



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 21 June 2023
in the Council Chamber**

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

Remote Attendance: Councillor F McLoughlin Healy

Officials Present: Mr K Kavanagh (A/District Manager), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Mr B Murnane (Executive Engineer) Mr S Deegan (Senior Engineer), Ms R Jackson (LPT Co-Ordinator), Ms S Barry (Administrative Officer), Ms E Uí Fhatharta (Senior Planner) Ms K O'Malley (Acting Staff Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Ms P Barrett (Assistant Arts Office), J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms KA O'Brien (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor Pender proposed a suspension of Standing Orders for 15 minutes to allow the meeting to commence at 10:15 a.m., seconded by Councillor N Connolly and agreed by all members that standing orders be suspended for 15 minutes.

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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 N Connolly declared an interest regarding Item 38 for Lackagh Cemetery and the Meetings Administrator declared an interest regarding Item 38 for Caragh Cemetery.



KN02/0623

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, 17 May 2023 be taken as read and the progress report be noted.

KN03/0623

Municipal District Road Works

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

Road Resurfacing Works:

Restoration Improvements works are now complete at the following locations:

- Standhouse Road
- Ballykelly
- Ellistown
- Milltown
- Kilmoney

The Municipal District office has completed their first week of Restoration Maintenance works at the following locations:

- Springfield/ Thomastown
- Mooretown
- Punchersgrange
- Coolnafearagh



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LPT:

The tender had been awarded for LPT works at the following locations:

- Campion Crescent, Kildare Town
- Dara Park, Kildare town
- Carna, Suncroft
- Pairc Mhuire, Newbridge
- Moorefield Drive, Newbridge
- Bishop Rogan Park, Kilcullen
- Tougher Grove, Monasterevin
- Little Cow Pasture, Monasterevin
- St Patrick's Terrace, Newbridge
- Millbrook Road, Rathangan

NTA:

- Works on Green Road are continuing, widening of footpaths, provision of pedestrian crossing and road overlay.

Miscellaneous Works:

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- Hedge/ verge cutting commenced in May and the areas completed so far are: Ballykelly Cross, Ballykelly Road, Cowpasture Road- Brocan Wood, Barraderra/ Hybla junctions, Nags Head pedestrian cross, Barraderra- Rathangan, junction at Kildare Farm Foods, Cherryville Cross, and in preparation for the surface dressing- Thomastown East, Mooretown, Ballalley Cross- New Distillery, Coolnafearagh.
- Drainage works were undertaken at Thomastown, Mooretown, Coolnafearagh and Ballykelly in preparation for surface dressing. McGuinness Jetting serviced Maryville Estate, Drogheda Court, St Evins Park.



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- Old worn road signage was replaced in various locations including, speed limit signs on the R401 Kildare to Rathangan, 2 new junction signs on the R401, new traffic lights ahead sign on the R401, new stop sign R401.
- New 60kph speed limit signs on the R415, new traffic lights ahead signs on the Dunmurry Road, new dangerous bend sign on the Friarstown Road L3003, new cross roads sign at Thomastown Cross, 2 new junction sign on the Friarstown L3003, 50kph Speed limit signs on the R415, new stop sign on the Southgreen Road R401. New dangerous bends ahead sign on the Southgreen R401, new dangerous bend sign on the R401 at Rahilla, new Junction sign at Kilmoney South, old rusted signs removed at Rathbride. Chevron signs erected at a dangerous bend on the L3003, new ramp ahead sign on the R413, new junction sign at Gallaghers Cross Rathangan.
- Footpath Works: Leinster Walk, Kildare Town.

Newbridge

- Repaired trip hazards on Newbridge Main Street sunken cobble outside AIB Bank, loose tactile pavement outside Newbridge Garda Station were relayed.
- We replaced old plastic auca ducts outside Bradbury, and repaired concrete around a fire hydrant on Newbridge Main Street.
- Dug up section of George's Lane to repair road surface, removed three concrete flowerpots and small section of concrete and replaced this with some topsoil to clean up the area.
- Jetted Gullies in College Farm.
- Stump removal cleared site and grading at Morrystown Cross "The Oaks" we then lay 80t of topsoil and sowed grass seed creating a new grass verge leading up to Morrystown lights improving visibility.
- Sweeper on Sexton Bridge swept both sides of the bridge, oil spill clean-up in Kilbelin housing estate.
- Hedge cutter was in cutting grass verges on all roads and junctions in and around the Newbridge Municipal District.



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- Replaced and repaired concrete fences at College Farm "The Lane" to deter anti-social behaviour.
- Pothole repairs on Blackberry Lane.
- Erected no dumping signs on Francis Street, Rambler Court and lane connecting backstreet to Dominic's Park.

- Repaired benches outside Penny's and tightened all benches on Newbridge Main Street.
- Weeded Main Street, back street, and all lanes in Newbridge Town.
- Litter picking and emptying bins in Newbridge and Suncroft.

Kilcullen

- Pothole repairs. Brannockstown - Ardenode. Green Avenue. Gormanstown-Giltown. Park Lane. Ladytown junction.
- Grass-cutting at junctions and around road signage.
- Preparation work for surface dressing.

Newbridge Surrounds

- Drain cleaning at Blacktrench.
- Sign cleaning repair and replacing at Kinneagh Athgarvan, Blacktrench and Barrettstown.
- Road edge repairs Hill of Allen after water burst.
- Patching Tully area, Blacktrench Road and Cut Bush.
- Preparation work for surface dressing.

