



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 March 2024
in the Council Chamber**

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

Remote Attendance: Councillor F McLoughlin Healy

Officials Present: Ms E Hanlon (District Manager), Mr D Hodgins (Senior Engineer), Ms B Cuddy (District Engineer), Ms S Farrar (Administrative Officer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Mr G Conlon (Senior Executive Officer), Gearóid Hooban (Executive Engineer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms KA O'Brien (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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Declarations of Interest

There were no 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.

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Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on 21 February 2024 and the progress report was noted.

Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by all other members present that the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on 21 February 2024 and the progress report be noted.



KN03/0324
Municipal District Road Works

Road Resurfacing Works:

The Municipal District office is currently preparing the Roads program for 2024.

National Transport Authority (NTA):

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

Local Property Tax (LPT) / Paid Parking:

- Works completed at Saint Patrick's Terrace, Campion Crescent, Kildare Town, and Carna, Suncroft.
- Drainage works completed at Mile Mill junction.
- Works completed in Togher Grove, Monasterevin and Little Cowpasture, Monasterevin.
- Footpath works to commence at Maryville, Kildare Town in the coming days.
- Works proposed to commence in Pairc Mhuire in the coming weeks.

Roads Programme:

Tender preparation ongoing for the Annual Roads Programme:

Tender awarded for works in:

- Rathangan – Kildare Road and Millbrook, Rathangan.
- Newbridge – Athgarvan School.
- Milltown

Kilcullen:

Pothole repairs: Carnalway, Brannockstown to Ballymore, Logstown to Carnalway, Swordlestown, Whitehall Cross to Ballysax, Giltown Cross., Sunnyhill, Green Avenue

Hedge cutting: R448 Silliot Hill, Chapel Lane, Two-Mile-House, Corbally Cross to Motorway Bridge.



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Water cuts: Green Avenue, Corbally Harbour Road, Whitehall Cross to Ballysax, Milemill to old N9, Knockbounce.

Drainage works: Mylerstown to Mullacash Cross.

Gully cleaning: Brannockstown, Mylerstown, Two-Mile-House.

Road sweeping: McGarrys Lane.

Rathangan:

Drainage works: Milltown, Whelan Cross, Rathangan Town, Doorley Park, Hawkfield, Rathangan Town outskirts, Lullymore Road, R414 Kildare Road, R401, Boston Hill, Barretstown.

Hawkfield GAA new gullies and manhole installation works.

Hedge cutting: Clongorey, Glenaree, Tankardsgarden, Cloncurry, Feighcullen Road, Barretstown Road, Clongorey, Black Trench, Hill of Allen, Rathernan, Paddy's Bridge, Boston Hill, Capanargid Road, Boston Hill and Yellow Lough Park junction.

Pothole filling works: Rathangan Town, Edenderry Road, Blacktrench Road, Pluckerstown, Edenderry Road, Ellistown, L70381 Barretstown, Tully Lost, Rathbride to Rathangan and Rathangan School.

Kildare:

Patching: Roads were patched at the following locations: Ummeras, Bishopsland, Kildangan Road, Newtown, Kilbern, Walterstown, Old Port Road/ Derrylea, Kildare Town R445, Monasterevin R445, Rathmuck, Green Road, Grey Abbey Road, Tully East, Ross Gloss, Ard Evan, Mullane Cross, Kill Hill, Saint Evins Park.

Drainage: Drainage issues were relieved at: Ummeras, R415 Nurney Road, Rathbride and Dunmurray R401.

Signage: New wheelchair bay sign. Kildangan, new chevron signs at Green Road Kildare, crossroads sign at Ballykelly was moved to improve line of sight visibility, bridge weight restriction signs on Old Port Road, Monasterevin, changed old 80 speed limit signs on the R445 Kildare Town, new cul de sac signage at Hybla Lane, Monasterevin.

Cleanup after parade Kildare Town, Cleanup after crash at Rathbride, repaired damaged bollards at bus stop, Kildare Town, debris cleanup on at Mooretown, Kildare (soil on road from tractors) hedge cutting at Moore's Bridge, Curragh.



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In addition to the works above the Municipal District office emptied bins and litter picked in Kildare Town, Monasterevin and Kildangan on a daily basis. Street sweeping in Kildare Town and Monasterevin is done on a Monday and footpath sweeping is done twice a month.

Newbridge:

Patching unit works: L6080 “Kilcullen Curragh Link Road”, Military Road, Curragh, Harbour Road, Blackberry Lane.

Footpath repair with scabblers: Ailsbury Park, Ballymany Manor, Allenvue Heights.

Road repairs with JCB Planer permanent repairs: Lumville Cross, Newbridge Main Street, Saint Conleth’s bridge and junction. The Municipal District office also planned and repaired lying water on Henry Street to force water to gully pot.

Poles: New poles for Dara Park to Station Road with signs for cycle lanes and pedestrians, the Municipal District office repaired poles and signs on Newbridge Main Street. A new pole was put up on mini roundabout at the meadows housing estate “Blue Arrow”.

Bins: The Municipal District office installed 3 new big belly bins and removed 5 normal bins from Newbridge, Main Street, we also put 2 new bins on Cutlery Road to see if it will help with litter around street furniture seating areas which seems to be working.

Pothole repairs: Piercetown, road edge L6080, Kilcullen, Curragh link Road.

Gullies: The Municipal District office fixed a collapsed gully in Moorefield Drive, repaired and reinstated gully outside of Penny’s and across the road at Spar on Newbridge, Main Street, repaired lying water on Henry Street across from Oscar House

Soak hole: The Municipal District office installed a new gully and created a soak hole on the Green Road to resolve water lying on the bad bend near Lumville Cross.

Water cuts: Cutbush to the Curragh Road. The Municipal District office also dug out a holding drain and backfilled it with drainage stone.

The report was noted.

**KN04/0324
Residual LPT**

Councillor Curran proposed:

- €2,300 to Kildare Town Heritage for Brigid 1500 events.



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- €29,940 to the Municipal District office and District Engineer to complete the following three projects:
 - Equine Warning system lights.
 - Construction of new path in Woodside Park Kildare Town.
 - Construction of pedestrian only pathway entrance at Kildare Town AFC.

