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**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District**  
**held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 September 2026**  
**in the Council Chamber**

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**Members Present:** Councillors S Doyle (Mayor), N Connolly, K Duffy, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer, B O'Loughlin, T McDonnell, C Pender.

**Apologies:** Councillors P Balfe, N Heavey, R Power.

**Officials Present:** Ms S Scully (District Manager), Mr C De Brí (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr M McLoughlin (Senior Executive Officer), Mr C Galvin (Senior Engineer), MR D Conlan (A/Senior Engineer), Ms P Pender (Senior Executive Officer), Mr L McNeela (Senior Executive Engineer), Mr T Shanahan (Senior Executive Officer), Ms M Richardson (Meetings Administrator), KA O'Brien (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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Councillor Pender proposed to suspend Standing Orders for ten minutes in order to complete an in-committee briefing and to allow the meeting to commence at 10:10 a.m.

Proposed by Councillor Pender and seconded by Councillor Connolly and agreed by all members present that standing orders be suspended for ten minutes

**KN01/0926**  
**Declarations of Interest**

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

There were no declarations of interest.



**KN02/0926**  
**Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the annual and monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on 15 July 2026 and the progress report was noted.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Pender that the minutes of the annual and monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on 15 July 2026 be approved with the proposed amendemnets and the progress report be noted.

**KN03/0926**  
**Municipal District Road Works**

The members received an update on the municipal district road works

**Works Programme - Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District**

**Restoration Improvement:**

2026 programme of works is ongoing.

The following resurfacing works have been completed since the previous update:

- L2030 Malone's Bridge, Caragh
- L7036 Morristown Bridge, Newbridge
- L7034 Military Road, Curragh
- L7002 Mount Prospect
- L7030 Cut Bush to Farrells Cross
- L7010 Mountrice Cross to Lackagh
- L7070 Walterstown Lower
- L7091 Clongorey, Newbridge
- R445 Mayfield, Monasterevin
- Grangehiggin LIS

Works have commenced recently on Contract 5 which includes the following locations:

- R412 Liffey Bridge, Brannockstown
- L6083 Hacklow, Old Kilcullen
- L70831 Grangehiggin



- Rathmuc CIS
- Roseberry LIS
- Ballybought LIS
- Alliganstown LIS

### **Restoration Improvement:**

2026 programme of works was completed during the summer at the following locations:

- L3001 Edenderry Road, Rathangan
- L7020/ L7021 Mooretown, Kildare
- L7055 Duneany, Kildangan
- R413 Grangemore, Brannockstown
- L7041 Barretstown, Newbridge
- L6077 Ballysaxhills, Curragh
- L3010 Rathmuc, Kildare

### **LPT/ Paid Parking:**

Pedestrian improvements at Sex's Road Roundabout are nearing completion, with some road surfacing works remaining. Footpaths in Great Connell, Newbridge remain to be completed from the footpath works contract.

Resurfacing of the following locations have been included in the latest resurfacing contract

- Maryville back lanes, Kildare,
- Piercetown, Station Road, Newbridge
- Luí na Gréine, Kilcullen

### **Kildare area:**

Works done do not include the day-to-day litter picking, emptying bins, clearing of lanes and general maintenance.

**Bollard Repaired:** Bus stop Kildare Town.



**Hedge and Verge Cutting:** Redhills, Kildangan Road (R415), Coole, Dublin Road, Cowpasture, Lackagh Beg, Ballykelly Cross, Cherryville Cross, Crossmorris, Oghill, Junction 14, Green Road, Snipe Bog, Gallagher's Cross, Dunmurray Road, Old Green Road.

**Drainage Works:** Soak hole Kill Hill, Soak hole Maryville.

**Patching:** St. Evin's Park, Kildangan Road, Beechpark, Passlands, Newtown to Tully West

**Signs:** Removed pole from parking bay outside phone repair shop

**Surface Dressing:** Kildangan Road, Installation of signage, Road sweeping and traffic management measures.

**Footpath Repairs:** Abbey Gate, The Plains and St. Evin's Park. Mooretown were swept and scuffles.

**Maintenance Works:** Bin removed from Medical Centre. Cobble paving was raised and repaired at The Square, Kildare Town. Clay bank installed at Curragh Farm, Kildare Town. Sheep grid repaired on the Melitta Road.

**Weather Related Issues:** Due to high temperatures, a few roads experienced bleeding. Remedial works were required at: Cherryville, Nurney Road (R415), Melitta Road, Duneany Cross.

#### **Newbridge area:**

Works done do not include the day-to-day litter picking, emptying bins, clearing of lanes and general maintenance.

**Bollards:** Scoil Na Naomh Uilig.

**Hedge and Verge Cutting:** Old Kildare Road, Athgarvan Road, Station Road, The Meadows, Askinraw, Blackberry Lane, Morristown Bridge, Red Lane, Sheshoon, Old Connell, Pfizer, Morristown Junction, Ballymany, Lurg Lane, Martinstown Cut Bush, Ballysax, Barretstown, Rosconnell and dual carriageway in the centre and hard shoulder on both sides.