The members raised the following points:

- The road surface along the Rathangan/ Ellistown Road and Ballykelly had loose chippings, when would this be rectified.
- How long after the road resurfacing would the line markings be completed.



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The Executive Engineer informed the members that road resurfacing is a two-phase process, the stone chippings are applied to the road surface then a few days later when it has settled the road is swept to remove loose chippings. It would be towards the end of July for the line markings to be done as it was hoped to complete this work all at once when all roads had been resurfaced. The report was noted.

KN04/0623

Venue for the Annual Meeting

The Meetings Administrator advised members that the Council Chamber would be closed for July's Municipal District monthly meeting. He informed them that the Newbridge Town Hall was unavailable, but the MERITS building was available and had a sufficient size room to hold the meeting in with remote access also available. Councillor Pender had suggested the Newbridge Business Centre but was informed that there was no budget for an outside venue. Councillor R Power proposed that the Annual Meeting for Kildare Newbridge Municipal District be held on Wednesday 19 July at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Municipal District Meeting at 10:30 a.m. This was seconded by Councillor Doyle

Resolved on the proposals of Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by all members that the venue for the annual meeting and July's Municipal District meeting be held in the MERITS building.

KN05/0623

Residual LPT 2021, 2022 and 2023

Councillor Heavey proposed:

- €5,000 to go towards Ryston Group in Newbridge for the erection of a garden to commemorate Eric Rigby-Jones.

This was seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Councillor P O'Dwyer proposed:

- €500 to Caragh Tidy Towns - Project Biodiversity Actions



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This was seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Councillor Pender proposed:

- €2,400 to Community First Responders for Purchase of Equipment
- €3,000 to Newbridge Family Resource Centre - Singing for wellbeing.

Councillor Pender declared conflict of interest for Newbridge Family Resource Centre.

This was seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer.

Councillor T O'Dwyer proposed:

- €5,000 to the Parks Department to carry out some landscaping works and the installation of a fence in Allenvue Heights Estate, Newbridge.

This was seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Councillor Doyle proposed:

- €1,500 to the Street Lighting Department for the lights in Dara Park, Kildare.

This was seconded by Councillor A Connolly.

Resolved on the proposals of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Pender and agreed by all members that all the above allocations be approved.

KN06/0623

Roads Capital Projects

Mr S Deegan gave a presentation to the Members on Roads Capital Projects.

The members raised the following points:

- Would the CPO for Newhall due in August happen then?
- What would happen with the illegal encampments at Ballyfarm and Lidl?
- Were noise mitigation measures being used in the Newhall area?
- What impact does Climate mitigation have on the delivery of the projects?
- Were all landowners written to about the CPO for Newhall?



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- Has the second bridge for Newbridge application gone to An Bord Pleanála?
- What are the plans to have Rail Stations as part of a hub for sustainable transport?
- Have the works for Thompsons Cross been submitted for Tender?
- Permeability – future presentation - Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)
- Newbridge Southern Outer Orbital Relief Road (NSORR) – TIC. Nature based solutions.
- Newbridge Short Hop
- EV Charging – statutory
- As-built Survey in relation to NSORR

Mr S Deegan informed the members that the application for Newhall Junction is with An Bord Pleanála and once a decision has been made the works will go to tender. Kildare County Council are working with Ballyfarm and Lidl and the team is ready to reinspect the area from Great Connell to Lidl regarding the Taking in Charge of that section of road. In this regard as-built surveys have been submitted to the Council. The second bridge in Newbridge is a standalone planning application which is currently at further information stage. In relation to Thompson Cross and the junction programme, The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) advised that all new competitions are to be run on a new eTender platform from Monday 22 May 2023. The transition process will take time and the Thompson Cross design will go to tender once this migration has taken place. The idea of hubs for sustainable transport are being considered through conditioning certain planning applications as may be appropriate. Further Climate Action objectives will be implemented through nature-based solutions during project design. The Newbridge Short Hop is a matter for Irish Rail in the first instance. The provision of Permeability is a policy of the Council, and the ABTAs will provide a strong basis for proposed permeability. The first round consultation of the Newbridge ABTA (incl permeability objectives) will be presented to members later in the year. EV charging is built into all planning permissions now. The report was noted.

KN07/0623

Taxi Rank in Kildare Town

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



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Go n-athshuiteálann Comhairle Contae Chill Dara stad tacsaithe i lár Bhaile Chill Dara
That Kildare County Council reinstall a taxi rank in the centre of Kildare Town.

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 this will be considered under the review of the Kildare Town bye laws.

The members raised the following points:

- Did the review of byelaws have to be completed first?
- Concerns raised in relation to utilising taxi ranks.
- Could the taxi ranks be shared with loading bays or park at different times?

Mr D Hodgins informed the members that the review of byelaws had to be completed first.

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

KN08/0623

Bus connection Train Station to Kildare Village Retail Outlet

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Connolly
Go gcomhfhreagraíonn Comhairle Contae Chill Dara le Luach Miondíola ag iarraidh orthu an nasc bus a athbhunú ó stáisiún traenach Chill Dara go dtí Asraon Miondíola Sráidbhaile Chill Dara
That this council correspond with Value Retail asking them to restore the bus connection from the Kildare Train Station to Kildare Village Retail Outlet.

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 this is a matter for the members to agree.



