



**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 May 2024
in the Council Chamber**

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

Remote Attendance: Councillors N Connolly, F McLoughlin Healy, C Pender.

Officials Present: Ms E Hanlon (District Manager), Mr R Harte (Executive Engineer), Ms M Ibrahim (Assistant Staff Officer), Ms P O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer), Mr S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms P Pender (A/ Senior Executive Officer), Mr J Healy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms S Farrar (Administrative Officer), Mr J Hannigan (Meetings Administrator), Ms KA O'Brien (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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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 P O'Dwyer declared a conflict of interest regarding a nomination for LPT Item 4 as she was on the Board of Management for the Family Resource Centre, Newbridge.

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Minutes and Progress Report

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on 17 April 2024 and the progress report was noted.



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Resolved: on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on 17 April 2024 be taken as read and the progress report be noted.

KN03/0524 Municipal District Road Works

Road Resurfacing Works:

Works now complete:

- R445 Dual Carriageway
- Kildare Road, Rathangan
- Preston Brook, Rathangan

Works ongoing:

- Athgarvan School
- Milltown
- Morristown

Kildare:

- Drainage issues were rectified at: Derrylea, Coolnafearagh, and Melitta road, Kildare town. Gullies cleaned and jetted at Rathbride, St Evins Park, and Ballalley Monasterevin.
- Roads were patched at: Passlands, Derrylea, Lackagh, Cherryville, Mooretown, R445 Kildare Town, Oghill, Ummeras, Rathbride Road, Railway Bridge Kildare Town, Mooresbridge, Rathbride Cross, R415 Kildare Town.
- Hedge/ Verge cutting at Bishopsland, Derrylea, and Quinsborough.
- Horse bridge was repaired on the R445 Kildare town and pedestrian gate was repaired at the sheep grid Melitta Road.
- A drainage grid was fitted to a stream in Redhills to prevent flooding issues.
- "Caution animals crossing" signs were erected at Quinsborough and a stop sign was fitted at Brackens, Monasterevin.
- A 2-day cleanup was undertaken following Storm Kathleen.



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In addition to these works, the Municipal District office continues to collect refuse from street bins and litter pick on a daily basis as well as street sweep the area once a week. A footpath sweeper is in operation in the area once every fortnight.

Newbridge and Surrounding Areas:

These works are done along with the Municipal District offices day to day work including litter picking, emptying bins, road sweeping around the town centre, back streets and lanes. The Municipal District office also removed trees and fallen debris from storms etc.

- Road Repair: Highfield Estate, Rowan Terrace, Plaining completed on the Milltown Road and Rosetown/Athgarvan
- Footpath Repair: Scabbling works at Rathcurragh, College Park, Tactile paving repaired on Newbridge Main Street.
- Pothole Repair: Suncroft, Brownstown and James Lane.
- Bollards: Replaced bollards outside the old Credit Union.
- Gully works: new gully lid and frame completed in Lakeside Park. The Municipal District office also raised a gully and reinstated the road on James Street.
- Benches: Replaced old timber on benches outside Riverbank on Newbridge Main Street.
- Drainage works: Watercuts/Drainage works were completed on Athgarvan/Rosetown Road and Morristown Cross
- Signs: Repaired and straightened pole and sign in Suncroft, new pole and stop sign were erected in Maddenstown.

Kilcullen:

- Pothole Repairs: Park Lane, Brannockstown to Ballymore, Knockbounce Milemill, Stickens Lane, Milemill Kilcullen, Hacklow, Hillarys Lane.
- Gully Cleaning: Gilltown, Harristown, Nicholastown.
- Watercuts: Green Avenue, Gilltown, Newlands, Logstown to Carnalway, Yellowbog Common, Castlefish, Gormanstown to Kennycourt, Kennycourt to Gilltown, Athy RoadKilcullen.



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- Installed road signage at Milemill.