**Drainage Works:** Jetting Dawson Street, Connell Drive, Highfield, Dara Park, Lakeside, Pfizer Road, College Park, Ballymany, Brownstown and Langton Road. Rootcutting and digging drains.

**Patching:** Athgarvan, Piercetown, Curragh, Maddenstown, Sheshoon, Rathcurragh, Great Southern, and Liffey Hall.

**Signs:** Two new road narrow signs and poles at Morristown Bridge, replaced speed ramp sign and straightened signs at Dara Park.



**Surface Dressing:** Ballysax and Barretstown, Installation of signage, Road sweeping and traffic management measures.

**Footpath Repairs:** Barretstown Road.

**Pothole Repair:** Francis Street.

**Maintenance Works:** Athgarvan School two new drop kerbs with tactile paving and new gully pot connected to existing drainage system. Manhole repaired at Dara Park. New fencing at Curragh Grange. Wall and pillar repair at Roseberry Hill and Rathcurragh. Raised road to let water pass house by house at entrance at Ballysax.

#### **Rathangan area:**

Works done do not include the day-to-day litter picking, emptying bins, clearing of lanes and general maintenance.

**Hedge and Verge Cutting:** Pluckerstown, Allen Cross and Blacktrench.

**Drainage works:** Cleaning, jetting and camera investigation at Allen, Pluckerstown, Dunmurry East and Friarstown.

**Patching:** Thomastown Grangecare, Killeagh Common, Guidenstown South, Baronstown West, Clongorey.

**Pothole Repairs:** Thomastown, Ellistown, Kilinthomas, Boston Hill, Clongorey, Edenderry Road.

**Footpath Repairs:** Removal and reinstatement of new footpaths at Rathangan industrial estate and Bog cross link road.

**Maintenance Works:** Reinstatement of topsoil and reseeding, Rathangan industrial estate.

**Weather Related Issues:** Due to high temperatures, a few roads experienced bleeding. Remedial works were required at: R401 Clonbollogue Road, L3003 and L3002 at Kilmoney, R415 Hill of Allen, L7087 Blacktrench Road.

#### **Kilcullen**

Works done do not include the day-to-day litter picking, emptying bins, clearing of lanes and general maintenance.

**Bollards:** Repaired Caragh Village.

**Signs:** Replacement of signs on dual carriageway



**Hedge and Verge Cutting:** Yellow Bog Lane, Giltown, Gormanstown, Grangebeg, Thomastown, Mile Mill, Kenny Court, Kineagh Cross, Two Mile House and Cnoc Na Greine, dual carriageway in the centre and hard shoulder on both sides.

**Drainage Works:** Caragh, Mylerstown, Silliot Hill and on the dual carriageway.

**Pothole Repairs:** Green Avenue, Newland, Browns Lane, Two Mile House, Coughlinstown, Carnalway and Mullacash Cross.

**Weather Related Issues:** Due to high temperatures, remedial works were required on L2030 Newhall.

The report was noted.

### **KN04/0926** **Residual LPT Allocations 2025/2026**

To agree the residual 2025/2026 LPT allocations for Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

#### **Councillor P O'Dwyer proposed to allocate**

- €2,000 to the Parks Department for tree maintenance work on Main Street Newbridge.

#### **Councillor Pender proposed to allocate**

- €5,000 to Newbridge Community Development for Newbridge Events.
- €2,000 to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office for the retention and installation of public litter bins in Newbridge.

#### **Councillor T O'Dwyer proposed to allocate**

- €8,000 to the Public Lighting Department for the installation of public light at Mile Mill Cross Brannockstown to include installation of ducting and civils works.

Councillor Pender informed the members that his allocation for the litter bins was to be amended to read €2,000 to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office to replace existing bins or to help fund the purchase and installation of a new Big Belly bin.

Councillor T O'Dwyer informed the members that the €8,000 that she allocated to the Public Lighting Department might not go ahead but would like it to remain there and if needed in the future will reallocate.



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor Pender that the above allocations be approved with the amendment to Councillor Pender's item.

**KN05/0926**

**Section 38 Pedestrian Crossing on the Green Road**

The members noted the commencement of the Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 (as amended): Proposed provision of a signal-controlled Pedestrian Crossing on the Green Road at Rathcurragh Estate, Ballymany Newbridge

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

**KN06/0926**

**St Brigid's Well, Kildare**

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

That the council examines the feasibility of creating a parking bay at the entrance to the lane for St Brigid's Well, Kildare capable of facilitating a mid size bus to support tourism visitors.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will assess the location to determine the feasibility of constructing a bus parking bay. It should be noted that third party lands would be required to ensure appropriate sight visibility is maintained at the junction.

