, and that the junction at O'Devaney Gardens would also be upgraded.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by all members that a report on the above locations be sent to Mr D Hodgins and noted that the report was not accepted and this item was to remain on the progress report.

### **KN12/0723**

#### **Millbrook Road/Preston Brook, Rathangan.**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor A Connolly  
That the council carry out traffic calming/safety measures at Millbrook Road/Preston Brook, Rathangan.

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



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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 on our list for traffic calming assessments. It should be noted this is an extensive list.

Councillor A Connolly informed the members that this stretch of road was being used as a ring road to avoid heavy traffic. Safety measures needed to be put on this road.

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

### **KN13/0723**

#### **Duneany Cross**

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

That the council include Duneany Cross in next year's Low Cost Accident Scheme.

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 the Municipal District office agree to include the above location for consideration in our Low-cost Accident Schemes 2024.

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

### **KN14/0723**

#### **Taking in Charge the cul-de-sac road in Kilbelin**

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

That the council consider taking in charge the cul-de-sac road in Kilbelin which Kildare County Council built originally to access 4 houses built and allocated by the council.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office agree to assess this road and prepare a report – It should be noted that prior to any private roads being taken in charge, the road would need to be at a minimum of level nine on the PSCI.

Councillor Heavey informed the members that this area originally only had two houses and now there were thirteen and it was not taken in charge. He asked for clarification on PSCI? Ms B Cuddy informed the members that PSCI stood for Pavement Surface Condition Index which was the condition of a road and should be at a minimum of nine to be taking in charge anything less Kildare County Council cannot be taken in charge as they don't have the budget to bring it back up to standard. She said she would go out and check the condition of this road and report back and also said she would have no issue meeting with the residents to advise and specify what they would need to bring the road back to an appropriate standard.

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

### **KN15/0723**

#### **The Crescent, Newbridge**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Pender  
That the council add The Crescent, Newbridge to the next available program of works for footpaths and road works.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor Doyle  
A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the footpath Programme of works is tendered with budget fully expended for 2023 – We agree to include The Crescent, Newbridge for consideration as part of the 2024 footpath program of works.

Councillor Pender informed the members that it was very hard to tell the difference between the footpath and the road. Ms B Cuddy informed the members that it would be up for consideration for 2024 but also to maybe consider LPT funding.



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

**KN16/0723**

**Newbridge Naas Inter Urban Scheme**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Pender  
That the council provide an update on the Newbridge Naas Inter Urban Scheme including funding secured, funding sought and funding they are aware of.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an allocation of €100,000 was provided by the NTA to develop the option selection and preliminary design elements of this scheme. In early 2023, the NTA amended their requirements for all projects to include the provision of a rapid build/cost effective option report and this has been provided to the NTA for comment. Approval of this report is necessary before proceeding further with the design work. The next step for the scheme would be to develop a preliminary design for the scheme to present as part of a statutory public consultation process. Decisions on the allocation of funding in 2024 will not be made by the NTA for some time, however, the scheme remains on the County Council's work programme. Although separate sources of funding can be examined, it is unlikely that the scheme can be delivered outside the NTA Active Travel Funding Programme.

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

**KN17/0723**

**Old phone booths in Newbridge**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer  
Can the council confirm if there has been any update on the removal or reuse of the old phone booths in Newbridge?





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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is currently one planning application under appeal with An Bord Pleanála regarding the removal and reuse of phone booths in Newbridge.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that he was waiting to hear back as to whether the planning application was for all the phone booths in Newbridge or just one. He said as soon as he finds out he will let the members know.

The report was noted.

### **KN18/0723**

#### **Athgarvan Road**

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

Can the council confirm if it is considering the Athgarvan Road, from approximately the cemetery to beyond Walshestown Meadows, for resurfacing including manhole repairs, in the 2024 road works programme?

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 as part of our Restoration maintenance program 2024.

The report was noted.

### **KN19/0723**

#### **Thompsons Cross, Kilcullen**

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

Can the council provide a status update regarding the proposed safety works for Thompsons Cross, Kilcullen?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Thompsons Cross is on the first phase of junctions listed on the junction programme.



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Consultants have been appointed to the first five junctions (phase 1A) and are working on those. The tender has been issued for the second five junctions (Phase 1B) – which includes Thompson Cross.

It is expected that, subject to a successful tender process, that consultants will be appointed in Q3 of 2023 and will start the design process. This will determine the scope of works required which will further determine the funding process. What this means is that once a scheme design has been agreed - if that scheme simply recommends low-cost safety improvement works, then it will be referred to the Municipal District Engineer. Should the scheme recommend significant land acquisition / construction works it will be referred to DoT for further funding.

The report was noted.