Rathangan:

- Drainage Works: Barretstown Road/Paddy's Bridge, Milltown R416, Doorley Park
- Pothole Works: Baronstown Lane, Barretstown Road/Paddy's Bridge, Hawkfield GAA to Milltown, Rathangan Graveyard to Edenderry Road, BlackTrench, Ellistown Road, Kiltaghan Road, Newtown Lane, L70321, Grangehiggin Road, Pluckerstown Road up to Garraige Lane and Allen Cross to Roadstone.
- Sign Works: Multiple Junction Location Green Bollards replaced.
- Signage maintenance work carried out and replaced junction sign on Curragh Road L3002.
- Footpath Sweeping: Rathangan town.

The report was noted.

KN04/0524 Residual LPT

Councillor Duffy proposed:

- €12,000 to the Public Lighting section for the installation of street lighting along Canal Harbour, Monasterevin as part of the wider Barrow Blueway project.

This was seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer

Councillor P O'Dwyer proposed:

- €1,000 to Newbridge Family Resource Centre for the Summer Camp Programme

Councillor P O'Dwyer declared conflict of interest as she is on the Board of Management of Newbridge Family Resource centre.

This was proposed by Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor Duffy

- €9,600 to Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office

This was seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer



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Councillor T O'Dwyer proposed:

- €9,689.83 to Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office for the installation of pedestrian crossing and upgrading of disabled parking bays at main Street Kilcullen along by Kilcullen Family Practice from LPT balance of 2020,2021,2022,2023 and 2024 and from the reallocation of Kilcullen Soccer club and the Army Band that was not drawdown.
- €2,500 to Cross and Passion College for the Community Woodland Garden Project.

This was seconded by Councillor Power

Councillor Curran proposed:

- €1,500 to Bishopsland Residents Association

This was seconded by Councillor Doyle

Councillor A Connolly proposed:

- €1,540 to Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office

This was seconded by Councillor Power

Councillor Power proposed:

- €9,499 to Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office
- €6,500 to Caragh Tidy Towns for the Provision of a biodiversity mural and Larry Stanley Commemoration at Caragh Parish Field
- €5,000 to Parks and Community to facilitate the provision of a community walking track as part of Kilcullen GAA club redevelopment.
- €5,000 to Kildare County Council Accessibility Section for accessibility improvements at Newbridge Town AFC.
- €25,000 to the Community Department to deliver a Town Report through the multi-agency Newbridge Forum. This report would identify key supports required in the town and provide a strong evidence base for future projects or funding applications.
- €5,000 to the Kilcullen Community Centre for the provision of an outdoor fire escape allowing the first floor to become a space for community events.



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- €2,000 to Kildare Sports Partnership for outreach programme with Halverstown cricket club or cricket clubs in the Kildare Newbridge District.
- €2,500 to Heritage Section/Officer Kildare County Council to Raheens GAA to support community engagement and history project around the club's 100th Anniversary.

This was seconded by Councillor A Connolly

Councillor Doyle proposed:

- €6,890 to Strategic Projects Public Realm for Kildare Market Square

This was seconded by Councillor Power

Councillor Heavey was advised that he had allocated all funding

Councillor McLoughlin Healy proposed:

- €5,000 to Parks and Community - for Kilcullen GAA
- Previous unallocated contingency LPT fund (confirmed by Meetings Administrator as €36,740) be allocated to Kildare Sports Partnership for purposes/ programmes encouraging female participation and retention in sports clubs in the district

This was seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer

Councillor Duffy put forward a motion to the floor.

That all unallocated LPT funding from this municipal district council 2019-2024 be allocated to the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District Office for the purpose of roads and footpath upgrades, seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Councillor Doyle proposed that all monies not drawdown from 2019-2024 by the end of 2024 'be allocated to area engineer for use within roads programme for the Municipal District, seconded by Councillor T O'Dwyer.

Councillor T O'Dwyer asked that any monies allocated, but not drawn down, prior to 2019 be allocated to the Roads Department, seconded by P O'Dwyer.

Resolved on the proposal of the above listed Councillors and seconded by the above listed Councillors and agreed by all members present that all of the above allocations be approved.



KN05/0524
Capital Programme 2024-2026.

The members considered the Capital Programme 2024-2026.