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Councillor N Connolly informed members that before COVID the bus service ran from Kildare train station to Kildare Village Retail Outlet and also to the Japanese Gardens. He thought this was part of their planning conditions but was unable to confirm this. He felt that by writing to Value Retail it would be beneficial.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by all members that a letter issue to Value Retail and that the report be noted.

KN09/0623

Square in Kilcullen

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer
That following on from site investigations, the council proceed without further delay with the installation of an island traffic safety measure at the entrance to the Square in Kilcullen to mitigate against vehicles mounting the bridge path putting pedestrians at risk.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request is being reviewed at present between the Municipal District office and Public Realm, we will revert with a report as soon as it is available.

Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members that there had been a number of accidents in the last two months three to be precise. The most recent accident at the bridge knocked the wall out while pedestrians were on the bridge and children were going to school. Councillor O'Dwyer mentioned that she had met with the engineer at the site in question to look at making this safer for public. She believes this needed to be progressed quickly as three warnings was enough.

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



KN10/0623

Roundabout at Newhall

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer
That the council consider some road safety measures at the roundabout at Newhall in light of the delay with the CPO in the development of this junction?

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is no delay on the CPO as such – however, things are taking a while in An Bord Pleanála. The project is designed and ready to go pending the CPO, therefore interim measures are not envisaged at this time.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that she felt it was dangerous and requested that grass be cut as this would make a small difference for the moment.

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

KN11/0623

Disabled Bays in Kildare town

Councillor Doyle informed the meeting that she accepted the report.

KN12/0623

Solar compactor bins

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Pender
That the council seek sponsorship from businesses on Main Street, Newbridge for the installation of sponsored solar compactor bins.

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



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the provision of solar compactor bins is an issue that is currently under review. All appropriate funding mechanisms will be considered in this respect.

Councillor Pender suggested to the members that approaching retailers where there are litter hotspots could be an idea.

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

KN13/0623

Cluain Aileann Estate to Newtown Cross

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

That the council put in place traffic calming measures at Tully West, Kildare - namely from Cluain Aileann Estate to Newtown Cross.

The motion was proposed by Councillor A Connolly and seconded by Councillor N Heavey

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is an element of traffic calming in the form of a raised pedestrian crossing included in the developers works, once these works are completed, we can re-assess.

Councillor A Connolly informed the members that there were over 100 houses in this area and seemed to be a lot of speeding and would this be revisited when developed. Mr B Murnane clarified to the members that it would be reviewed in 2024.

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

KN14/0623

Bike Rack in Rathangan

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

That the council put in place a bike rack for parking in Rathangan.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council do not have any National Transport Authority (NTA) funding for works in Rathangan.

Councillor A Connolly informed the members that there was nowhere to park bikes and she would speak to Mr D Hodgins offline. She asked if there had been cycle racks put into any other areas and were they expensive to install. Mr D Hodgins informed the members that the NTA had funded bike racks for community centres, schools and clubs but they didn't get any additional funding. Councillor A Connolly's motion can be revisited if the funding becomes available. The bike racks are not expensive, but installation could be expensive, so such projects were grouped together. The accessibility for pedestrians using bike racks also needed to be looked at when considering a location.

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

KN15/0623

Sustainable Transport

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heavey
That the council outline Sustainable Transport options to connect the communities of Caragh, Clongorey District and Tankardsgarden to the self sustaining town of Newbridge.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Local Link has recently launched their new 821 Route which offers a bus service from the Sallins and Naas Train Station to Newbridge, with new stops located in the village of Caragh. The Council has contacted Local Link with regards to any future plans to extend their service routes to the districts of Clongorey and Tankardstown and are awaiting an update.



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Councillor Heavey informed the members he welcomed the report. He said he recalled that there was a plan mentioned at a previous meeting linking Linear Park as far as Tankardsgarden and this should be looked at again. Councillor Power informed the members that the report shown should read 'Tankardsgarden' not 'Tankardstown'.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Heavey and seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by all members that the report be noted.

KN16/0623

No HGV sign at Cloncurry and Cappanargid

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

That the council erect a 'No HGV' sign at Cloncurry and Cappanargid, Rathangan in order to divert lorries away from Glenaree Bridge.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Stafford 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 erect a sign to advise there is a narrow bridge ahead.

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

KN17/0623

Feighcullen, Rathangan

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

That the council resurface the road at Feighcullen, Rathangan which borders the townland of Drumsru.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location is not included in the 2023 roads program.



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

KN18/0623

Traffic lights

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor N Connolly
An féidir leis an gComhairle seiceamhú na dtrí shraith soilse tráchta ar Bhóthar Mhainistir Eimhín, Cill Dara a scrúdú, go háirithe na soilse ag an acomhal le Lána Pigeon agus ag Tesco, i bhfianaise líon na miontimpistí bóthair ag an láthair seo?

Can the council confirm if they have examined the sequencing of the three sets of traffic lights on the Monasterevin Road, Kildare, particularly at the junction with Pigeon Lane and at Tesco, in light of the number of minor road traffic accidents at this location?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Traffic Management Section has reviewed the operation and sequencing of the three set traffic signals on the Monasterevin Road, Kildare. All traffic signal heads are visible, the inter-green/safety timings are considered appropriate, and sequencing/staging are compliant with requirements and guidelines for traffic signals. It should be noted that all traffic signals in the County are linked to and communicate with fault monitoring systems in the Traffic Management Centre (TMC), these systems are checked by staff in the TMC daily. All traffic signal installations in the County are also routinely inspected by our maintenance contractor as part of our annual maintenance program.