Councillor Heavey proposed:

- €14,500 to Speed indicators at Barrettstown – Transport Department
- €9,000 towards JuneFest costs.
- €5,000 contribution towards walking track at Moorefield GAA.

Councillor A Connolly proposed:

- €2,500 to Ellistown GAA for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator
- €1,000 - to reallocate money allocated in 2020 to Feighcullen Community, now reallocated to Bluebell and Buskers towards the hiring of barriers for the event in May.

Councillor P O'Dwyer proposed:

- €4,000 to be allocated to the Transport Department for drainage at Tankardsgarden, Newbridge

Councillor Power proposed:

- €50,000 to be allocated to to Newbridge Town FC through the Kildare Sports Partnership for transition year sports and as outreach to local primary schools.

The District Manager informed the members that Councillor Power's nomination would be subject to full procurement and would have to be spent in compliance with procurement rules as payments of this scale were subject to this.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillors Curran, Heavey, A Connolly, P O'Dwyer and Power, seconded respectively by Councillors Duffy, A Connolly, T O'Dwyer, Doyle, and agreed by all members present that all the above allocations be approved.



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LPT Schedule of Works 2024

The following proposals were made to the LPT schedule of works for 2024:

Councillor Doyle proposed:

- To reduce the Glyphosate reduction allocation by €6,000 - changing allocation to €6,500
- To allocate a further €1,000 to Kildare Drama Festival increasing the allocation to €2,000.
- To allocate a further €1,000 to Silken Thomas Players increasing it to €2,000.

Cllr Doyle's proposals were seconded by Cllr. Power

Councillor Power proposed:

- To remove Lakeside Park Master Plan - €30,000, seconded by Councillor Duffy

Councillor P. O'Dwyer proposed:

- The CKAN (Accessibility) request was for €10,000 per Municipal District, agreed that it be reduced from €13,000 to €10,000.
- Shopfronts allocation of €10,000 to be added under Community.

Cllr P. O'Dwyer's proposals were seconded by Councillor Duffy

Councillor A Connolly proposed:

- To allocate a further €1,000 to Rathangan Drama Festival increasing it to €2,000, seconded by Cllr. Doyle

Councillor Kevin Duffy proposed:

- That any residual funds be put into the LPT programme for contingencies to be used for future nominations, seconded by Councillor Doyle

The District Manager informed the members that all contingencies must be allocated by June 2024.



Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024

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March 2024

	Project Details	KCC Central Funding €	Pay Parking Funding €	Retained LPT Funding €	Budget spend to date	Total
		€2,767,798	€395,997	€1,349,029		4,512,824
Roads	Roads/Footpath Projects	-	-			
	Roads Footpath Programme	-	€395,997			
	Local Road Maint (excl pay parking)*	€1,475,452		€400,000		
	Footpaths	€68,335				
	Traffic Calming	€21,625				
	Signage	€21,625				
	Street Cleaning	€610,000		€30,000		
	Public Lighting					
	Roads Sub Total	€2,197,037	€395,997	€430,000		
Parks	Parks					
	Parks & Landscaping	€89,105				
	Public Realm Maintenance	€164,000				
	Playgrounds	€92,000				
	Tree Planting			€15,000		
	Tree Pruning			€20,000		
	Glyphosate reduction			€6,500		
	Feasibility Study Greenway Monasterevin to Portarlinton			€5,000		
	Feasibility Study Old Kilcullen Heritage Route			€5,000		
	Parks Sub Total	€345,105		€51,500		



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Libraries	Kildare Library Service				
	Workshops, Pop Up Schols, Seed Library			€5,000	
	Music Generation			€12,500	
	Libraries Subtotal	€0		€17,500	
Heritage	Heritage				
	Great Connell Priory, Publication on Kildare Walled Towns			€20,000	
	Heritage Subtotal	€0		€20,000	
Community	Community				
	Brigid 1500			€90,000	
	Festival Grants	€25,000		€20,635	
	Community Grants - General Projects	€65,000			
	Contribution to Kildare Heritage	€50,000		€10,000	
	Residents Association Grants	€31,480		€50,000	
	St Patrick's Day Newbridge			€5,000	
	St. Patricks' Day Monasterevin			€3,000	
	June Fest			€15,000	
	Monasterevin Tidy Towns CLG Gordon Bennett			€6,500	
	Kildare Drama Festival			€2,000	
	Kildare Derby Festival			€20,000	
	Rathangan Drama Festival			€2,000	
	Scarefest Rathangan			€1,000	
	Halloween Kildare			€4,000	
	Silken Thomas Players Drama Festival			€3,500	
	Bluebells and Buskers			€3,000	
	Manley Hopkins Festival (Newbridge)			€12,000	
	Manley Hopkins Festival (Monasterevin)			€1,500	
	Christmas Lights Kildare/Kilcullen/Rathangan/Monasterevin			€20,000	
Shopfronts			€10,000		
Community Subtotal	€171,480		€279,135		
Accessibility	Accessibility			€10,000	



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	Accessibility Subtotal	€0		€10,000		
Climate Action	Climate Action					
	Climate Action Innovation Fund			€22,258		
	Climate Action Subtotal			€22,258		
Sports Partnership	Sports Partnership					
	GAA All-Stars, Rugby, Cricket, Cycle Inclusive Programme			€4,200		
	Activator Poles Walking Programme,			€6,000		
	Couch to 5k Programme			€1,300		
	Sport Hub Programmes			€4,000		
	Fitsticks, Adapted Physical Activity, light weights, yoga for older adults and women			€6,500		
	Heads Up programme			€500		
	Junior Leadership programme			€2,000		
	Integration Through Sport Programme			€5,500		
	Sports Partnership Subtotal			€30,000		
Environment	Environment					
	Tidy Towns Competitions	€37,741				
	Sponsored Litter Bins	€16,435				
	Newbridge Tidy Towns			€26,538		
	Kildare Tidy Towns			€17,438		
	Monasterevin Tidy Towns			€13,500		
	Rathangan Tidy Towns			€10,800		
	Suncroft Tidy Towns			€6,416		
	Milltown Tidy Towns			€6,416		
	Kilcullen Tidy Towns			€10,800		
	Caragh Tidy Towns			€5,500		
	Brannockstown Tidy Towns			€2,700		
	Kildangan (Community Development Group)			€1,350		
		Environment Subtotal	€54,176		€101,458	
Public Realm	Public Realm					
	Rathangan TRMP, Kilcullen Market Square, Newbridge Town Renewal Plan., Monasterevin Project to bring through Part 8			€120,000		
	Public Realm Total			€120,000		
	Building Control					



