



**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
held at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 February 2023
on Microsoft Teams**

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

Apologies: Councillor P O'Dwyer

Officials Present: Mr J Boland (District Manager), Ms R Jackson (LPT Co-Ordinator), Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms M Richardson, Ms K O'Brien (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

KNS01/0203

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.

There were no declarations of interest.

KNS02/0223

Festival Grant awards for St Patrick's Day

The members considered the recommendations made by Economic, Community and Cultural Development department in relation to 2023 Festival Grant awards for St. Patrick's Day parades in the Municipal District.

As Councillor Heavey had just joined the meeting he advised that he was a member of Newbridge St Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The meetings administrator requested that



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Councillor Heavey leave the meeting while the item was being discussed and voted on and that he could return for item 3.

Ms P O'Brien advised the members that the grant scheme was open until March but that would leave it too late for the Newbridge St Patrick's Day Parade. A general pool of funds had been approved but approval was required regarding the breakdown to individual areas. She informed the members that she was requesting approval of an amount of €10,000 to be allocated to Newbridge St Patrick's Day Parade.

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

The item was put to a vote.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Pender, seconded by Councillor McLoughlin Healy, with members present in agreement that €10,000 be paid to Newbridge St Patrick's Day Committee.

KNS03/0223

Residual LPT Allocations 2021/2022

There were no items submitted for discretionary LPT allocation.

Councillor Duffy proposed that €2,000 be paid to Monasterevin St Patrick's Day Parade from residual festival grant funds from 2022.

The members sought clarification from the LPT co-ordinator that these funds were unallocated, which Ms Jackson confirmed.

The members stated that in order to avoid this scenario happening on a yearly basis, funding for 2024 should be applied for now. . There was a need for the system to be more user friendly. Committees organising festivals are not normally in place a year in advance but grant funding should be applied for in a timely manner.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by the members that €2,000 be paid to Monasterevin St Patrick's Day Parade from residual funds from 2022.



KNS04/0223

LPT Schedule of Works

To agree and approve the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District LPT Schedule of Works 2023.

This item was adjourned to the March Municipal District Meeting.

The meeting concluded.