Councillor N Connolly asked if the traffic lights were part of the SCOOT system? Councillor Doyle informed the members that she had made an observation that there was no feeder light for turning left at the set of traffic lights on the Monasterevin road coming from Kildare town to turn down to Kildare Village and wondered would this help. Mr D Hodgins informed the members that the traffic lights in question were not part of the SCOOT system but were on the MOVA system and was set at the most efficient time control and reacted to vehicles.

The report was noted.



KN19/0623

Path from Belin Woods to the Linear Park

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

Can the council confirm if there has been a delay in the time frame for the completion of the connectivity path from Belin Woods to the Linear Park?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the road opening application has been submitted and works are imminent.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that she would be looking forward to seeing it open.

The report was noted.

KN20/0623

Pedestrian link from Kildare Retail Outlet Village to Kildare town

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

Can the council provide a progress report with projected timelines for delivery of a new pedestrian link from Kildare Retail Outlet Village to Kildare town?

A report was received from Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that While discussions with various landowners are at the very early stages, it is premature to estimate a projected timeline for the delivery of the pedestrian link from Kildare Retail Outlet Village to Kildare Town.

The report was noted.

KN21/0623

Castlemartin/Sunnyhill Estate in Kilcullen

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

Can the council confirm if it has listed the yield and stop road markings in the Castlemartin/Sunnyhill Estate in Kilcullen for repainting in the 2023 works programme?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that line marking is extremely expensive and carried out on a priority basis. There are a number of main roads that require marking, housing estates fall low on the priority list, if funding is available, we will include for consideration.

The report was noted.

KN22/0623

Footpath repairs in Newbridge

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

Can the council outline when footpath repairs in Newbridge will take place, particularly on Cutlery Road and near the Post Office?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there is no planned footpath repair works at these locations.

Councillor Power informed the members that this was highlighted to him by a disability group and that in his opinion this was not an acceptable answer to say there is no plans to repair. How did the process work?

The report was noted.

Items 23 and 31 were taken together.

KN23/0623

Sign maintenance

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

Can the council outline the procedure and ongoing process for sign maintenance within the municipal district area including the replacement or cleaning of the black and white sleeves?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this is part of the Municipal District routine maintenance. Works are subject to staff availability and budgets.

The report was noted.

KN31/0623

Signage policy

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

That the council implement and enforce Kildare County Council's Signage policy throughout the town of Newbridge

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

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that an audit of all signage in the town would be required to identify any unauthorised signage. It should be noted that certain exemptions are permitted for signage as per the Exempted Development Schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), specifically Class 16 and 16A. Kildare County Councils Community Wardens will enforce signage policy as appropriate.

The members raised the following points:

- Since COVID there were unauthorised signs causing issues
- Was the signage policy being enforced.
- Passed signs on numerous occasions knowing that they were not used anymore due to businesses closing.
- Could an audit system for signs be developed.
- Could a planning reference number be put on all signs when licences were issued to be able to audit them.

Councillor Pender informed the members he would speak to the Planning Department offline about this issue.



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

KN24/0623

Footpath from the Nursing Home to the Community Field in Suncroft

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

Can the council confirm if it has carried out an investigation on the possibility of putting in place a footpath from the Nursing Home to the Community Field in Suncroft?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that There is no available budget for these works in 2023.

Councillor A Connolly informed the members that in 2021 she was told this would be taken into consideration in 2022 so she is hopeful that it might be in 2024.

The report was noted.

KN25/0623

Art McMurrrough Hill/Centra Supermarket, Curragh Camp.

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

Can the council confirm if it has received any communication from the Department of Defence on the matter of carrying out safety measures at the junction at the bottom of Art McMurrrough Hill/Centra Supermarket, Curragh Camp.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that further to discussion with Councillor Anne Connolly, it is agreed to arrange a site meeting at a time that will suit both parties.

The report be noted.



KN26/0623

Cedarwood Park, Newbridge

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Heavey
Can the council outline its programme to provide adequate parking facilities for residents of Cedarwood Park, Newbridge?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the provision of parking is a matter for the Area Office to consider. However, the Parks Section would not be in favour of trees or open space being removed to facilitate additional parking.

Councillor Heavey informed the members that he noted Mr S Wallace's report but thought that the residents should be consulted on this issue and should be considered. He accepted budget constraints.

The report was noted.

KN27/0623

Bus shelter at Cross and Passion School, Kilcullen

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy
Can the council clarify the estimated timeline for delivery of the bus shelter at Cross and Passion School, Kilcullen?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Planning permission was granted on 22 May 2023 by the Council to the Board of Management of Cross and Passion College for the demolition of their existing school building and the phased construction of new school buildings. As part of the granted planning permission, the applicant was conditioned to construct a bi-directional cycle lane along the frontage of the R448 and a recessed bus stop. It is proposed to relocate the existing bus stop opposite the filling station to this location as part of the applicant's construction works.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy informed the members that she would like clarification on a timeline. Mr D Hodgins informed the members that there was no timeline at present. There were two



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options for the position of the bus shelter, and nothing would be approved until both were considered and the best option chosen. Councillor McLoughlin Healy indicated that the two options should have been included in the report.

The report was noted.

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Old Road, Southgreen, Kildare

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

Can the council furnish an update on the proposals to surface dress the Old Road, Southgreen, Kildare?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that This road is not included in the 2023 roads programme. The Municipal District office can include for consideration in the 2024 programme.

Councillor Stafford informed the members that this had been on the agenda for some time now. The report was noted.