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

**KN07/0926**

**Pedestrian Crossing Kildare Town Playground**

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



Go ndéanfaidh an Chomhairle measúnú ar an ngá atá le trasrian coisithe lasmuigh de Pháirc Súgartha Bhaile Chill Dara, in aice le Stáisiún Peitрил Drea, chun cabhrú le páistí agus le teaghlaigh trasnú ón bpáirc súgartha go dtí an siopa.

That the council assesses the need for a pedestrian crossing outside Kildare Town Playground adjacent to Drea's Filling Station, to facilitate children and families crossing from the playground to the shop.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the request has been added to a list of similar infrastructural requests in the county and shall be assessed by technical staff, when resources become available.

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

#### **KN08/0926**

#### **Droichead Nua Train Station to Route 120B**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Connolly  
Go scríobhfadh Comhairle Contae Chill Dara chuig Go-Ahead Ireland ag iarraidh orthu stad oifigiúil a chur le Bealach 120B ag Stáisiún Traenach an Droichid Nua.

That the council writes to Go-Ahead Ireland asking them to add an official bus stop at Droichead Nua Train Station to Route 120B.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this is a matter for the Members to agree.

Councillor Connolly informed the members that he was mainly talking about the bus users travelling from Derrinturn to Newbridge and said that some bus drivers will stop unofficially to let



passengers off here but did depend on the driver and this was sometimes due to safety and that's why he was asking to write a letter to make it an official stop.

Councillor Pender informed the members that this section of the road was recently improved and would like to see a bus stop at Newbridge Train Station.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by all members present that the council writes to Go-Ahead Ireland asking them to add an official bus stop at Droichead Nua Train Station to Route 120B and that the report be noted.

#### **KN09/0926**

#### **Stepped Area at Post Office and Bord Na Móna, Newbridge**

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

That the council reviews the stepped area on the footpath between the Post Office and Bord Na Móna, Newbridge and determines if the step can be removed to improve pedestrian safety.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will review the area to determine if the step can be removed.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that just outside Bord na Móna there is a wide part of the footpath that has a step up from the main path. She said that she had walked this area with the Disability Group and found it to be an issue. Councillor T O'Dwyer said that she recently had a visitor that had a fall and would like to see this area in question made safer for people with mobility issues and to avoid trips and falls. She asked could the municipal district office engage with the developers of Bord na Móna as they have works going on to at Bord na Móna including the front entrance.

The District Engineer informed the members that he would engage with the developers for Bord na Móna regarding this issue.



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

**KN10/0926**  
**Traffic Lights Morristown Bridge, Newbridge**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor P O'Dwyer  
That the council explores the option of installing traffic lights on the Morristown Bridge, Newbridge as an interim measure until the bridge receives a major upgrade.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the provision of any new signal-controlled shuttle systems at bridges in the County either temporary or permanent is not recommended. These one-way shuttle systems are difficult to control, maintain and are expensive to install.

The provision of an unsuitable interim measure would further delay the delivery of a properly designed permanent solution at Morristown Bridge for two-way traffic with dedicated pedestrian facilities. It should be noted that the shuttle system at Sex's Bridge was originally installed as an interim measure.

Councillor P O'Dwyer informed the members that this bridge cannot take the volume of traffic. She said she recognised that the bridge had been resurfaced and advised she was aware that this bridge had been looked at before for traffic lights but there were too many junctions coming off this bridge and a solution had not been found. She said that this bridge needed to be upgraded for a long time. She asked that this item be put on the progress report.

Mr C Galvin informed the members that the issue still stands for the reason not to install traffic lights and was not an easy one to fix. He said if the department was to put in interim lights it would delay the upgrade of the bridge and it was a high priority.



Councillor Doyle informed the members that there should be a time limit put on this for the progress as the council are at the mercy of Irish Rail and felt this issue should be raised with the NTA also.

Councillor McDonnell informed the members that he felt that the approach walls to the bridge were the problem and if they were widened this would help with the issue.

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

**Items 11 and 28 were taken together.**

**KN11/0926**  
**Newbridge Second Liffey Bridge Project**

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

That the council includes a quarterly written update on the Newbridge Second Liffey Bridge Project as a standing item on the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District agenda, covering progress, funding, key milestones and any delays affecting delivery.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that The Municipal District members are in receipt of regular and comprehensive updates on the Newbridge Southern Outer Orbital Road through a number of established reporting mechanisms. These arrangements ensure that members receive both written and verbal updates on project progress and have opportunities to raise queries and seek clarification as required.

Current reporting measures include:

- Monthly written updates through the Chief Executive's Report, which outline project progress and provide members with regular information on key developments and milestones achieved.



- Quarterly project updates to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meetings, where the Project Manager attends in person to present progress updates, advise on key milestones and respond to questions from members.
- Responses to Motions and Questions, where detailed information is provided when submissions are made during the quarterly update periods.
- Progress Report updates, whereby any item placed on the Municipal District Progress Report continues to be updated as progress is made and further information becomes available.

Given the range and frequency of reporting mechanisms already in place, members currently receive regular written and verbal updates on the project, including opportunities for direct engagement with the Project Manager. It is therefore considered that adequate reporting arrangements exist at present and that the information sought through this motion is already being provided through established channels.