The members raised the following points:

- Long term list to be created.
- Consider a pop-up swimming pool for Newbridge like the one that was in Leixlip.
- There should be swimming pool in every municipal district.
- Solid goals and objectives are needed we need a reasonable approach.
- Still hoping the Newbridge machinery yard would be considered for the community.
- How much would a pop-up swimming pool cost?
- Could the council make contact with trustees and charity regulator on the previous funding collected for a swimming pool for Kildare Town that this could be used instead of having it reallocated away from providing a swimming pool.

Ms P O'Brien informed the members the pop-up swimming pool in Leixlip was funded by LPT. Budget time would be the best time to be looking at projects like this for the capital programme. A pop-up swimming pool would cost approximately €40,000 - €60,000 for six months.

The District Manager informed the members that the capital programme was based on three-year balance budget. She informed the member that she would make contact with trustees/charity regulator of the Kildare Town Swimming Pool Committee

The report was noted.

KN06/0524
Zebra Crossing between Barrettstown Meadows and Old Connell Weir

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

That the council considers installing a raised Zebra Crossing between Barrettstown Meadows and Old Connell Weir, Newbridge to access the only footpath link to the town.

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 location shall be added to a list of similar requests in the county and will be examined to determine the most suitable type of pedestrian facility when resources permit.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that they were the last two estates on that road leaving Newbridge and on Barrettstown Meadows side there was no footpath, so the public have to cross over to be able to access a footpath. The residents need a safe crossing as there was none at the moment.

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

KN07/0524

Carnalway Five Crossroads

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer
That Kildare County Council carries out a traffic calming assessment at Carnalway Five Cross Roads and explore the possibility of installing a raised tabletop across the width of the junction.

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 raised tabletops are usually an urban feature, Carnalway is a rural location. A raised tabletop requires public lights, traffic calming either side and a review of the speed limit. There are no plans to install one at this location.

Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members there were four roads coming out of this junction and was the main commuter road. There were no clear sight lines at this junction. There had been accidents at this junction in the past. She said she recently had a motion in about the lighting in this area as there was a lack of lighting. She was aware that it was not an urban area but asked that it would be listed for review to see what might work for this junction. District Engineer informed



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the member that this would be put on the list for a technical assessment for traffic calming measures subject to funding.

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

KN8/0524

Public path on Main Street Kilcullen

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer
That Kildare County Council carries out a health and safety audit for slips, trips and falls on a section of public path on Main Street Kilcullen from the traffic lights down to the Credit Union Main Street.

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 the Municipal District office will liaise with the Access Officer in this regard and carry out a joint inspection as required. Any works will be subject to budget availability.

Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members that she had seen people fall on these paths due to raised broken path. She said it was a very busy part of the town due to doctor's surgeries, pharmacy and shops. She would hope it could be made safer and no further for slips, trips and falls.

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

Items 9 and 10 were taken together.

KN09/0524

Springfield Cross

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor A Connolly
That the council puts in place signage and road markings at the bend at Springfield Cross, Springfield, Rathangan.



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The motions were proposed by Councillor A Connolly and seconded by Councillor Duffy

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office will carry out an assessment at this location. All works are subject to budget availability.

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

KN10/0524

R51HP83, Ellistown,

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

That the council puts in place signage and road markings at the bend at R51HP83, Ellistown, Rathangan.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this location is on the Roads Programme for 2024, post works we will investigate the possibility of additional road markings subject to budget availability.

Councillor A Connolly informed the members that there had been a number of accidents at these bends and were only a few 100 yards away from each other. An Garda Síochána were aware of the issue with speed. She said that the road markings needed to be installed as soon as possible as they were two very bad bends. Road accidents had increased considerably in general. The Executive Engineer informed the members that the works were subject to budget availability.

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



Items 11 and 12 were taken together.

KN11/0524

Pay parking on Saturdays in Kildare Town

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

That the council imposes pay parking on Saturdays in Kildare Town to assist businesses and put a stop to parking space hogging from Fridays to Monday mornings in town centre.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this matter can be considered under the parking bye law review. This cannot be implemented without a full statutory review of the bye-laws.