Items 29 and 32 were taken together.

KN29/0623

Social Housing Athgarvan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy
That the council clarify in detail the reasons for the delay in delivery of the social housing approved beside Mountain View at Athgarvan to include a history of negotiations/discussions with state department and with private landowners/ developers for whom the social housing development and the building of access routes have relevance, clarifying who benefits and/or pays for the new road.



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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the reasons for the delay was due primarily to the pandemic, Ukraine war and consequent price inflation factors.

This project was tendered three times, with details of approval process outlined below.

The first application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage (DHLGH) for the development at Mountain View, Athgarvan in March 2020. This is a four-stage process and stage 4 approval issued from the Department in April 2020. The pandemic occurred at the time of stage 4 approval, the tenderer was requested to include for the COVID Protocol in their tender at no increased cost, which they didn't agree. This resulted in the tender being cancelled. The second application was submitted to the DHLGH in April 2021 and the approval was received in May 2021. The successful tender sought increased costs due to construction cost inflation and subsequently withdrew their tender. KCC proceeded to engage with the remaining, but none would stand over their tenders.

The third application was submitted to the DHLGH in September 2022, the approval was received in October 2022. The project has now commenced on site.

There were negotiation and discussion with the adjacent landowners to provide access to residential zoned lands and agree costs for increase scope of works to the road. Both Kildare County Council and the adjacent landowners benefit from the new design. There is no cost to Kildare County Council for the revised road layout.

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Residentially zoned land Athgarvan

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy

That the council clarify whether the council owned land, sold to a private individual in 2019, to facilitate the building of homes, not yet delivered is also potentially a route of access to residentially zoned land currently on the market.

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



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A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that any proposals on adjoining lands and access to these will be considered on their own merits during the planning application process, if and when an application is received.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy informed the members that she was not happy with the reports as she felt her motions were not answered correctly. She sought clarification on what the delay was and the delay between 2018 to 2020. She hoped that Kildare County Council did not carry the cost of the private road. She also asked for clarification on who benefited from the new road.

Ms S Barry informed the members that the delay in 2020 was due to the tender being cancelled on the advice of the Department and the second tender withdrew so a third tender was issued. Ms S Barry told the members that she would revert to them with a follow up on details of the other delays from 2018 to 2020. Ms E Uí Fhatharta informed the members she would consult with Ms S Barry and revert with clarification on the matters above.

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

KN30/0623

Car park space Market Square

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy
Can the council clarify how much had been asked for car park space in Kilcullen in 2022 at the time the municipal district manager recommended support for a motion to proceed with the market square development but to make it a condition that car parking be secured?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that the use of the carpark as a shared space, to be used by customers of a local business and members of the public, was raised when considering the removal of parking on Market Square. It was an option proposed to offset the parking loss on the Square, with a view to Kildare County Council possibly leasing the space. Details of how the space would be shared/used along with leasing costs were not discussed in detail and no further engagement has taken place.



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Councillor McLoughlin Healy informed the members that as far as she was aware there was an amount stated previously for car park space when the Part 8 was proceeding to buy land in Market Square. She said that the report did not match what she was discussed before and would like clarification on this matter. Ms K O'Malley informed the members that she was not aware of any costings discussed regarding the car park space and there had been no discussion since. She informed Councillor McLoughlin Healy that she would revert with any additional information if available.

The report was noted.

KN31/0623

Community groups Signage.

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

An féidir leis an gComhairle soiléiriú a dhéanamh ar an ngá atá le grúpaí pobail a fhógraíonn imeachtaí gearrthéarmacha cead a lorg chun comharthaíocht a chur suas?

Can the council clarify the need for community groups in this municipal district advertising short term events, to seek permission to erect signage?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the specifications set out in the Exempted Development Schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), specifically Class 16 and 16A, regarding signage is as follows:

CLASS 16 Advertisements other than advertisements specified in class 17 of this Part of this Schedule, announcing any local event of a religious, cultural, educational, political, social, recreational or sporting character, and advertisements relating to any temporary matter in connection with any local event of such a character, not in either case being an event promoted or carried on for commercial purposes.

Limitations

1. No such advertisement shall exceed 1.2 square metres in area.
2. No such advertisement shall be exhibited more than 2.5 metres above ground level or be glued, pasted or otherwise affixed to any structure other than an advertisement structure.
3. No such advertisement shall be exhibited, and no advertisement structure erected for the purpose of exhibiting such advertisement shall be left in place, for more than 7 days after the conclusion of the event or matter to which it relates.



CLASS 16A Advertisements other than advertisements specified in Class 16 of this Part of this Schedule, announcing any local event promoted or carried on for commercial purposes.

Limitations

1. No such advertisement shall exceed 1.2 square metres in area.
2. No such advertisement shall be exhibited more than 2.5 metres above ground level or be glued, pasted or otherwise be affixed to any structure other than an advertisement structure.
3. No such advertisement shall be exhibited, and no advertisement structure erected for the purpose of exhibiting such advertisement shall be left in place for more than 7 days prior to the date of the event or for more than 3 days after the conclusion of the event to which it relates.
4. No such advertisement shall be exhibited, and no advertisement structure erected for the purpose of exhibiting such advertisement, at a distance greater than 15 kilometres from the location of the event.
5. The event shall not take place in the same location more than three times a year.
6. No advertisements shall be erected where they can be seen from any motorway or national primary road.

The report was noted.