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Taking in Charge of Estates			€150,000		
Building Control Sub Total			€150,000		
TOTAL	€2,767,798	€395,997	€1,231,851	€0.00	€0.00
Balance	€0	€0	€117,178		

Resolved on the proposal of Councillors Doyle, Power, P O’Dwyer, A Connolly and Duffy and seconded by Councillors Power, Duffy and Doyle and agreed by all members present that all the above allocations be approved as part of the LPT Schedule of Works 2024.

KN06/0324 **2024 NTA Active Travel Grants Allocation**

The members received an update on 2024 NTA Active Travel Grants Allocation prior to the Municipal District meeting.

The report was noted.

KN07/0324 **Town link bus service**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillors T O’ Dwyer and P O’ Dwyer

That Kildare County Council write to the NTA to request that a town link bus service be considered for Newbridge Town to connect with Newbridge Train Service to service the many housing estates and to support modal shift.

The motion was proposed by Councillors T O’ Dwyer and P O’ Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Duffy

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the service operators are responsible for the planning of bus routes within the county. Kildare County Council can make a request to the NTA, however approval for such is under the remit of the NTA.



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The members raised the following points:

- Would help reduce car dependency in Newbridge for day-to-day tasks
- Students going to school could avail of this service.
- Help reduce single occupancy cars and people could start using public transport.
- A cohesive approach was needed.
- There was no bus stop near Newbridge Train Station
- Clarification if Local Link was going into Newbridge was it obliged to stop at housing estates in Newbridge when passing by?
- A letter had been previously issued to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to advocate for the introduction of a town or orbital bus service in the Newbridge.
- Since this service was introduced in Carlow it had been continuously growing.
- Action was needed from the NTA.
- An orbital bus service would help reduce traffic congestion.

Mr D Hodgins informed the members that regarding buses stopping at housing estates, that bus services are based upon contracts which determine where they should be stopping, and he would liaise with the service provider to clarify. He suggested to the members that they draft a letter, and he would send it to the NTA on their behalf. Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members that she would draft a letter.

Resolved on the proposals of Councillors T O' Dwyer and P O' Dwyer seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by all members that the Transport Department would write to the National Transport Authority in relation to the motion and that the report be noted.

KN08/0324

Tankards Garden Junction

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

That the council refresh the rumble strips and road safety markings at Tankards Garden Junction towards Newbridge Golf Course.

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



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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 in the Line Marking schedule subject to budget availability.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that it was a very busy junction with a blind spot. Significant work had been done a number of years ago but needed to be refreshed.

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

KN09/0324

Lui na Greine Estate

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer
That Kildare County Council carry out a traffic calming assessment on the approach Naas Road to Kilcullen in the vicinity of Lui na Greine Estate for the purpose of addressing the speeding issue at this location and creating a visual and physical alert to motorists that they are entering a town at this location.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this area has not been assessed for traffic calming measures and is not on the schedule of works for 2024. A determination on the most appropriate means to deliver this work will be made during the year in the context of future work programmes. It is noted that speeding issues are a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members that the road in question used to be the main Dublin Road at one point and it was a wide road. This estate was outside the speed limit of the town and cars were not realising this due to the width of the road. A sense of arrival was needed to funnel the cars in to slow them down. Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members she would speak to the District Engineer offline. The District Engineer informed the members that as this was a wide road, a big budget would be required.



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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.

KN10/0324

Garda Station in Rathangan

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

That the council remove the island in front of the Garda Station in Rathangan and install a pedestrian crossing as a matter of urgency.

The motions were proposed by Councillor Curran and seconded by Councillor Doyle

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this island was installed approximately three years ago by the Municipal District office in order to reduce the speed of the traffic entering Rathangan at this location. It has proved very effective. There is no budget at present for the installation of a pedestrian crossing. There are no plans to remove the island.

Councillor Curran informed the members that he felt the island was not slowing down the traffic and not working sufficiently. Councillor A Connolly informed the members that she was not supporting this motion as a lot of resources had been put into installing the island, and that it was working and in her view should remain. The District Engineer informed the members that the Town Renewal Plan would take a full overview of all aspects in Rathangan, and subject to the outcome of that, there would be no expenditure on changes yet.

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

KN11/0324

Bunscoil Bhríde Girls NS in Rathangan

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

That the council install pencil bollards on the footpath for pedestrians from Londis down to Bunscoil Bhríde Girls NS in Rathangan.



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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that there are footpaths both sides of the road at this location, with a push button pedestrian crossing to allow safe access to the school. The Municipal District Office do not agree that bollards are required from Londis to the school. If budget becomes available, the Municipal District office would like to install the safe school zone road markings in the vicinity of all schools.

Councillor Curran informed members that students using the shop were inclined to cross the road at this area and not use the push button pedestrian crossing located at the school. If there were pencil bollards on the footpath it might steer them to cross the road the correct way. The District Engineer informed members that to install pencil bollards on the footpath would be very costly and that maintenance would be too and would set an expensive precedent. She advised that the installation of a safety zone in front of the school could be investigated.

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

KN12/0324

L7024

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor A Connolly
That the council include the L7024 on the roads programme for 2024.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that portions of the L7024 are included in the Road Maintenance Programme for 2024.

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



KN13/0324

Newtown Cross, Kildare

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor A Connolly
That the council put in place traffic calming measures/line markings at Newtown Cross, Kildare.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will include line marking at this junction as part of the Restoration Improvement Works.

Councillor A Connolly welcomed the report and noted that maybe in future traffic lights could be considered. Councillor Doyle asked that consideration be given to a traffic survey on this road.