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

KN12/0524

Disability parking spaces in Kildare Town and Milltown

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

That the council repaints the disability parking spaces in Kildare Town and Milltown.

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

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that The Municipal District office is waiting on the updated bye-laws, and the finalisation of the upgrade to the Square in Kildare Town before any additional or remarking of the town can be carried out, due to the cost associated with line marking.

The Municipal District office is not aware of a disabled parking space in Milltown, there are no parking bye-laws in Milltown.



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Councillor Curran informed the members that bye-laws were only in place in Kildare town five days of the week which meant that business were suffering badly from people parking their cars on a Friday evening and leaving them there until Monday morning. Councillor Doyle asked that the bye laws be reviewed as soon as possible. The Executive engineer informed the members that they were waiting on the update from Part 8 for Kildare Town Square. He said there was a project starting in Milltown and would be looked at then.

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

KN13/0524

Chapel Lane, Newbridge

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

That the council brings forward an action to allow residents of Chapel Lane, Newbridge (adjoining football pitches) free access to and from their homes when game attendees parking blocks same.

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 normal enforcement laws are in place on Saturdays, but this would be a matter for An Garda Síochána if it is outside the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday including bank holidays.

Councillor Heavey informed the members that at the bottom of Chapel Lane was a T-Junction and the pitch was at the end making it difficult for residents to get out of the lane when there were matches on. There were no enforcement laws on a Saturday. He said he was looking for a sign to be put up by the council. Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that she had previously had a motion in looking for the extension of double yellow line to the last house on this lane and asked for an update on this. The Meeting Administrator informed the members he would seek clarification on this and revert to the members with an update.

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



KN14/0524

The Cresent, Newbridge

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

Can the council confirm if the footpaths at The Cresent, Newbridge are listed for resurfacing in 2024?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office have not finalised their footpath programme of works, budgets are limited for footpaths in 2024.

The report was noted.

KN15/0524

Station Road/Piercetown, Newbridge

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

Can the council confirm if it plans to include the roadway from Station Road leading towards house number (details provided) in Piercetown, for resurfacing?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Roads programme has been finalised for 2024 and agreed with Members. This location is not included.

The report was noted.

KN16/0524

Resurfacing Path Athy side towards Nicholastown Estate

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

Can the council confirm if the path from the motorway bridge on the Athy side of Kilcullen back towards Nicholastown Estate has been listed for resurfacing due to the tree roots having lifted large sections of the path creating a potential trip, slip and fall hazard?



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A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office have not finalised their footpath programme of works, budget are limited for footpaths in 2024.

The report was noted.

KN17/0524

Corbally Junction/Baroda Stud Crossroads

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

Can the council confirm if a traffic calming assessment has ever been carried out on the road from Corbally Junction back to Baroda Stud Crossroads, through the area known locally as Hillsborough and Rosetown?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the Municipal District office have not carried out an assessment.

The report was noted.

KN18/0524

Playground and a playschool at Ellistown GAA

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

Can the council confirm when the road markings and signage will be reinstated at the entrance to the playground and a playschool at Ellistown GAA?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this is on the Programme for 2024, contractors are not on site as of yet.

The report was noted.



KN19/0524

Linear Park, Newbridge

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

That the council implements bye laws in the Linear Park, Newbridge and all public parks in Newbridge that all dogs have to be on a leash at all times.

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

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the Control of Dogs Act outlines requirements for owners to have their dogs under effectual control and for certain breeds to be muzzled and leashed. These legal requirements in addition to the signage we have in place in parks and playgrounds are sufficient and the addition of bye laws will not strengthen our ability to get dog owners to comply with their requirements. The practicalities and our ability to apply bye laws also has to be considered and requires additional resources. These are not available to do this. Therefore, it is not proposed to implement any bye laws in relation to dog control.

The members raised the following points:

- Linear Park was a green flag area and there were a lot of dog walkers.
- There were some dog owners who did not have their dogs on leashes and had been reported to An Garda Síochána.
- Unless the council could implement a byelaw the public were wasting their time trying to ask owners to keep their dogs on a lease
- There had been serious incidents with dogs off their leashes.
- Believed byelaws were needed.
- There had been a proliferation in the number of big dogs off leashes.
- Where were the dog wardens?
- Clarification was needed on what was involved to get byelaws put in place
- Would CCTV in parks be an option to deter this happening?
- When dogs were off leads there was no enforcement.