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Kilcullen Local Area Plan

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer
Can the council confirm if it plans to make reference to and incorporate elements from the Kilcullen Town Plan as prepared by Hogarts when reviewing Kilcullen Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that Local Area Plans (LAP) for settlements in County Kildare are based on a tailored and bespoke approach having regard to the unique characteristics and needs of each settlement. Each LAP is informed by a series of evidence-based assessments and audits based on the statutory and policy requirements at the time of the review including but not limited to the National Planning Framework, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, Town Centre First and Climate Action Plan 2023.

As the Kilcullen Local Area Plan (LAP) is not currently programmed for review, it is not possible to confirm what the draft plan will address, incorporate and reference. However, the legislative



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process for LAP review makes provision for statutory and non-statutory consultation, during which time, engagement will take place and submissions and observations will be invited from stakeholders and interested groups/parties/individuals.

The report was noted.

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Taking in charge of the Plains/ Collaghknock and Loughminane Estates

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the taking in charge of the Plains/ Collaghknock and Loughminane Estates, Kildare town?

A report was received from the Building and Development Control Department informing the members of the following.

The Plains

On the 17 November 2022 surveys of wastewater network and infrastructure in this development were issued to Uisce Eireann (UE). Whilst we have received some engagement from UE their full site resolution plan is outstanding. We will continue to engage with UE. There is some limited local flooding at this development. There may be potential to develop a nature-based solution to alleviate these issues. We are actively engaging with the Environment Section to develop a design proposal. Further details will be available after a meeting with consultants working on behalf of the Environment Section in early July 2023.

Loughminane Green

On the 13 December 2022 surveys of wastewater network and infrastructure in this development were issued to UE. Whilst we have received some engagement from UE their full site resolution plan is outstanding. We will continue to engage. There are surface water issues at this development. There may be potential to develop a nature-based solution for said surface waters issues. We are actively engaging with the Environment Section to develop a design proposal. Costs will be developed as the design progresses: further detail will be available after a meeting with consultants working on behalf of the Environment Section in early July 2023.

The report was noted.



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Section 254 applications

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

Can the council provide a list of currently active section 254 applications for this municipal district in tabular form to include location, description of licence and individual/department responsible for enforcement?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the following table lists all current Section 254 licences approved in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District area:

FILE NO.	APPLICANT NAME	TYPE	LOCATION	DECISION	Licence Expiry date
797	Karolina Malecka	Scaffolding	Astral House, Newbridge	Granted	07/07/2023
569	Cignal Infrastructure	Pole	Grey Abbey Kildare town	Granted	07/06/2026
752	National Broadband Ireland DAC (2022KE0443)	Cable/Wire	Kildare - Newbridge MD	Granted	06/05/2047
735	National Broadband Ireland DAC (2022KE0398)	Cable/Wire	New/Kildare MD	Granted	06/05/2047
791	Belgrave Contracting Ltd	Hoarding	Green Rd Newbridge	Granted	02/11/2023
728	National Broadband Ireland DAC (2022KE0380)	Cable/Wire	Kildare/Newbridge MD	Granted	06/05/2047

Councillor Pender informed the members that he would follow up with the Planning Department offline.

The report be noted.

KN35/0623

Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023

That the members approve the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023 for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.