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

KN14/0324

Cycle ways from Lidl Roundabout

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Heavey
That the council outline the schedule for when the cycle ways around and from the Lidl roundabout on Newbridge-Naas Road will be completed.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that funding has not been allocated for this scheme in the 2024 National Transport Authority (NTA) Active Travel Investment Grants.

Councillor Heavey informed the members that he was under the impression that when the roundabout at Lidl had been constructed that a cycle way was a planning condition. Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that when she was elected in 2019, she had requested this



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information, and the planning conditions were met and the cycle way stopped where it was meant to stop as per planning conditions. She asked Councillor Heavey to clarify if he was talking about the cycle way that stopped at Pfizer. Councillor Heavey confirmed that this was correct. Mr D Hodgins informed the members that contractors could go no further as they could not build on third party land. He said that there was a Naas to Newbridge Inter-Urban Active Travel Scheme that in future may address such gaps.

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

KN15/0324

Bus Shuttle Service Newbridge Town

This motion was taken with Item 7

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

That the council outline its plans to provide a bus shuttle service to link Newbridge housing estates to shopping areas and train station in the Town.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the National Transport Authority and the service operators are responsible for the planning of bus routes within the county.

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

KN16/0324

St. Paul's Secondary School, Monasterevin

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

That the council install barriers on the footpath outside the new St. Paul's Secondary School, Monasterevin to improve the pedestrian safety of students entering/leaving the school to provide safer segregation between vehicles and students given the large volume of student movements.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Duffy 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 Kildare County Council will review this as part of the Monasterevin Cycle Scheme.

Councillor Duffy informed the members that he was glad to see that this would be reviewed as part of the part 8. There were approximately 850 students using this secondary school. Barriers were needed to help filter students safely out of the school. He welcomed the cycle scheme adding it would connect the primary and secondary schools into the town, promote active travel and the Blueway.

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

KN17/0324

Monasterevin active travel and safer routes to school

Taken with Item 16

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

That the council provide an update on the Monasterevin active travel and safer routes to school design and confirm if the Part 8 can be brought to the municipal district meeting in April for approval before public consultation.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Part 8 would not be brought to the Municipal District meeting in April. Kildare County Council were currently liaising with the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding design details. These needed to be agreed before the Part 8 could be launched.

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



KN18/0324

Bus stop number 152361

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

That the council add stop number 152361 on Dublin Street, Monasterevin on the southbound direction towards Portlaoise, as an area for consideration for a Bus Shelter.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location can be considered for inclusion under future upcoming bus shelter works programmes.

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

Councillor Power asked why his motion from January was not on the agenda and asked if standing orders could be suspended to talk about the issue with Ladytown. The Meetings Administrator informed the members that as far as he was aware Councillor Power should have re-submitted the motion himself, which is in line with Standing Orders. The Mayor agreed after the Transport items had been dealt with Councillor Power could speak on this matter.

KN19/0324

Parking Bays Town Hall Newbridge

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

Can the council confirm what the time frame is for the remarking of the parking bays at the back wall of the Town Hall Car Park, Newbridge?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the remarking of parking bays is on hold pending the completion of works by the GAA at St. Conleth's Park which includes works at this location.

The report was noted.



KN20/0324

Carnalway Junction

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

Can the council confirm if there are plans to carry out a lighting assessment at the Carnalway Junction, known locally as the five crossroads, as part of extending the existing public lighting at the church back to this junction to improve safety at night?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request will be placed on the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS) Register and will be ranked according to the set criteria. The Public Lighting section will visit the location to review design options and a cost estimate will be sought from the maintenance contractor and this proposal will be considered within KLIPS together with other competing demands for new public lighting infrastructure when allowance is made for maintenance/repairs and increased energy costs of existing network. There are currently no funds available for additional lighting under annual public lighting budget.

Councillor T O'Dwyer asked for clarification as to whether there was a protocol for lighting at such junctions? Mr D Hodgins informed the members that he believed there was no such protocol. The report was noted.

KN21/0324

Public parking spaces in key towns

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

Can the council provide a report on the number of public parking spaces in key towns within the municipal district, with a recommendation on what the optimum level should be having regard to the dynamics of population, primacy of town centre and commercial sector in each town?

A report was received from the Planning and Transport Department informing the members that there are no Key Towns in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District. Table 2.8 of the CDP identifies the Key Towns of Naas and Maynooth in accordance with the RSES for the Eastern Midlands Region. Car Parking Standards for new developments are set out in Chapter 15 of the



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Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 adopted by the Elected Members in December 2022.

The Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 contains a number of objectives in respect of the promotion of our town centres as our primary retail centres. Furthermore, a number of other strategies and guidelines are in place to promote town centres including the Retail Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area, the Kildare 2025 Economic Development Strategy, Retail Planning Guidelines and the Town Centre First policy. A number of these policies and guidelines identify the objective of facilitating a shift towards increased access to retailing by public transport, cycling and walking. While the provision of parking, both public and privately run, is recognised as an important element in assisting visitors to town centres, it is not the most appropriate measure to create buoyant town centres. The County Development Plan outlines car parking standards for categories of proposed development including retail and commercial development, but parking is generally discouraged for town centres in particular where development is close to or can avail of public transport.

Councillor Doyle informed the members that she believed this question was not answered properly and would like to send it back for a proper response. She said she was looking for the number of spaces since the last review. She said car parking needed to be adequately provided. Mr D Hodgins informed the members that to gather this type of information would take up a lot of time and resources and deflect from existing programmes.

The report was noted.

Items 22 and 23 were taken before item 33.

KN22/0324

Temple Mills Estate, Rathangan

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

Can the council provide an update on the pedestrian entrances into Temple Mills Estate, Rathangan?

A report was received from the Building Control Department informing the members that Road Design in Kildare County Council have reviewed the permeability / connectivity links onto Bourne's



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Lane from the development site known as Temple Mills and are satisfied that the links have been installed at the correct locations. However, the Developer (Thoval Properties) has been requested to submit a compliance submission, in accordance with condition 17 of 16/955 which should detail a design for permanent pedestrian barriers within the estate, at these pedestrian access points. This correspondence is available for inspection on the planning file, and it was issued to Thoval Properties on 04 August 2023. Development Control contacted the Developer in October 2023 and again in March 2024 via email regarding the outstanding compliance submission and await a response from the Developer.