Councillor Pender informed the members that he recognized that the members receive updated through multiple sources. He said he put forward two motion on this issue and basically got the same answer but asked why it could not be included quarterly on the agenda for the municipal district meeting.

Councillor Doyle informed the members that she felt there were more practical ways to get updates without it being on the agenda quarterly as she said some projects are bigger and would not have updates regularly. She said projects needed to get out of the traps first. She said maybe twice a year would be sufficient or dedicated Capital Projects report.

Mr D Conlan informed the members that big-scale projects would not have many updates quarterly as not much would be happening.

Ms P Pender informed the members that it was a resource issue as she could not provide quarterly written reports which would be time-consuming and have the project manager attend meetings also.



Councillor Pender said he did not want to impede on the projects with this request and would be happy with twice yearly.

The District Manager informed the members that departments were required to report quarterly for the CE report and there was a lot of activity happening with other projects.

Councillor Pender asked that when an update was given in the CE report that it could be highlighted to make members aware that it is there.

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

#### **KN12/0926**

#### **Street Lighting R424 at Bell Harbour, Monasterevin**

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

That the council assesses and provides public street lighting along the currently unserved section of R424 at Bell Harbour, Monasterevin, which includes a frequently used footpath serving the surrounding residential area, in the interests of pedestrian safety, accessibility and community wellbeing.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Pender on behalf of Councillor Balfe and seconded by Councillor Duffy.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that requests for new public lighting are assessed through the Kildare Lighting Infrastructure Priority Scheme (KLIPS). To facilitate an accurate assessment of this location, the Councillor is requested to submit a location map clearly identifying the section of the R424 at Bell Harbour to which the motion relates.

Upon receipt of the map, the Public Lighting Team will assess the request in accordance with the KLIPS prioritisation criteria and record it in the KLIPS register. Any proposed works will be prioritised relative to other requests across the county and will be subject to the availability of funding and resources. Please note that there is currently no funding allocated for this request at present.



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

**KN13/0926**

**Road-Safety and Traffic-Management Inspection**

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

That the council carries out a road-safety and traffic-management inspection along the R445 between the junctions of Drogheda Road, Monasterevin and the R424, following concerns raised by residents regarding parking which is disrupting the safe flow of traffic, including buses and HGVs, and identifies any appropriate measures required to address the issue.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Pender on behalf of Councillor Balfe and seconded by Councillor Duffy.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will carry out a review of the area and identify any potential measures to alleviate traffic flows.

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

**KN14/0926**

**Warning Signs Newtown Road and Askinraw Lane, Suncroft**

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

That the council installs warning signs, 'slow dangerous junction' on both sides of the Newtown Road and Askinraw Lane in Suncroft.

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



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will assess the location and identify appropriate signage for installation. Liaison with the Athy Municipal District will also take place as this area borders both municipal districts

Councillor Duffy informed the members that the signages were needed for this area at the back of Suncroft.

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

#### **KN15/0926**

#### **Line Markings Fernsbridge to Old Grange Wood Estates**

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

That the council refreshes the line markings on the traffic calming ramps, island and road markings along the R414 from Fernsbridge Estate, Monasterevin entrance to Old Grange Wood Estate entrance as they are no longer visible.

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

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office will assess the area and add it to the list for future line marking.

Councillor Duffy informed the members that regular users of this road are aware of the ramp locations but they need to be made visible again.

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

#### **KN16/0926**

#### **Reduce Ramp Heights**

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



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That the council reduces ramp heights in the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District area to align with national length, height and size.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McDonnell and seconded by Councillor Doyle.

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that ramps constructed on public roads in Kildare are in line with Kildare County Council's standard speed ramp layout at the recommended height of 75mm and in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. The lead in tapers of 1:15 is the standard transition which ensures a smooth transition. Where members are aware of any ramps that require inspection, these can be brought to the attention of the Municipal District Office, who will arrange to carry out an inspection and schedule any remedial works within the current budgets.

Councillor McDonnell informed the members that there was a serious problem with some of the ramps being 120mm high and felt there would be issues for the council with placement of EV batteries on cars being particularly low. He asked if he highlighted the ramps what would be proposed to do with them.

The District Engineer informed the members that if changes had to be made to the ramps, they would have to be removed and reconstructed.

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

### **KN17/0926**

#### **Footpath Standhouse Road to the Curragh**

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

That the council widens the Standhouse Road, Newbridge, after the entrance to Curragh Farm Estate, to accommodate a footpath and allow safe access to the Curragh.

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



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that this project would require extensive land acquisition and civil works in order to deliver a footpath at this location.

This project is not included in the current Capital Programme and as a result there is no funding available to progress this at the present time.

Councillor McDonnell informed the members that the status of this road was stopping people getting to the Curragh safely. He said there were many houses and stud farms in the area and provision of pedestrian and cycle routes to the Curragh was important.