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Arts Act Grant					
First name	Last name	Name / name of organisation	Municipal District	Provide a brief summary of your proposed project	Award
Baiba	Gaigra	Slieves	Kildare/Newbridge	The project will be implemented by the Latvian amateur theatre group 'Slieves', which has 27 members and is directed by Baiba Gaigra. The project will include the production of the play North of Riga by Irish playwright Eoin MacNamee in Latvian and the organisation of its premiere.	€1,500.00
Crooked House	Theatre Company	Crooked House Theatre Company	Kildare/Newbridge	Nasc is a newly devised theatre project, looking at creating a multilingual piece with young people about the ideas of land ownership and the environment. It will be a weekly workshop with theatre-maker Cian O'Náirigh leading to a site-specific performance in Newbridge.	€2,500.00
David	Butler	CelticCon - Midlands Comic Con	Kildare/Newbridge	Funding for guest speakers at CelticCon - Midlands Comic Con	€500.00
Fizz and Chips	Productions	Fizz and Chips Productions	Kildare/Newbridge	To develop and present our new interdisciplinary show Juno and the Jetpacks at the Riverbank Arts Centre in May 2023. It was recently awarded Pick of the Fringe at Colchester Fringe Festival, and we now wish to continue developing it and present it to Irish audiences in Kildare.	€2,500.00
Kate	Murphy	Kate Murphy	Kildare/Newbridge	This grant would support the development of a body of sculptural work for my first solo-exhibition. This includes the technical costs of installation and support, travel costs across Ireland, workshop facility fees to create work, material costs, fee for accompanying texts and transport costs.	€1,700.00
Margaret	Kane-Rowe	Margaret Kane-Rowe	Kildare/Newbridge	To complete a project-based online course using Premier Pro editing software so I can create and edit my content and films in a cinematic format. Use these skills to execute and edit a poetry film or a short narrative film.	€500.00
Michelle	McBride	Michelle McBride	Kildare/Newbridge	I am creating a body of work investigating homo-sapien connections to avians. This funding will be used for upgrading and purchase of new equipment to facilitate the research and development of photographic and digital artwork.	€700.00
Newbridge	Musical Theatre	Newbridge Musical Theatre	Kildare/Newbridge	Newbridge Musical Theatre's staging of Disney's The Little Mermaid from 10th to 15th April 2023 in Newbridge College Theatre. We will cater to an audience of c1,500 people with c100 people involved.	€500.00
Noel	Hensey	Noel Hensey	Kildare/Newbridge	Fund a two-person exhibition at Ardghillan Castle, Co. Dublin and two international exhibitions at; OUTPOST, Norwich, U.K. and Rera Space, Freiburg, Germany.	€1,700.00
Susan	Connolly	Susan Connolly	Kildare/Newbridge	To develop <i>Bring Them In</i> , a play based on my experiences growing up in Goldenbridge Industrial School. This new work for the stage will be developed during a residency at Riverbank Arts Centre in collaboration with theatre professionals including Noelle Brown (dramaturg) & Professor Emilie Pine (mentor).	€2,460.00
Arts in Education Bursary Award					
Georgina	Kemmy	Scoil Bhríd Nurney	Kildare / Newbridge	Georgina Kemmy will facilitate an 8-week project exploring nature as an art medium through interactive workshops such as rowan berry jewellery making, elder tree pencil making, leaf printing, and other seasonal art projects in the school garden of Scoil Bhríd Nurney in the Autumn term of 2023.	€2,500.00
Paul	Woods	Patrician Secondary School Newbridge	Kildare / Newbridge	The aim of this residency would be to engage with pupils who have differing ethnic and cultural backgrounds in order to facilitate an art project on the school grounds. The long driveway into the school would become the canvas to deliver a series of painted and sculptural works.	€2,500.00
Dennis O'Driscoll Literary Bursary Awards					
Ed	O'Loughlin	Ed O'Loughlin	Kildare/Newbridge	I want to write an historical novel, <i>The Winter Wife</i> , about a Donegal woman and a Kildare man who briefly come together in the Klondike gold rush in Arctic Canada in 1897. The novel will explore the fragility of human contact, and how memories become more precious as they fade.	€2,000
Executive Coaching for Creative Professional Bursary Award					
Sadie	Wheatley	Sadie Wheatley	Kildare/Newbridge	Executive Coaching will help explore ideas, focus, clarify goals, set targets on creative arts for well-being. This award will provide my practice with a direction in order to set up and implement art for well-being in county Kildare.	€600.00
Local Publishing Award					
Carmel	Lalor	Brian Day	Kildare/Newbridge	Printing of poetry book by Brian Day. This gentleman left school early with low literacy. Poetry is his gift that he discovered later in life. With support of staff typing his work, he has written over 50 poems. He wishes to compile them into a book and showcase them.	€650.00
Research and Thinking Bursary Award					
Cian	O'Náirigh	Cian O'Náirigh	Kildare/Newbridge	My proposal is to focus on developing a full play (working title: <i>Obscene and Morally Corrupting</i>), about censorship and media, inspired by the 'Committee of Evil Literature' of 1926. The work will involve me researching the historical archives, figuring out a potential structure, and working on a draft.	€2,500
Tyrone Guthrie Centre Bursary Award					
Maria	McDonald	Maria McDonald	Kildare/Newbridge	My latest manuscript has a working title of <i>After Harvey</i> . It is set in present-day Kildare, but refers back to the lives of previous owners. The hotel was originally the manor house of a large country estate which was burned during the Civil War. The main bulk of the story is written however it needs major editing. First, I need to complete a structural edit, which should take approximately one week. Then a copy edit before looking at a final edit.	€400.00
John	Phelan	John Phelan	Kildare/Newbridge	I propose to work on the script of a play, 'The Two Philosophers and the Ancient Gods', which involves an encounter between an ancient fallen God and two philosophers. Satire and humour propel the narrative through an otherworldly performance of absurd ritual.	€400.00
Olga	Anacka	Olga Anacka	Kildare/Newbridge	Develop a series of experimental printing in a social context with application of organic and inorganic objects found in the vicinity of the Tyrone Guthrie Centre.	€400.00



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The members raised the following points:

- Congratulations to the individuals who were awarded grants.
- Who was the short-listing panel?
- Were conflicts of interest checked when generating a shortlist panel?
- A more comprehensive report should be presented to members for example showing who the panel were that made the decisions.
- Could the report show the names of the people/groups who did not get the grants awarded to them?
- Maybe in future see the list for the entire County.
- Did they receive payment up front?
- How was the council accredited in the future?
- Could the individual's names be taken out if going to show who didn't receive grants, this would be okay if it was a grant for a group.

Ms P Barrett informed the members of the following points:

- Conflicts of interest were checked prior to the assessors being chosen.
- That she had no clarity on how many applied and not awarded grants.
- There were 17 different grants and depending on the grant a panel of experts would be chosen for each grant.
- Payment was made up front.
- A report at the end of the year was requested from each applicant who was awarded a grant.
- If an individual/group was promoting their work from the grant on social media platforms, they were asked to tag Kildare County Council Arts Service on it.
- If it was a publication Kildare County Council sign off on the use of logo.
- Could investigate making the report more comprehensive next time.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor Pender and agreed by all members that the Arts Awards and Bursaries for 2023 for the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District be approved and the report be noted.