The report was noted.

KN23/0324

St. Patrick's Boys NS in Rathangan

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

Can the council provide an update on lighting that has not to date been switched on at St. Patrick's Boys NS in Rathangan?

A report was received from the Building Control Department informing the members that the developer of Temple Mills Rathangan has constructed the public lighting infrastructure which surrounds the Temple Mills estate. The Developer paid the connection fee to ESB Networks to facilitate the public lights electrical connection in December 2023. The Developer advised that the Technical Meter Point Registration Number (TMPRN) that issued from ESB Networks in January 2024 following receipt of payment was not activated on the Registered Electrical Contractors of Ireland (RECI) site when the Developers Electrician attempted to upload the RECI Certification to complete the process. Once the TMPRN is activated they will submit their RECI Certification and the ESB will make the connection to activate the lights.

The report was noted.

KN24/0324

Street lights on the R401

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



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Can the council confirm if there are any plans to install two street lights on the R401 between Yellowlough Cross and the Bog Cross, Rathangan?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this request is on the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Schedule (KLIPS) Register and is ranked according to the set criteria. It will be considered once funding is available and the works are deemed appropriate.

The report was noted.

KN25/0324

Link Naas to Newbridge via cycleway.

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

Can the council provide an update on the schedule of plans to link Naas to Newbridge via cycleway?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that funding has not been allocated for this scheme in the 2024 National Transport Authority (NTA) Active Travel Investment Grants.

Councillor Heavey asked for clarification on whether there was a process to have a connection between both towns. Mr D Hodgins informed the members that there was a process under the NTA programme, but no funding was received this year.

The report was noted.

KN26/0324

Watering gates entrance to Liffey Linear Park

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

Can the council provide an update on the situation regarding works to be completed on the junction box at the traffic lights at the watering gates entrance to Liffey Linear Park, Newbridge to include who is responsible for the delays?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that Kildare County Council are in ongoing contact with the developer in relation to the completion of the works. The main work to be completed is the power supply by the ESB to the Toucan Crossings and the activation of the Toucan Crossings.

A Road Safety Audit Stage 3 will be carried out on the completed works including the operation of the Toucan Crossings.

Councillor Pender informed the members that the response to the question was referring to the wrong area. The pedestrian crossing in question was the one on the Athgarvan road just up from the library. The Meetings Administrator informed the councillor a new response would be sent to the members.

The report was noted.

Item 36 was taken before item 27.

KN27/0324

Parks Works Programme 2024

A report had been circulated to members prior to meeting on Parks Works Programme 2024

The members received a presentation from Mr S Wallace on the Parks Works Programme 2024 and a review of 2023 Works Programme he highlighted the following projects:

- St Brigids Well
- Moore Abbey, Monasterevin
- Second Playground for Newbridge
- Old Kilcullen Heritage Trail
- Beechwood Avenue
- Communications Board in Kildare-Newbridge

He spoke about the Parks Work Programme for 2024 highlighting the ongoing work under four different headings:

- **Projects**
 - Cherry Avenue – Amphitheatre and Earth Feature – feasibility study happening.



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- Newbridge Natural Play Area – completed and out for tender.
- Monasterevin to Portarlington Feasibility – preparing tender process and road safety audit.
- Old Kilcullen Heritage Route
- **Operations**
 - Tree Works – compiling list at present
 - Grass Maintenance – this accounts for half the maintenance budget.
 - Tree Planting – October – December – identifying new areas to plant trees.
- **Planning – this is an area the Parks Department had become more involved in.**
 - LRD Applications / Planning Applications/ Compliance / Part 8s
 - Taking in Charge
 - Local Area Plans
 - County Development Plan – Allotments Strategy, Parks Assessment Criteria & Amenity Infrastructure
- **Administration**
 - CRMS – takes up a lot of time responding to CRM's
 - Legal Works – at least 30 active cases at present
- **Staff Structure**
 - Last year the Parks Department gained extra staff and now have two different teams.
 - The First team would be led by Ms S McCullough who will be managing operations.
 - The Second team would be led by Ms C O'Grady who will be managing projects.

Mr S Wallace informed the members that going forward if requests for tree works could be referred to the operation team and not directly to himself this would be appreciated.

The members praised the excellent work being done, and raised the following points:

- When would the natural playground expected to be delivered?



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- Could the presentation be circulated to the members?
- How many Communication Boards were installed in the county in total.
- Would it be possible to have a tree contractor for each municipal district?
- Had the council ever considered having an in-house tree contractor for tree works as this was an annual programme?
- Could the members see the design for the second playground?
- Had UDRF funding been secured for Cherry Avenue?
- Seating concerns with the wooden benches at St Brigids Well due to being wood it doesn't dry out after rain so damp all the time.
- Perception was that more spent in Naas area than Newbridge and other areas being advanced.
- Clarify that second playground in Linear Park and second playground in Moorefield Park were separate.
- Was there any update on the Bridge under passing from St Conleths to Newbridge College?
- Was there a sequence to allowing access to Cherry Avenue

Mr Wallace provided the following replies:

- There were currently five communication boards and would continue to roll out more. Graphics took time to design and looking at incorporating of Lámh sign language into signs.
- Tree works for each municipal district went out to tender annually but it may not work out as one contractor per municipal district.
- Not sure if an 'in house' contractor would make tree works easier but maybe for the purposes of emergencies.
- Would circulate the design for the second playground for Linear Park
- Cherry Avenue Phase 1 is funded from Capital Budget, with Phase 2 to be funded from €7M URDF
- The wooden bench would be looked at St Brigids Well.
- Newbridge had more ongoing projects but the Team try to keep it as equal throughout municipal districts.



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- The second playground in Moorefield would go to tender this year.
- The Parks Department were still aware of the bridge passage from St Conleths to Newbridge College but there were issues that needed to be dealt with first.

The members received a presentation from Ms. P O'Rourke, Climate Action Co-ordinator in relation to Open Space Management – Alternative Maintenance and Biogas Dashboard. Ms P O'Rouke highlighted the following to the members:

- Timeline Highlights commencing from 2019 to 2024.
- Ms. Sophia Couchman, PHD Student, Maynooth University was part of a collaborative project with Maynooth University, Trinity College, Teagasc, National Biodiversity Data Centre and Kildare County Council.
- A publication of guidelines for staff had been designed.
- All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2024 - Council Conference would be held on 13 June 2024 and Tickets were €20.
- National Biogas would like to use research data to update the public.
- Grass to Gas - €50,000 funding approved.
- GIS Data was renewed this year.
- A pipeline was put in place last year in the Newhall Depot and now investigating the instalation of a pumping station for meduim/large vehicles.
- The library services were looking into a gas fueled bus.
- Climate Action Plan supported delivery of up to 5.7 TWh (Terrowatt Hours) of indigenously produced biomethane by 2030.
- National Biomethane Strategy, Public Consultaion, closed 27 February 2024.
- National CAP 2024, Public Consultation would close on 5 April 2024.
- Top five Counties for biogas potential were shown, and it was indicated that Kildare has the most potnetial.
- Test sites at Wonderful Barn, Monread and Parc na nOg.
- Data collected through drone, satellite and gound based managment data.
- Completed Data - Q2, Start Q3 2024.



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- Awareness Awards – Ms. Leah Berry and Ms. Sophia Couchman – Athlone Institute of Technology.

Councillor Doyle informed the members that the work that had gone into the actions of the Alternative Maintenance and Biogas Dashboard was phenomenal. She sought clarification on the budget anticipated for actions being rolled out. She also asked if the Council could now be considering engaging in something that would create revenue from the project. Ms P O'Rourke informed the members that the budget would depend on resources and the funding that would be made available to them. She advised that in the future there may be potential to creating revenue but said it would be preferable for more data to first come from the Dashboard.

The report was noted.

KN28/0324

Derelict sites Register.

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

An féidir leis an gComhairle liosta de na maoinne ar chlár na láithreán tréigthe agus an méid tobhach a bailíodh ar gach láithreán go dtí seo a sholáthar?

Can the council provide a list of the properties on the derelict sites register in this municipal district and the amount of levies collected on each site to date?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members to please see the list below of properties in Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District entered on the Derelict Sites Register:

File No.	Date of Entry	Address of Derelict Site
DS-2007-N03	12/02/2016	Old Band Hall, Cutlery Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
DS-2007-K08	20/06/2017	Fairview Cottages, Shraud Lane, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare
DS-2016-Newbridge01	05/12/2019	2198 Highfield Estate, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
DS-2018-02	04/11/2021	Leinster Street, Rathangan, Co Kildare



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DS-2019-M01	26/01/2022	Coolnaferagh, Passlands, Monasterevin, Co Kildare
DS-2021-08	24/04/2023	Skirteen, Monasterevin, Co Kildare, W34 NY16 (Finlays Garage)
DS-2020-26	17/11/2021	82 Roseberry Hill, Newbridge Co Kildare
DS-2020-27	28/04/2023	St. Francis, Canal Harbour, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare
DS-2021-17	22/05/2023	Moorefield Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
DS-2023-16	07/09/2023	Cutlery Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
DS-2022-11	25/09/2023	Bargain Store, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare

Individual financial details for each site cannot be provided to protect anonymity for the landowners. Derelict Sites Levies of € 77,242.00 have been collected for properties in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District area.

The report was noted.

KN29/0324

Invite representatives from O.N.E.

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillors Doyle and Power
That this council invites representatives from O.N.E. (Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen and Women) to make a presentation to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District to outline the work of the organisation and specifically housing objectives for retired servicemen.

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

A report was received from Corporate Services informing the members that this is a matter for the members to agree in accordance with Standing Orders. The protocol on receipt of deputations is set out below.

Deputations



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Municipal Districts may by resolution decide to receive a deputation in person or by remote attendance. The scheduling of an agreed date and time for a deputation should take account of the business of the proposed Municipal District Meeting.

The receipt of a deputation is conditional on the Meetings Administrator being provided with a submission on the issues not less than seven clear days before the day on which the Meeting is to be held. Deputations to Municipal Districts shall consist of not more than three persons and any member may address the Meeting. The deputation may speak to present the issues for not more than five minutes. The Mayor shall not permit any discussion on the subject matter of the deputation while the deputation is being received. The Members of the Municipal District committee may question the deputation to elicit further information but the deputation shall not be entitled to ask questions or engage in debate. When, in the opinion of the Mayor, a deputation has stated its case and no further useful purpose can be served by their extended attendance, he/she shall have power to terminate the Meeting with the deputation. A deputation shall receive a report on the issues raised after the Members of the committee have received a copy of the report. Deputations shall not be received save in accordance with this order.

Councillor Doyle informed the members that it was important to invite representatives in from O.N.E so they could highlight the work they were doing. The group had been engaging the AHB. She felt they needed to be supported.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by all members present that an invitation be sent to the representatives from O.N.E. to make a presentation to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District and that the report be noted.

KN30/0324

Invite representatives of IOMST

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

That this council invite representatives of IOMST (formerly known as the Irish Organisation for Market and Street Traders) to make a presentation to Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District to outline best practice in supporting successful street markets.



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

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Councillor Doyle informed the members that with the Public Realm Projects and the Part 8 for Kildare was happening she felt this would be a good time to bring representatives in from IOMST and find out how they had been successful in other areas such as Dublin. She said we needed to find out what the challenges were and come up with a solution for markets of today. The Mayor informed the members that in the interests of efficient operation of the meetings that these Deputations occur at two separate dates.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by all members present that an invitation be sent to the representatives of IOMST to make a presentation to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District that the report be noted.



KN31/0324

Riverbank Arts Centre

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer
Can the council provide an update on the redevelopment of the Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge?

A report was received from the Arts Officer informing the members that An architectural firm have been appointed to work on the redesign of the Centre. The Lead Department has been identified within the Council, who will liaise with Riverbank management, the board and the architects. Consultation and meetings with departments and individuals are underway, with plans to submit for Part 8 Planning in the coming months. A funding stream for the redevelopment works still has to be determined and will, in all likelihood, require significant grant aid'.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members she would talk to the Arts Officer offline.
The report was noted.

KN32/0324

Interest in and any land under Kildare County Council

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Pender
Can the council provide a list of properties that the council either owns or has an interest in and any land under their ownership in the municipal district that they are currently aware of?

A report was received from the Property Management Section informing the members that the Property Interest Register Team can be contacted with any queries regarding properties within the Municipal District area.

BUILDINGS:	
FORMER KILDARE TOWN COURTHOUSE	Building
KILDARE TOWN MARKET HOUSE TOURIST OFFICE	Building
SPORTS CENTRE NEWBRIDGE	Building
LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVE BUILDING NEWBRIDGE	Building
BRANCH LIBRARY NEWBRIDGE	Building
LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS AND ARTS CENTRE NEWBRIDGE	Building
FIRE STATION MONASTEREVIN	Building
FIRE STATION NEWBRIDGE	Building



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MACHINERY YARD OFFICES, WORKSHOPS, STORES & CANTEEN	Building
BISHOPSLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE	Building
HALTING SITE NEWBRIDGE	Building
ROADS DEPOT NEWBRIDGE	Building
RESOURCE CENTRE DARA PK NEWBRIDGE	Building
FORMER METHODIST CHURCH MONASTEREVIN - Now known as Council Hall	Building
ROADS DEPOT - CLOGHEEN BRIDGE	Building
PARKS DEPOT OLD CONNELL NEWBRIDGE	Building
ROADS DEPOT KILCULLEN	Building
ROADS DEPOT CLOGHEEN BRIDGE	Building
ROADS DEPOT KILDARE TOWN	Building
SILLIOT HILL KILCULLEN	Building
NEWBRIDGE TOWN HALL	Building
ROADS DEPOT UNIT 15 RATHANGAN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	Building
FORMER HSE BUILDING BRACKNAGH RD RATHANGAN	Building
LIFFEY LODGE NAAS ROAD NEWBRIDGE	Building
FORMER BOI BUILDING MONASTEREVIN	Building
LANDS DEVELOPED OR TO BE DEVELOPED:	
RATHANGAN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	LAND
NEWBRIDGE INDUSTRIALESTATE	LAND
KILCULLEN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	LAND
RICKARDSTOWN, NEWBRIDGE - Amenity Lands	LAND
GARDENS MONASTEREVIN	LAND
CLOUGHGARRETT KILDARE TOWN	LAND
KILL HILL MONASTEREVIN	LAND
LOUGHBROWN NEWBRIDGE	LAND
ROWANVILLE KILDARE TOWN	LAND
KELLYS NEWBRIDGE - NOW Rosconnell	LAND
BURRELL RATHANGAN - Adj to St Patrick's Park	LAND
ATHGARVAN - Adj to Mountain View	LAND
HYLANDS MONASTEREVIN - Now Mill Stream Avenue	LAND
PARKINSONS MONASTEREVIN - St Evins Park	LAND
BISHOPSLAND KILDARE	LAND
TANKARDSGARDEN - Halting site	LAND
CLONCARLIN MONASTEREVIN - former halting site	LAND
COOLAGHKNOCK GLEBE (THORNSETT) KILDARE TOWN	LAND
KILDARE TOWN LEAVYS	LAND
COOLAGHKNOCK GLEBE KILDARE J MURTAGH	LAND
LAND AT MOONEY'S ROAD, ROSEBERRY, NEWBRIDGE	LAND



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LAND AT IRISH NATIONAL STUD KILDARE - known as Cherry Avenue	LAND
NEWBRIDGE LIFFEY LINEAR PARK NEWBRIDGE	LAND
TOWER HILL KILDARE TOWN - AMENITY AREA	LAND
LAND STATION RD KILDARE TOWN R51 Y540	LAND
LAND AT FEIGHCULLEN, RATHANGAN - BIODIVERSITY	LAND
PLAYGROUNDS:	
PLAYGROUND SPORTS CENTRE NEWBRIDGE	LAND
PLAYGROUND LOURDESVILLE KILDARE TOWN & 1916 GARDEN	LAND
PLAYGROUND WESTEND STREET MONASTEREVIN	LAND
PLAYGROUND ATHGARVAN ROAD KILCULLEN	LAND
PLAYGROUND SUNCROFT	LAND
PLAYGROUND TANNERY PARK RATHANGAN	LAND
PLAYGROUND ELLISTOWN	LAND
NEWBRIDGE SKATEPARK	LAND
ROSCONNELL PLAYGROUND	LAND
CEMETERIES:	
ALLEN CEMETERY	LAND
BARRETTSTOWN CEMETERY	LAND
KILCULLEN CEMETERY GORMANSTOWN	LAND
KILCULLEN CEMETERY NEW ABBEY	LAND
KILDARE TOWN ST CONLETH'S CEMETERY	LAND
NEWBRIDGE ST CONLETH'S CEMETERY	LAND
RATHANGAN GRAVEYARD	LAND
Report prepared by the Property Management Section - March 2024	

The report was noted.

Items 22 and 23 were taken immediately before item 33.

KN33/0324

DC 6408 Woodview, Rathangan

The mayor advised the members that a report had been circulated prior to meeting and that it was the recommendation of the Building and Development Control Department that Woodview, Rathangan be taken in charge.



Resolved on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor A Connolly and agreed by all members present that DC 6408 Woodview, Rathangan be taken in charge.

KN34/0324
DC 6412 Yellow Lough, Rathangan

The mayor advised the members that a report had been circulated prior to meeting and that it was the recommendation of the Building and Development Control Department that Yellow Lough, Rathangan be taken in charge.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor A Connolly and agreed by all members present that DC 6412 Yellow Lough, Rathangan be taken in charge.

KN35/0324
Water Tower

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Pender
That this municipal district submits a Section 5 Application (for exempt development) in relation to a wrap for the Water Tower in 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 It is unclear from the motion what the elected member is proposing with regard to a “wrap”. Ownership of the Water Tower would also need to be determined because even if works were deemed exempt it would still require the consent of the owner for anything to be erected on the tower.

Formally, anyone can request a Section 5 Declaration, subject to completion of the relevant application form and payment of prescribed fee. Once it is received, the Planning Authority determines if the proposal is within the scope of works as defined under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and furthermore if within any of the exempt development uses/classes as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). A Section 5 Declaration merely answers a



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question as to whether something is exempt from the requirement to obtain planning permission. The process is a four-week period in which Kildare County Council will issue a determination. Informally, should sufficient details be submitted, such as the nature and extent of the works proposed, rather than going through the formal process, the Planning Authority would be available to advise.

Councillor Pender informed the members that he was looking for Artwork to be put onto the Water Tower. He said he would follow the matter up offline.

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

KN36/0324

Street and laneway name signage

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to install street and laneway name signage in the town of Kilcullen to assist tourists locate the many attractions within the town?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Transport Department have no plans to install additional signage and have a preference to keep the level of signage at a minimum in town centres, in particular, where footpath widths are constrained. Fingerpost signs are regulated in accordance with Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and there is an application process to progress these. The development of bespoke signage on streets and laneways would require careful coordination to maintain the character of the town centre, in particular where heritage buildings are impacted. It may be appropriate for the community to identify the locations required, the source of funding for the project when the next steps in the process could then be identified.

Councillor T O'Dwyer noted the report but did not accept this report.
The report was noted.



KN37/0324

Vacant sites Register.

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

An féidir leis an gComhairle liosta de na réadmhaoine atá ar chlár na láithreán folamh agus méid na dtobhach a bailíodh ar gach láithreán go dtí seo a sholáthar?

Can the council provide a list of the properties on the vacant sites register in this municipal district and the amount of levies collected on each site to date?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that there are currently six sites on the Vacant Sites Register in County Kildare with €0 levies collected. Levies have been raised but no payments received to date.

Kildare County Council is pursuing placing charges on these properties.

However, it is of significance to note that in 2022 Kildare County Council published Draft Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Maps which is the more recent land activation measures employed by Government. Further RZLT maps were published for consultation in 2024.

The report was noted.

KN38/0324

Feighcullen

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

An féidir leis an gComhairle nuashonrú a chur ar fáil ar an láithreán 50 acra atá faighte aici i bhFíodh Cuilinn d'fhonn gnáthóg bhithéagsúlachta faoi chosaint a chruthú?

Can the council provide an update on the 50-acre site it has acquired in Feighcullen with a view to creating a protected biodiversity habitat?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the Biodiversity Officer (Planning Department) in collaboration with the Environmental Awareness Officer (Environment Department) are in the process of preparing a future Biodiversity and Management Strategy for the 50-acre site in Feighcullen. It is the intention of the Council to assess the suitability of the lands for various Biodiversity habitats including but not limited to woodlands and wetlands and to engage with funding mechanisms where available. Further updates will be provided to the members in due course.



The report was noted.

KN39/0324
Kildare Retail Outlet

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

Can the council provide a report on the reinstatement of the bus link serving Kildare Town train station, Market Square, Irish National Stud and Kildare Retail Outlet which was suspended during covid and has yet to be reinstated as conditioned in planning permission?

A report was received from the Planning Department informing the members that the following condition was applied by An Bord Pleanála on permission 12/61 ABP reference PL09.241321 in August 2013

16 Prior to the opening of this phase of development within the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village, a Mobility Management Strategy shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority. This shall provide for incentives to encourage the use of public transport, cycling, walking and carpooling by staff employed in the development and to reduce and regulate the extent of staff parking. The mobility strategy shall be prepared and implemented by the management company for all units within the outlet centre. Details to be agreed with the planning authority shall include the provision of centralised facilities within the development for bicycle parking as well as shower and changing facilities associated with the policies set out in the strategy.

Reason: In the interest of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport.

In the Mobility Management Strategy submitted on 2 November 2015 the report outlines existing bus services which service the site from various locations.

They also reference an existing Shuttle Bus Service for staff which operates from 9:20 to 18:35 daily from Kildare Railway Station to the Outlet and also serving the National Stud.

In their primary objectives under the Mobility Management Strategy they undertook:

- To increase and facilitate the number of people choosing to walk, cycle or travel by public transport to the development.
- It is also an objective to reevaluate the current shuttle bus service and investigate its potential to play a more relevant role for staff.



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Provision of a bus link was not conditioned under the relevant planning permission and is a matter for the operators of the facility.

Councillor Doyle informed the members that she believed a bus shuttle services was part of Kildare Retail Outlets planning conditions. Mr G Conlon informed the members that it was part of their condition in their mobility plan to service the site for staff but that Kildare Retail Outlet were never required or under obligation to maintain this service beyond this, and as the matter set out in the motion was not conditioned that it could not be enforced.

The report was noted.

KN40/0324

Festival grant to the Newbridge St. Patrick's Day parade

The mayor informed that this was in their agenda reports and asked if they would approve the festival grant to the Newbridge St. Patrick's Day parade.

Festival Grants 2024 Kildare Newbridge M.D.				
No.	Group Name	Project	Grant Requested	Proposed Grant
1	Newbridge St Patricks Day Parade Committee	St Patricks Day Parade	€10,000.00	€10,000.00

Resolved agreed by all members present that the festival grant for €10,000 be approved for the Newbridge St. Patrick's Day parade.

KN41/0324

Sports Hub for Monasterevin

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

An féidir leis an gComhairle nuashonrú a sholáthar ar an Mol Spóirt atá beartaithe do Mhainistir Eimhín?

Can the council provide an update on the proposed Sports Hub for Monasterevin?



Kildare County Council

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that the community department is continuing to work with the local community group in Monasterevin to identify a suitable location for the proposed Sports Hub and identify potential supports which may be available.

The report was noted.

Councillor Power informed the members he had spoken to the Transport Department with regards to the Ladytown motion from January, referenced earlier in the meeting, and had agreed with the team to talk about this offline.

The meeting concluded.