### **KN20/0723**

#### **Public drinking fountain**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor N Connolly  
An bhfuil aon phlean ag Comhairle Contae Chill Dara scairdeán óil poiblí a chur ar fáil ag láthair atá áisiúil do scoileanna nó d'ionaid súgartha i Mainistir Eimhín?

Can the council confirm if there are any plans to provide a public drinking fountain at a location convenient to schools or playgrounds in Monasterevin?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that we are installing a drinking fountain in the new library in Naas as a pilot for our libraries countywide and others will be considered in due course depending on lessons learned and the local response.

Councillor N Connolly asked for clarification from Mr S Wallace on how much a drinking fountain would cost? Mr S Wallace informed the members that it could cost €2,500 for the unit then you have the installation, and the water consumption would be an extra cost. Councillor N Connolly said he would talk to Mr S Wallace offline and maybe looking at funding through LPT.

The report was noted.



**KN21/0723**

**883 Local Link route**

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

Can the council provide an update on the location and funding for bus stops on the 883 Local Link route between Athy and Newbridge as agreed since 2017.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a technical report on the Route 883 (Athy-Newbridge) was submitted to the NTA in December. The report included a range of potential stop locations on the route where site specific designs were sought so that they could be reviewed and approved. To date, no designs for stops along the route have been provided by the NTA. The route is included on the NTA's national Connecting Ireland list, but construction is not expected until at least the 2024 programme.

Councillor Duffy informed the members he would bring this issue with NTA forward as a motion to full council. They had looked for €18 million last year and only received €9 million, more funding was needed from the NTA. He suggested that the members have a meeting amongst themselves to discuss NTA issues.

The report was noted.

**KN22/0723**

**Monasterevin Active Travel and Safer Routes to School Part 8**

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

Can the council provide an update on the Monasterevin Active Travel and Safer Routes to School Part 8?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority has reviewed the draft design for the scheme and amendments have been prepared. Changes to the necessary approval documentation, as set out in the Project Approvals Guidelines (PAGs), are being undertaken as well with a view to bringing the scheme forward to public consultation in Q4 2023, subject to NTA approval. Funding to



progress the scheme through the detailed design and construction phases is unlikely to be available in 2024.

The report was noted.

**KN23/0723**

**Maintenance of planters**

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

Can the council outline who is responsible for the maintenance of the planters installed around the town by either the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team or the Municipal District Office?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that following the recent restructuring of directorates, the Transportation, Mobility and Open Spaces Directorate has taken over responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of these works. A process is being put in place to address this issue. There is no maintenance contract associated with the installation of the planters installed in Newbridge. The Strategic Projects Public Realm team are responsible for the delivery of projects and the maintenance element will fall to the Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces department, with provision to be made in next year's Budget.

Councillor Pender informed the members that there seemed to be no engagement with community for supports since and there was no budget for it to be maintained since the planters were installed almost two years ago. Mr S Wallace informed the members that Kildare County Council are looking at putting in for a budget for maintenance of the planters.

The report was noted.

**KN24/0723**

**Millfield Manor, Newbridge**

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

Can the council confirm in detail what infrastructure in Millfield Manor, Newbridge has been Taken in Charge?



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A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members that the surface water network, public lighting, foul network, watermain and public open spaces contained within the Taking in Charge boundary were taken in charge at Millfield Manor, Newbridge.

The report was noted.

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#### Section 254 applications

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

Further to my question at last month's Municipal District meeting can the council provide a list in tabular form of all Section 254 applications in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District over the past three years, including active applications and those in the planning/assessment phase. The table should include the location, license description, expiration date (if applicable), and the responsible individual/department for enforcement?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that report was attached containing the requested information for Section 254 applications for the past three years in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District. Please note, all Section 254 applications are recorded on our public mapping system, <http://webgeo.kildarecoco.ie/planningenquiry#>

On receipt of complaints regarding Section 254 licences, procedures are in place to manage enforcement of the licence between the Planning Department and the Municipal District office.

**Table 2**

**App No. Application Name Type Location Received Date Decision Licence Expiry date**

App No.	Application Name	Type	Location	Received Date	Decision	Licence Expiry date
576	Sheebridge construction	scaffolding	Charlotte St/Eyre St, Newbridge	04/02/2020	Deemed withdrawn	
577	Stephen McGreal	scaffolding	George St.,Newbridge	27/02/2020	Granted	25/05/2020
578	Wayne Malone	Finger Post Sign	Barraderra, Monasterevin	30/03/2020	Granted	07/12/2023
599	Firecastle lane	Outdoor Seating	Market Square, Kildare Town	14/08/2020	Granted	31/12/2021
598	Hartes of Kildare	Outdoor Seating	Market Square, Kildare Town	14/08/2020	Granted	31/12/2021
600	Tanya Doyle T/a Agape	Outdoor Seating	Station Road, Kildare town	18/08/2020	Deemed withdrawn	