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Mr S Wallace informed the members that it was a lengthy process in setting up byelaws but felt it would have no real impact on getting dog owners to comply. GDPR would be an issue with CCTV in trying to identify individuals. The council would look at signage being introduced and review this after time.

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

Items 28 and 29 were taken after 19.

KN20/0524

Part 8 Market Square, Kildare Town

Mr J Healy gave a presentation to the members on the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report P82023.08 for the proposed Public Realm Improvement Works to Market Square, Kildare Town.

Mr J Healy raised the following points:

- The proposal seeks to formalise the pedestrianisation of the North side of the Square, an outcome of the accelerated measures that took place in response to Covid 19

The Proposal Included the Following:

- Re-grading Market Square, North of Bride Street, Bride Street and Market Square East
- Upgrading footpaths and surfaces throughout site area using high quality natural stone.
- Introduction of bollards to manage vehicular access at Church Lane (Firecastle Lane)
- Introduction of hard and soft landscaping throughout Market Square.
- Introduction of bespoke street furniture, seating, lighting and bicycle parking.
- Provision of 6 no. Pedestrian crossings (1 no. controlled and 5 no. uncontrolled) and widening of existing 3 No. controlled crossings.
- Upgrading of carriageways, signage, road markings and drainage works including implementation of Sustainable Drainage Systems.



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- A total of 48 written submissions/observations were received by Kildare County Council during the public display period.
- The focal point was to try and keep this project moving forward and to keep funding going.

The members raised the following points:

- Thanked the Public Realm Team for their work and welcomed the report.
- Kildare Town needed universal accessible parking spaces
- The Newbridge Disability Access group had been in the area.
- Kildare town was a good location for this project.
- It was a wonderful opportunity for the community to integrate.
- The success of this plan would rely on having adequate parking for the town.
- Kildare town had low levels of parking spaces compared to other towns.
- Traditional businesses were moving out of the main area because they needed the parking for customers to be able to sustain their businesses.
- It was a big step and game changer for the town.
- If approved when would the roll out happen?

Mr J Healy informed the members of the following points:

- Designs were all ascertained subject to accessibility for the public.
- For every 15 parking spaces 1 accessible parking space must be provided the council have proposed two spaces.
- The council endeavoured to look at the car parks already in the vicinity.
- 50% of the parking in these car parks seemed to be long stay.
- Parking Byelaws would have to be reviewed.
- If ratified the Public Realm Team would hope to roll this out quickly, the costing was done in 2020 at €2.9 million but now it was in the ballpark region of €4 million.
- Activation strategy needed to be looked at and maybe talk to businesses.



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Councillor Doyle proposed two amendments to the Part 8.

Amendment One.

- That the proposed closure of East Link Road on Market Square is removed from plan.

Seconded by Councillor Duffy

Amendment Two.

- That the removal of further car parking spaces on Dublin Road be eliminated from plan and that the disabled bay be located in proximity to bank on Dublin Road.

Seconded by Councillor Duffy

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Duffy and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report P82023.08 for the proposed Public Realm Improvement Works to Market Square, Kildare Town be approved with the two amendments.

KN21/0524

Compulsory Purchase Order

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

Go dtionscnóidh Comhairle Contae Chill Dara imeachtaí Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh maidir leis an teach folamh agus tréigthe ag (sonraí curtha ar fáil) An Droichead Nua.

That Kildare County Council initiates Compulsory Purchase Order proceedings in relation to the vacant and derelict home at (details provided) Newbridge.

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

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Vacant Homes Team have been in contact with the owner of this property, we have received confirmation that this property is subject to legal proceedings which are at an advanced stage. The owner's intention is to address the vacancy as soon as the legal proceedings are complete.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor and agreed by all members present that the report be noted.



KN22/0524

Housing Associations/ Approved Housing Bodies

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

That the council provides the most up to date report on the status and end terms of mortgages for all Housing Associations/ Approved Housing Bodies in the district, to include an explanation of what happens to the titles for these properties at the end of the mortgage term and any change in who holds them.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy had left the meeting unexpectedly and had not authorised anyone to move her motion.

KN23/0524

Progress being made with CPOs.

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

Cén dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh leis na CPOanna a tionscnaíodh sa Cheantar Bardasach le linn shaolré na Comhairle 2019-2024?

Can the council confirm what progress is being made with the CPOs initiated in the municipal district during the lifetime of the 2019-2024 Council?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that

- A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that 2 CPOs are confirmed in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District,
- 14 pre CPO notices have been erected on properties in this municipal District,
- 4 vacant properties were acquired by agreement,
- 196 property inspections have taken place,
- 10 properties have been added to the Derelict sites register,
- 47 vacant properties in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District have been approved for the Vacant property refurbishment grant,

The Regeneration and Vacant Homes Team continue to engage with owners and monitor progress with addressing vacancy.

The report was noted.



KN24/0524
Discretionary LPT

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McLoughlin Healy
That the council provides a copy to councillors of the terms and conditions attaching to funding allocated by way of councillors discretionary LPT, so that councillors can advise applicants and to ensure public funds are well governed.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy had left the meeting unexpectedly and had not authorised anyone to move her motion.

KN25/0524
Outstanding Development Works

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Curran
Can the council provide an update on how much time elapses between a request to a developer in this municipal district to complete outstanding work in an estate and the council taking action when agreed work has not yet started?

A report was received from the Development Control informing the members that if the development is still live i.e. its planning permission period is still valid (duration is typically 5 years) the developer can undertake works at any time during this live validity period. Additionally, under Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), in certain circumstances, it may be possible to extend the period of a grant of permission. Notwithstanding this the Development Control Section do endeavour to work with developers to ensure appropriate delivery of infrastructure in housing developments prior to occupation. In many instances developers will construct housing developments on a phased basis and Development Control endeavour to ensure the vast majority of infrastructure in any particular phase is complete prior to occupation. If infrastructure remains outstanding post the expiry of the planning permission duration an enforcement action can be pursued under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act if necessary.

The report was noted.



KN26/0524

Tidy Towns groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2024.

The members received the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2024.

Kildare- Newbridge MD	TT Group	Grant 2024
	Newbridge	€ 12,728
	Kildare	€ 11,000
	Monasterevin	€ 10,213
	Kilcullen	€ 2,955
	Rathangan	€ 2,955
	Caragh	€ 1,818
	Suncroft	€ 1,136
	Brannockstown	€ 1,136
	Kildangan	€ 1,136
	Milltown	€ 1,136
	Total	€ 46,213

Kildare- Newbridge MD	Cemetery/Graveyard	Total Grant 2024
	Barrettstown	€ 860
	Caragh	€ 800
	Grey Abbey	€ 1,025
	Knavenstown	€ 370
	Lackagh	€ 430
	New Abbey	€ 1,665
	Old Kilcullen Cemetery	€ 640
	Passlands	€ 335
	Thomastown (Rathangan)	€ 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 (Monasterevin)	€ 1,190
	St Patrick's Rathangan	€ 1,780
Kilpatrick	€ 535	
	€ 17,900	



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor A Connolly that the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups 2024 be approved and on the proposal of Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor A Connolly that the proposed grant allocations for Cemetery Maintenance for 2024 be approved and agreed by all members the proposed grant allocations for Tidy Towns groups and Cemetery Maintenance for 2024 be approved.

Items 28 and 29 were taken after 19.

KN27/0524 Irish National Stud

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor N Connolly
Go mbeadh Comhairle Contae Chill Dara ag obair i gcomhar le Graí Náisiúnta na hÉireann d'fhonn talamh dá gcuid, a bheadh oiriúnach do chaithimh aimsire agus do chúrsaí fóillíochta, a fháil ar léas.

That Kildare County Council liaises with the Irish National Stud to ascertain if they would have lands suitable for leasing for leisure and recreational purposes.