He enquired if this could be looked at when the new link road was being built. Councillor McDonnell asked if it was possible to widen the road by cutting back grass verge.

Mr D Conlan informed the members that the geography of the area was the problem due to the difference in the level of this road and the lands on either side. Provision of a footpath was not on the Capital Programme, would require extensive CPOs and it would not be a simple fix. There was no funding currently available and there were other substantial projects happening at the minute. He said cutting back the grass verge would still require funding and resources which were not available.

Councillor McDonnell asked if he could be given a cost on this work.

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

#### **KN18/0926** **Installation of Bus Shelters in Kilcullen**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor T O'Dwyer  
Can the council outline the timeline for the installation of bus shelters in Kilcullen?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that Kildare County Council will liaise with the contractor/ designer for the works at Cross and Passion College in order



to deliver a bus shelter at the conditioned bus stop, where feasible. Additional bus stops in Kilcullen will be assessed for upgrade works, including bus shelters in 2027.

The report was noted

**KN19/0926**  
**Bus Notification Poles Kilcullen**

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

Can the council confirm a timeline for the installation of bus notification poles at the church stop and Newbridge Road stop in Kilcullen for the Local Link Service?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the bus stop at Kilcullen Church forms part of Route 892. This route is likely to be fully assessed for delivery of required infrastructure in 2027, where feasible.

The report was noted

**KN20/0926**  
**Pedestrian and Vehicular Links Magee Barracks**

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

Can the council provide a progress report on the opening of pedestrian linkages in Magee Barracks and delivery of vehicular links?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that vehicular access to Magee Barracks is currently available solely via the R445. While the Masterplan identified potential future vehicular connections to Ruanbeg Manor and to Melitta Road, neither of these links has planning approval and there are currently no planning applications under consideration for their delivery. Some boundary works along the R445 remain outstanding. The Council is working with the developer to ensure these works are completed as part of the current phase of development.



In relation to pedestrian connectivity, the Masterplan identifies a pedestrian linkage to Magee Terrace. The Council is currently engaging with the developer regarding the delivery of this connection and is working towards its provision.

The report was noted

**KN21/0926**  
**Car Parking in Kildare Town**

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

Tar éis an ghlaio le déanaí ar Léirithe Suime maidir le páirceáil gluaisteán i mBaile Chill Dara, an bhfuil aon dul chun cinn déanta ag an gComhairle i gcúrsaí plé le húinéirí talún chun spásanna páirceála breise a fháil?

Following the recent call for Expressions of Interest regarding car parking in Kildare Town, has the council progressed any discussions with landowners to secure additional parking?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Transport Department has received a positive response to the request for expressions of interest and are carrying out an initial assessment of the locations to determine the suitability of the locations for use as a carpark. The Transport Department will update the members in due course. The members should note that any additional parking is likely to require a planning application or Part 8 and a further amendment to the parking bye-laws by statutory process and will not be included in the current parking bye-law process.

The report was noted

**KN22/0926**  
**Athgarvan Road, Newbridge**

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

Can the council confirm if all the safety audit measures required have been completed on the Athgarvan Road, Newbridge as requested following the Safety Audit 2?



A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was undertaken for the works on the Athgarvan Road.

The works subject to the audit extended from approximately 30 metre north-west of the Athgarvan Road/ Kilbelin Park T-junction to a point north of the access to the Little Harvard Belin Woods Creche.

These works included:

- The realignment of approximately 200m of roadway;
- The provision of a 2m wide footpath on the eastern side of Athgarvan Road;
- The provision of a 3m wide shared surface on the western side of Athgarvan Road;
- The construction of two Toucan crossings on Athgarvan Road;
- The provision of an uncontrolled crossing on Kilbelin Park;
- Pedestrian route connections to the existing footpath network; and
- Associated road markings and traffic signage.

Following completion of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit, a number of issues were identified, and appropriate remedial measures were undertaken. The Council can confirm that all measures arising from the audit have now been completed.

The report was noted

**KN23/0926**  
**Halverstown Cross, Caragh**

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

Can the council confirm if the Activated Warning Sign/ Flashing Vehicles Warning Sign is working at Halverstown Cross, Caragh to alert Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) of weight restrictions on Caragh Bridge?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that each of the Heavy Goods Vehicle warning signs on the approaches to Caragh have been checked and are operating normally.



Councillor P O'Dwyer asked at what point does the warning signs start flashing.

Mr C Galvin informed the members that as far as he was aware it was triggered by a sensor but would check with the team.

The report was noted

**KN24/0926**  
**Bus Shelters Suncroft**

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

Can the council confirm whether Suncroft has been assessed for the installation of bus shelters and, if so, provide details of any locations considered, the outcome of the assessment and the anticipated timeframe for delivery outlining the criteria used to prioritise new shelters?

This item fell as Councillor Balfe had sent his apologies that he could not attend.