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602	John & Clare Bradbury	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	24/08/2020	Granted	21/10/2021
606	Jacinta Kenna	Scaffolding	Main Street, Monasterevin	08/09/2020	Deemed withdrawn	
609	Simply Square Ltd, Square Coffee	Outdoor Seating	Market Square, Kildare Town	05/10/2020	Granted	31/12/2021
610	Insomnia Coffee Company	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	07/10/2020	Granted	31/12/2021
611	P & S Early Construction Ltd	Scaffolding	Whelan Street, Monasterevin	15/10/2020	Granted	04/01/2020
621	Anthony Quinn C/o QDC Builders Ltd	Scaffolding	The Barracks, Newbridge	06/01/2021	Granted	09/03/2021
619	Barbara Fonzo	Scaffolding	Main Street, Monasterevin	06/01/2021	Granted	29/03/2021
627	Mary Kathryn Morrissey	Outdoor Seating	Academy Street, Kildare Town	20/04/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
628	Johnsons Liffey Arms	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	22/04/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
638	Brian Flanagan C/o Silken Thomas	Outdoor Seating	Kildare Town	04/05/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
636	Vivian Carroll T/A Judge Roy Beans	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	04/05/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
639	The Kilcullen Spout	Outdoor Seating	Kilcullen	07/05/2021	Refused	
640	Mark Daly	Hoarding	Market Square, Kildare Town	10/05/2021	Granted	28/08/2021
644	Strong's Café & Bistro	Outdoor Seating	Kildare Town	12/05/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
645	Vivian Carroll T/A Edward Harrigan & Sons	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	12/05/2021	Granted	30/06/2021 31/12/2021
647	Elizabeth Moran C/o Golden Fry Takeaway Café	Outdoor Seating	Monasterevin	19/05/2021	Refused	
652	Peter Gibbons C/o Top Nolans	Outdoor Seating	Kildare Town	28/05/2021	Granted	27/10/2021
659	Emma Spain C/o Brú House	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	11/06/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
658	Emma Spain C/o Ubh Café	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	11/06/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
666	Trent Ronne	Outdoor Seating	Eyre Street, Newbridge	01/07/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
671	Marbelam Ltd. C/o Whipped Coffee & Ice Cream Parlour	Outdoor Seating	Market Square, Kildare Town	16/07/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
673	Thomastown Developments Ltd.	Scaffolding	Market Square, Kildare Town	03/08/2021	Granted	22/12/2021



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674	Knockout Taverns Ltd.	Scaffolding	Kicullen	04/08/2021	Granted	13/01/2022
680	Brendan O'Rourke C/o O'Rourkes Bar	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	24/08/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
686	On Tower Ireland Ltd.	Pole & Cabinet	Knocksough Glebe, Kildare	14/10/2021	Granted	04/04/2027
687	Tom + Alice Delaney	Finger Post Sign	J14, Monasterevin	18/10/2021	Granted	18/11/2023
688	Anna Kurpanik	Skip Bag	Thomas Street, Newbridge	22/10/2021	Withdrawn	
691	Sitaaray	Planters	Market Square, Kildare Town	27/10/2021	Granted	31/12/2021
693	National Broadband Ireland DAC (2021KD1165)	Poles & Fibre Optic cables	Kildare - Newbridge MD	15/11/2021	Granted	10/12/2046
695	Joseph Lawler	Scaffolding	Bardon Court, Kiccullen	16/11/2021	Granted	16/03/2022
697	JSD Contracting Ltd.	Hoarding	Market Square, Kildare Town	14/12/2021	Granted	Jul-22
701	Vantage Towers Limited	Cable/Wire	Newbridge (Curragh Grange)	21/12/2021	Refused	
698	Vantage Towers	Cable/Wire	Newbridge (Athgarvan Road)	22/12/2021	Granted	11/05/2027
703	Peppard Investments Limited	Scaffolding	Eyre Street, Newbridge	25/01/2022	Granted	29/03/2022
718	Top Nolan's Pub	Outdoor Seating	Kildare Town	23/03/2022	Granted	27/10/2022
720	Firecastle Lane Ltd.	Outdoor Seating	Market Square, Kildare Town	24/03/2022	Granted	31/12/2022
721	Harte's Of Kildare	Outdoor Seating	Market Square, Kildare Town	24/03/2022	Deemed withdrawn	
722	Brendan O'Rourke C/o O'Rourkes Bar	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	28/03/2022	In progress	
732	Insomnia Coffee Company (Newbridge)	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	01/04/2022	Granted	31/12/2022
739	National Broadband Ireland DAC (2022KE0396)	Cable/Wire	Kildare - Newbridge MD	01/04/2022	Granted	06/05/2022
735	National Broadband Ireland DAC (2022KE0398)	Cable/Wire	Kildare - Newbridge MD	01/04/2022	Granted	06/05/2047
740	Vivian Carroll C/o Edward Harrigan & Sons	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	01/04/2022	Granted	31/12/2022
741	Vivian Carroll C/o Judge Roy Beans	Outdoor Seating	Newbridge	01/04/2022	Granted	31/12/2022



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733	Cleary Doyle Construction Ltd.	Scaffolding	Charlotte House, Newbridge	06/04/2022	Granted	26/08/2022
744	Marbelam Ltd.	Outdoor Seating	Market Square, Kildare Town	07/04/2022	Granted	31/12/2022
752	National Broadband Ireland DAC (2022KE0443)	Cable/Wire	Kildare - Newbridge MD	14/04/2022	Granted	06/05/2047
754	Fitzpatrick's New Lodge	Finger Post Sign	J14, Monasterevin	04/05/2022	Granted	18/08/2024
757	J.H. Fitzpatrick Ltd.	Finger Post Sign	J14, Monasterevin	04/05/2022	Granted	18/08/2024
751	Mary-Kathryn Deli	Outdoor Seating	Academy Street, Kildare Town	05/05/2022	Granted	31/12/2022
777	Civic Integrated Solution Ltd.	Scaffolding	Cutlery Road, Newbridge	25/08/2022	Granted	07/12/2022
786	Leinster Property Management Ltd.	Scaffolding	Fairview Cottages, Kildare Town	20/12/2022	Granted	20/01/2023
791	Belgrave Contracting Ltd	Hoarding	Green Road, Newbridge	10/02/2023	Granted	02/11/2023
795	Shoretip Ltd.	Hoarding	Rooske Lodge, Rickardstown	10/02/2023	In progress	
793	Fluffy Paws Doggie Daycare	Fingerpost Sign	L2023, L2032 & Kilcullen road roundabout Naas	15/03/2023	Refused	
794	McTernans Pub	Outdoor Seatint	The Square, Kilcullen	28/03/2023	In progress	
796	Raymond Conlan	Hoarding	Bridge St., Rathangan	28/03/2023	Granted	02/05/2024
797	Karolina Malecka	Scaffolding	Astral House, Newbridge	19/04/2023	Granted	07/07/2023
569	Signal Infrastructure	Pole	Grey Abbey, Kildare town	03/05/2023	Granted	07/06/2026

The report was noted.

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#### Osberstown Water Treatment Facility

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

That the council write to Uisce Eireann to seek clarification and update on the temporary closure of Osberstown Water Treatment Facility for receiving septic tank waste from rural housing.

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





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A report was received from the Water Services Department informing the members that this is a matter for the members to consider and agree. The members may wish to contact Uisce Eireann directly via their dedicated email support address at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or by phoning 0818178178.

The members raised the following points:

- Made contact directly with Uisce Eireann and had no response.
- No clarification or communication to discuss why the treatment plant was closed.
- Contractors had to drive Ringsend to dispose of the waste now which was further distance.
- It seems Uisce Eireann were not taking Councillors emails too seriously.
- Making it impractical for owners of septic tanks and could lead to bad practice if not addressed or resolved.

The members agreed to write to Uisce Eireann to seek clarification and an update on the temporary closure of Osbertowns Water Treatment Plant and to include a final line they were amenable to meeting at full council with senior members of Uisce Eireann if this was possible.

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

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#### St Evins Cemetery, Monasterevin

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor N Connolly  
An féidir leis an gComhairle breac-chuntas a thabhairt ar oibreacha atá le déanamh i Reiligí laistigh den Cheantar Bardasach i mbliana, lena n-áirítear nuashonrú ar Bhalla Columbarium i Reilig Naomh Evin, Mainistir Eimhín?

Can the council outline works to be carried out in cemeteries within the municipal district this year, including an update on the columbarium wall in St Evins Cemetery, Monasterevin?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Works in cemeteries within the Kildare Newbridge municipal district this year:



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- New Columbarium Wall currently planned for Newbridge. (Others in Athy and Leixlip). Plans for a wall in Monasterevin will be subject to available funding. There are plans for footpath maintenance works to be carried out in Monasterevin over the summer.

There are also ongoing discussions relating to an extension to the existing cemetery in Monasterevin.

- Columbarium Wall completed in Rathangan
- Resurfacing of carpark at Newbridge St. Conleth's
- Kildare Town Cemetery, removal of trees. Subject to funding approval.
- Barretstown Cemetery, removal of hazardous trees.

For information, works on Allen Cemetery extension are due to commence in July.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.