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

A report was received from Parks Department informing the members that if the members agree Kildare County Council can write to the National Stud on their behalf.

Councillor N Connolly informed the members that there was an issue with Athletics Club sharing facilities with Round Towers Football Club as they had no facilities of their own. He said he identified an area and informed the council and asked if this area could be looked at. Councillor Doyle informed the members that this had been discussed previously at the LAP meeting. She said she drives the Kildare Road every day and sees the land in question not in use and feels the council need to expose this land. She said she supports the motion and would have no issue with the Council writing to the national stud on behalf of the members.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor N Connolly and seconded by Councillor and agreed by all members present that Kildare County Council write to the National Stud on the members behalf to ascertain if they would have lands suitable for leasing for leisure and recreational purposes and that the report be noted.

KN28/0524

Skate parks in Monasterevin and Kildare Town

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

An bhfuil aon dul chun cinn déanta maidir leis na rúin a bhí agam roimhe seo maidir le páirceanna scátála a sholáthar i Mainistir Eimhín agus i mBaile Chill Dara?

Can the council confirm any progress in relation to my previous motions relating to the provision of skate parks in Monasterevin and Kildare Town?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that there are no plans to provide skate parks in Monasterevin and Kildare Town. A works programme was presented to Councillors in March, and this is the focus of the Parks Section for the current year.

Councillor N Connolly informed the members that he was disappointed with the response and asked if there was a possibility for a skate park in Cherry Avenue as he felt there needed to be an alternative. Mr S Wallace informed the members that an extensive survey was done in Celbridge with teenagers, and it seemed they just wanted a hang out area. This could be a starting point to consider.

The report was noted.

KN29/0524

Abandoned Vehicles

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

Can the council outline the process involved in the removal of unsightly abandoned vehicles in housing estates in Kildare Town which are rotting and taking away from any pride of place initiative introduced by Kildare County Council.



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A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that the last registered owner is legally responsible for an abandoned vehicle. After investigation, the Council will then follow a procedure of issuing notifications to the registered owner. This may include placing an abandoned vehicles notice on the vehicle. The registered owner is formally written to and is typically given 21 days in which to remove the vehicle. If it is not removed within the 21 days, the council may arrange to have it removed. There is a cost of removal and storage to the taxpayer in so doing.

The following should also be noted:

- Vehicles on public roads which are causing an obstruction, or a road safety hazard, should be reported to An Garda Síochána.
- While a vehicle with no tax or insurance may be an indicator that a vehicle is abandoned, the issue of no tax or insurance on a vehicle on a public road does not automatically deem a vehicle as abandoned. Having no valid tax or insurance on a public road is a matter for An Garda Síochána and does not fall under the remit of Kildare County Council.
- Vehicles in estates which are owned by persons resident in the estate will not be deemed abandoned.
- Vehicles on private lands, private car parks or in estates not taken in charge by the County Council are a matter for the property owner and will not be inspected by the council.
- Broken down vehicles, poorly parked vehicles or vehicles involved in residential parking disputes are not considered abandoned.

It should also be noted that unwanted vehicles can be disposed free-of-charge at an Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF). There are a number of these facilities within the county.

The report was noted.

KN30/0524

Visit from Mayor Kevin Kane, Freehold, New Jersey

Mayor Paddy Curran welcomed Mayor Kevin Kane and other officials from Freehold, New Jersey to Kildare County Council and presented him with a token of Co. Kildare. Mayor Kevin Kane thanks the members for the invitation



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The Mayor thanked the members for the last few months working with them and the support he received. He wished his colleagues who would not be running again in the upcoming local elections the best of luck in the future and also to the members who were running again he wished them well. The members paid tribute and commended the work of Councillor A Connolly and Councillor McLoughlin Healy over the last five years as they had decided not to run again in the upcoming local elections. Councillor A Connolly thanked the members and informed them that she felt that as a Municipal District they worked well together over the last five years. Both the District Manager and Meetings Administrator thanked both councillors that would not be running again and also wished the other members well.

The meeting concluded.