**KN25/0926**  
**Pedestrian Crossing Newbridge Cemetery**

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

Can the council confirm when a pedestrian crossing at the cemetery on the Athgarvan Road, Newbridge to the cemetery car park will be provided?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that A pedestrian crossing will be provided in accordance with the Part VIII for the Newbridge Cemetery Car Park upgrade. It is anticipated that these works will be completed by year end.

The report was noted

**KN26/0926**  
**Sheep Wandering**

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



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Can the council confirm if any solution has been found to the continuous problem of sheep wandering off the Curragh specifically at Brownstown, Knocks Cross, Cutbush and Suncroft?

A report was received from the Transport Department informing the members that the Municipal District Office has previously investigated the possibility of installing a sheep grid on the L3007 road in Brownstown. However, it was determined not to be feasible due to the presence of existing services in the road.

Councillor O'Loughlin asked if it was possible to look at this with other government departments and suggested putting tags on the sheep that were on the Curragh Plains to keep them from wandering onto the roads.

The report was noted

**KN27/0926**  
**Lakeside Masterplan**

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

Can the council provide the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District members with the survey responses and results received as part of the Lakeside Masterplan consultation, including the overall response data, question-by-question results and anonymised written comments where appropriate?

A report was received from the Parks Department informing the members that a detailed report on the survey carried out for Lakeside Park had been circulated to the members.

The report was noted

**Item 28 was taken with item 8**

**KN28/0926**  
**Newbridge Library, Archives and Cultural Centre Project**

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



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That the council includes a quarterly written update on the Newbridge Library, Archives and Cultural Centre Project as a standing item on the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District agenda, covering construction progress, funding, key milestones and any changes to the expected completion date.

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

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that the Municipal District members are in receipt of regular and comprehensive updates on the Newbridge Library, Archives and Cultural Centre Project through a number of established reporting mechanisms. These arrangements ensure that members receive both written and verbal updates on project progress and have opportunities to raise queries and seek clarification as required.

Current reporting measures include:

- Monthly written updates through the Chief Executive's Report, which outline project progress and provide members with regular information on key developments and milestones achieved.
- Quarterly project updates to the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meetings, where the Project Manager attends in person to present progress updates, advise on key milestones and respond to questions from members.
- Responses to Motions and Questions, where detailed information is provided when submissions are made during the quarterly update periods.
- Progress Report updates, whereby any item placed on the Municipal District Progress Report continues to be updated as progress is made and further information becomes available.

Given the range and frequency of reporting mechanisms already in place, members currently receive regular written and verbal updates on the project, including opportunities for direct engagement with the Project Manager. It is therefore considered that adequate reporting



arrangements exist at present and that the information sought through this motion is already being provided through established channels.

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

**KN29/0926**  
**Compulsory Purchase Order in Rathangan**

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

That the council undertakes to paint the four derelict houses that were recently served with a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in Rathangan.

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Loughlin and seconded by Councillor Doyle

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the Town Regeneration Team intends to paint the recently acquired derelict houses in Rathangan. We are currently trying to identify a budget for the works.

Councillor O'Loughlin informed the members that most of the town had been repainted, and the four houses were standing out like an eyesore.

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

**KN30/0926**  
**St. Patrick's Park, Rathangan**

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

Cén dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh maidir le hathghiniúint Pháirc Naomh Pádraig, Ráth Iomgháin; agus cén spriocdháta atá ann don chríochnú?

Can the council confirm what progress is being made with the regeneration of St. Patrick's Park, Rathangan and what is the target date for completion?



A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the works at St. Patrick's Park, Rathangan are progressing well. Ten (10) units have been refurbished, and two new build houses are substantially complete. A further five units are at various stages of progress. The project completion is anticipated to be extended from December 2026 to March 2027. This is primarily due to unforeseen underground Electrical and Water Services issues which resulted in the resequencing of the works.

The report was noted

**KN31/0926**  
**Barrow Blueway**

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

Can the council confirm if there is any update on the certification of the Barrow Blueway and the required management plan and funding for the on-going maintenance?

A report was received from the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that Strategic Projects and Public Realm can confirm that there is no update on the certification of the Barrow Blueway, as snagging needs to be closed out on the pedestrian bridge along with completion of agreement documentation between the local authorities and Waterways Ireland. In relation to funding, there is no funding mechanism in the current Blueway/ Greenway models for maintenance costs, and this will have to be addressed at a national level.

Councillor Duffy asked if there have been advanced discussions with Waterways Ireland and were there conversations with the department regarding funding.

Ms P Pender informed the members that discussions are ongoing with Waterways Ireland. She said that there was a snagging list to be completed and were finalising agreements with Waterways Ireland. Ms P Pender said that the funding issue was raised with the Department of Transport, but funding is only for delivery of the project not for the maintenance and this was a national issue which had been brought to the County and City Management Association (CCMA).

The report was noted

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**KN32/0926**  
**Casual Trading Bye-Laws**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Loughlin  
That the council undertakes a review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws applicable within this municipal district and examines the potential for the designation of additional casual trading locations in the Rathangan area.

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Loughlin and seconded by Councillor Doyle

A report was received from the Corporate Services Department informing the members that the Executive acknowledges the intent of the motion and the interest expressed in examining the potential for the designation of an additional casual trading location in the Rathangan area.

The making and amendment of Casual Trading Byelaws is governed by Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995, as amended, and is a reserved function of the elected members. Section 6 specifically provides that the designation of locations where casual trading may be carried on must be effected through the Byelaws.

Having regard to the fact that the Casual Trading Bye-Laws applicable to this Municipal District were only recently adopted (2022), following the prescribed statutory process, and noting that capacity remains available at existing designated casual trading locations within the Municipal District, as referenced below, the Executive does not consider that a broader review of the Byelaws is warranted at this time.

| <b>Location</b>             | <b>No. of Pitches in use vs total max allocation</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Kildare Town, Market Square | 5 active out of 23 pitch spaces.                     |
| Newbridge, Market Square    | 0 active out of 14 pitch spaces.                     |
| Newbridge, George's Street  | 0 active out of 6 pitch spaces.                      |
| Newbridge, Edward Street    | 1 active out of 1 pitch space.                       |
| Monasterevin, Main Street   | 1 active out of 4 pitch spaces.                      |



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| Kilcullen, Market Square | 0 active out of 15 pitch spaces. *<br>*Pitch spaces anticipated to be revised following completion of public realm project. |
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Notwithstanding the above, the Executive would be satisfied to undertake a focused assessment of suggested locations within the Rathangan area. Such an assessment would examine the suitability of the location having regard to matters including public and road safety, traffic generation, accessibility, planning considerations, amenity impacts, operational requirements, land ownership and the level of demand for additional casual trading opportunities. These are considerations that a local authority is required to consider when assessing the designation of casual trading areas.

For the avoidance of doubt, any decision to amend the Casual Trading Byelaws, including the addition, removal or alteration of a designated casual trading location, is a matter for the elected members in the exercise of their reserved functions. While the Executive can assess and report on the suitability of a proposed location, it cannot amend the Byelaws or designate a new casual trading location. Any such amendment would require consideration by the members and progression through the statutory process prescribed under Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995, including public consultation and formal adoption by the members.

Accordingly, the Executive recommends that the motion be supported to the extent that it provides for a review of the Rathangan area only. The findings of that assessment can then be presented to the Municipal District members for consideration. Thereafter, it would be a matter for the members to determine whether they wish to initiate a formal amendment process to the Casual Trading Byelaws in respect of that location.

Councillor O'Loughlin informed the members that take up of pitches was disappointing.

Councillor T O'Dwyer asked if it could be explained why there was zero active out of 5 pitches in Kilcullen when there had not been a market there in a long time.



Councillor Pender informed the members that it was disappointing to see Market Square in Newbridge with zero also and suggested looking at mechanisms to look at market groups to take up these spaces.

Councillor Connolly informed the members that Kildare Town Market had been killed by gentrification. He said that there was a market in Rathangan Community Centre on the last Sunday of every month from 10:00 a.m. until 14:00 p.m.

Councillor Doyle informed the members that the people and extra stalls brought value to the Thursday market in Kildare Town, but not all were good and she advised that unsavoury behaviour should be managed through regulation. She said that investment was needed in markets. She also suggested taking some test areas and then lead by example in other areas.

Mr R McLoughlin informed the members that due to the Public Realm project in Kilcullen the market pitches had not been reviewed but would form part of the county review.

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

#### **KN33/0926**

#### **Taking in Charge Curragh Drive Estate**

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

Can the council clarify the status of the Taking in Charge process with the Curragh Drive Housing Estate in Kildare Town?

This item fell as Councillor Balfe had sent his apologies that he could not attend.

#### **KN34/0926**

#### **Swimming Pool at Former Machinery Yard**

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



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Can the council confirm whether the provision of a public swimming pool at the former Machinery Yard is included in, or being considered as part of, any funding application already submitted or being progressed for the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site and outline the next steps required to progress the swimming pool element?

A report was received from the Community Department and Land Activation Office informing the members that as a result of research in progressing the North Kildare Pool project, the Council has developed a fuller understanding of the spatial/ site requirements for a public swimming pool, ancillary buildings and services and the magnitude of costs.

With this in mind, it is apparent that the Machinery Yard is not suitable as a location for such a facility.

It is noted that TCO 4.4 (b) of the Newbridge Settlement Plan states:

(b) In the event that the provision of a swimming pool at the former Machinery Yard is not feasible, consideration should be given to the lands to the east (immediately adjacent to the road) in the Newbridge North Key Development Area (KDA) (lands zoned 'F (2): Open Space and Amenity' having regard to Objective HCO 6.1).

At present, as advised in previous motions (April 2026), a swimming pool for the Kildare Newbridge District is not currently listed in the Capital Programme, accordingly within existing resources in the Community Department, there is no funding to progress a study on a pool in this District and the "Community and Civic" category of the Capital Programme for 2026-2028, noted at the November 2025 Budget meeting, for this municipal district, includes over 20 capital projects in receipt of some funding to initiate and a further 7 projects listed as "subject to future funding".

In terms of planning for future requirements, the County Kildare Active Recreation Infrastructure Study, an objective of the Development Plan will assess the current recreation provision in towns in the county, and the projected needs to 2040 based on population trends, and this will strongly inform future Capital Programmes, for swimming pools and social and community infrastructure generally.



The Land Activation Office is currently at remediation planning stage of the Machinery Yard and masterplan stage of the overall Newbridge SCS. Tenders for both projects will be issued before the end of the year, however both these projects remain unfunded at this point. TCO 4.4 (b) still applies in relation to the swimming pool.

Councillor Pender asked the following questions:

- When was this conclusion reached.
- Why were the members not informed before the municipal district meeting.
- Were there specific assessments and reports done regarding this decision and if so could it be circulated to the members.
- Is there consideration for the adjoining land.

Mr T Shanahan informed the members that based on the result of research from the North Kildare swimming pool project it showed that the footprint of the machinery yard site would not work. He said that Councillor Penders questions in relation to the Machinery Yard site would have to be answered by Mr S Deegan as this was his project but said there was good news for the Land Activation Team who were awarded funding to carry out a feasibility study for this area.

The report was noted

### **KN35/0926** **Sustainable Village**

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

Can the council outline any existing schemes or avenues that local communities in this municipal district can avail of when they are considering how to develop a Sustainable Village?

A report was received from the Housing and Strategic Projects and Public Realm Department informing the members that having regard to the Town Centre First Policy, National Planning Framework and Compact Settlements Guidelines, the term "sustainable village" can be interpreted as a village that supports compact growth, makes efficient use of existing buildings



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and infrastructure, sustains local services and community life, and contributes to environmental and climate objectives.

The Government recently published Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030, sets out a range of actions to address vacancy and dereliction and to bring underutilised properties back into productive use. The schemes relevant to the village scale, include the following:

- Buy and Renew
- Repair and Leasing
- Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, Above the Shop
- Conservation Advice Grant Scheme for Vacant Traditional Farmhouses
- CPO Activation Programme

The reasons for business closures, vacancy, and dereliction in rural villages are often complex and multifaceted. The Town Regeneration Team works with local communities and property owners to support a Town Centre First approach and to encourage the refurbishment and reuse of vacant and derelict properties.

Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) are used only as a measure of last resort. In the first instance, the Team actively encourages and assists property owners to avail of the various vacant property grants and other regeneration-related funding schemes available.

The Town Regeneration Team also works closely with Town Teams and community groups in the delivery of Town Centre First (TCF) projects and initiatives. Towns and villages with populations of up to 10,000 may be eligible for future Town Centre First funding opportunities. In addition, communities may avail of other funding programmes, including the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, to support projects that align with Town Centre First principles and enhance the economic and social vitality of their local area.

The Strategic Projects and Public Realm team supports communities seeking to develop and enhance their villages, through existing funding schemes including:



**Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS)**, administered through the Department of Rural and Community Development, which supports projects that enhance village centres, public spaces, active travel infrastructure, biodiversity, community facilities and climate resilience initiatives.

**Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)**, which supports transformative and strategic regeneration projects in rural towns and villages aimed at strengthening economic activity, improving quality of life, repurposing vacant or underutilised sites and buildings, and creating more sustainable and resilient communities.

The schemes are administered through central government departments with SPPR seeking expressions of interest, providing advice and assistance to community groups in preparing and submitting an EOI and an application form. The team provides technical support and procurement advice when required.

The report was noted.

**KN36/0926**  
**Newbridge Youth Centre**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor McDonnell  
Can the council provide an update on the proposed Newbridge Youth Centre?

A report was received from the Community Department informing the members that final preliminary surveys, mainly related to drainage and other services concluded in the summer, as did other internal consultations with other Council Departments in preparation for the Part 8 (planning) process.

On that basis, subject to some remaining design decisions, associated costings and relevant drawings, it had been the intention of the Community Department, working in partnership with the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team (SPPR), to brief the elected members in October and commence the public consultation process for the Part 8 permission for the development in November.



Unfortunately, however, due to resource constraints with technical staff, the project has not progressed enough to meet the intended timeline above and there is no imminent solution to the position regarding staffing, and redeployment is not an option as there are several competing projects within the SPPR Team.

Other options are being looked at, but they will be costlier and won't align with the original intended timeline.

The remaining items mainly relate to reconfiguration and design of the yard area to the rear, and the technical assessment and costing of that matter, with attendant legal issues to be resolved. In addition, from an architectural perspective it was intended that sketches and images would be prepared, above the normal materials prepared for Part 8 consultation. These are intended to make the development proposal accessible to young people, enabling them to meaningfully engage in the consultation process, and this work also remains to be carried out.

The report was noted

The meeting concluded.