KN36/0623

Cemetery maintenance for 2023

To consider the proposed grant allocations for cemetery maintenance for 2023

Kildare-Newbridge MD	Cemetery/Graveyard	Total Grant 2023
	Barrettstown	€ 860
	Caragh	€ 800
	Grey Abbey	€ 1,025
	Knavenstown	€ 370
	Lackagh	€ 430
	New Abbey	€ 1,665
	Old Kilcullen Cemetery	€ 640
	Passlands	€ 335
	Thomastown	€ 535
	Ballysax Cemetery (St. Paul's Church)	€ 370
	Great Connell Graveyard, Newbridge (closed)	€ 265
	Carnalway Cemetery (St. Patrick's Church)	€ 535
	Yellow Bog Common Cemetery (St. John's Church, Kilcullen)	€ 535
	St. Brigid's (Kilcullen)	€ 1,595
	St. Conleths Cemetery Kildare	€ 2,225
	Holycross Suncroft, Old Cemetery Suncroft, Carna, Kilrush, Ballyshannon & Rathnow	€ 1,780
Yew Tree	€ 165	
Rathangan Church of Ireland	€ 265	
St. Evins (Monastervin)	€ 1,190	
St Patrick's Rathangan	€ 1,780	
Kilpatrick	€ 535	
	€ 17,900	

The members raised the following points:

- Did the cost for the removal of waste come out of the cemetery grants?
- Were there other opportunities for funding for cemeteries.
- Was there a distinction between Kildare County Council and Church owned cemeteries when applying for grants?
- Could it be clarified what was the criteria when awarding cemetery grants?
- Would like to thank all committees for their hard work.



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Mr K Kavanagh informed the members that all applications received were proposed for approval by the members. The removal of waste was a separate cost taken by Kildare County Council. He also informed the members that there was other funding that could be obtained under maintenance works. There was no distinction made between Kildare County Council Cemeteries and Church Cemeteries. All applications were reviewed individually with grants largely based on the size and green spaces within the cemetery.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Pender and agreed by all members that the grant allocation for Cemetery maintenance for 2023 be approved.

KN37/0623

Workshop on Community Grants

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer
That the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District receives a workshop from the Community Department giving members an overview of the suite of grants they manage, how they are processed, deadline dates and how they are arrived at.

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

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the community grants policy sets out in detail the processes for community, festival and resident association grants. The closing dates for all community schemes (mid-March) are in place so that the grants team can be in a position to process and assess applications, get Municipal District approvals as required and pay out grants as early as possible in the late spring-early summer when groups are most active and require funds. A meeting can be arranged to refresh the Kildare Newbridge members on the policy and further explain timelines including budget approvals and ensuring adequate time for groups to complete applications.

Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members that having this workshop would help refresh the members understanding of how the grants work. She found the Public Realm workshop was very informative and felt it would benefit them for community grants.



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

KN38/0623

St Brigids Well

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

That the council provide a report on causes of changes in water flow and water colour at St Brigids Well with identified solutions and assurances regarding future preservation of this important site.

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

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that the site at Tully Road has been inspected – most recently on 12 and 13 June - and measures have been put in place by a housing developer working locally to address and rectify the issue.

Councillor Doyle asked Mr S Wallace if he could look at clogs at the Well.

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

KN39/0623

Adequate land and resources for sports facilities in Newbridge

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

That the council outline its strategy to ensure Newbridge has adequate land and resources to develop facilities for volleyball, basketball, athletics, swimming and other sports and leisure activities in keeping with the needs and demands of its present and projected demographics.

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

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that an Open Space Strategy has been developed as part of the County Development Plan which sets out standards for the provision of open space relative to the population size. These standards will



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have to be applied as part of any social infrastructure audit carried out as part of the preparation of the Local Area Plan for Newbridge. In addition, the Planning Department are commencing a County Kildare Active Recreation Infrastructure Audit which will inform the need for facilities and the investment required to deliver these. Any investment required will need to be considered for the Capital Programme. External funding from Government and Sporting Bodies may also be required.

The new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) will set out the objectives and actions over a six-year period to promote and support the economic development and local and community development for the county. The plan will be rooted in an evidence-based approach working with AIRO in Maynooth University using census data and other information. This plan will strive to build strong, healthy and inclusive communities in Kildare.

The members raised the following points:

- Newbridge was probably one of the largest towns in Co Kildare and it seemed land was very scarce in Newbridge when it came to leisure and sport facilities.
- Could Kildare County Council look the Open Space Strategy with fresh eyes?
- Should be supported as a rule all over the county.
- To keep an active eye on land they might come across and cost and revert to the members with this information.

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

KN40/0623

St Conleth's Cemetery Car Park.

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer
Can the council provide an update on the planned road markings in St Conleth's Cemetery Car Park.

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that this project will be tendered in the coming weeks. We hope to be resurfacing the car park during August and the lining will be done immediately afterwards.



The report was noted.

KN41/0623

Demographic analysis

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Heavey
Can the council provide a demographic analysis of the five biggest population centres in this Municipal area?

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that as part of the Local Economic Community Plan development, 2022 headline population figures are available for the Municipal Districts, however the 2022 population per town is not currently available. This will be available in the coming months, alongside a range of datasets. All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) Maynooth University are contracted to compile Census 2022 later this year and a short demographic profile for key towns can be included.

The report was noted.

KN42/0623

Coolegagan Cemetery

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Stafford
Can the council confirm if Coolegagan Cemetery is managed by a joint burial board between Kildare and Offaly County Councils?

A report was received from the Environment Department informing the members that Coolegagan Cemetery is in County Offaly. Kildare County Council are not aware of a joint burial board.

Councillor Stafford informed the members that he accepted the report and would talk to Mr K Kavanagh offline. He also informed the member that this cemetery was on the border and the entrance to was in Co Kildare and the cemetery was not full.

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded.