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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10:00am, 13th March 2024, Town Hall, Navan.

An Meára, **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, presided.

Councillors Present: Councillors Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Tommy Reilly, Emer Tóibín, Yemi Adenuga, Alan Lawes

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

A/Director of Service: John McGrath

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Elaine Daly

Senior Executive Engineer: David Keyes

Staff Officer: Ann Monaghan

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

Apologies: Director of Service Martin Murray and Meetings Administrator Áine Bird

Councillor Eddie Fennessy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 14th February 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of February 2024 were proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Councillors Emer Toibin, Tommy Reilly, Alan Lawes and Yemi Adenuga raised queries regarding the Taking in Charge process and requested an update on the progress of taking in charge of The Priory, Navan. The Meetings Administrator agreed to revert with an update on same.

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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Alan Lawes on the death of his mother, Christina
- The family and friends of the late Frank Nelson, Navan.

Councillor Emer Toibin extended congratulations to the electorate that voted No in the recent referendums.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

There was none.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

5.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Navan Municipal District.

The report circulated in advance was noted. There were queries and interventions from Councillors Francis Deane; Alan Lawes; Yemi Adenuga; Edward Fennessy; Tommy Reilly and Padraig Fitzsimons. The following matters were raised:

- Overhanging branches along the roadside
- Weeding
- Graffiti cleaning.
- Tidy towns groups
- Litter Picking
- Use of CCTV for anti-dumping initiatives
- Speed limits.

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Shane Durcan and Mr. John McGrath.

5.1.2 To receive a presentation in respect of the inspection programme for septic tanks and other wastewater treatment systems.

Mr. David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer, gave an overview of the National Inspection Plan for domestic wastewater treatment systems, including the EPA requirements that the Council are

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obliged to meet. He provided details of the risk-based approach to inspections in each of the three zones within the County.

There were queries from Councillors Alan Lawes; Tommy Reilly; Emer Toibin; Yemi Adenuga; Francis Deane. Matters raised included the requirements for grants for domestic wastewater treatment systems, the number of inspections being undertaken at present, the average fail rate following inspections and staffing resources. Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. David Keyes. On the proposal of Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Yemi Adenuga it was agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to seek funding for additional resources for domestic wastewater treatment system inspections.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

Has Meath Co Co any plans to implement an enhancement programme for St Patrick's Park which will help us to make progress to improve our ratings in the litter league considering our low point over the past number of years?

RESPONSE:

It is our intention to work with the Navan Traveller Workshop to promote litter awareness within St. Patricks Park. We have no current proposal to enhance St. Patricks Park. Any proposal for enhancement would need to be developed in consultation with the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Councillor Francis Deane expressed his disappointment with the response.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

What plans has Meath County Council to alleviate the traffic congestion from Trimgate Street to the lights at Poolboy Bridge.

RESPONSE:

Transportation Dept propose to monitor the traffic flow from the Trimgate Street to the lights at Poolboy Bridge and investigate possible interventions to the traffic signals to make the junction more efficient for southbound bus traffic coming from Kennedy Plaza. In addition, the yellow box at Watergate Street will be repainted/marked in an effort to reduce instances of obstructions on Watergate Street arising from traffic exiting from Abbey Road.

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It is noted that following the recent changes to the traffic flows in Navan at the end of January, there will be a period of adjustment to traffic flows around the town. Also, the Council intends to bring forward a scheme to pedestrianize Trimgate Street which, if adopted, will reduce traffic flow between Trimgate Street and the R147/Poolboy Bridge junction.

The response was noted. On the proposal of Councillor Edward Fennessy and seconded by Councillor Tommy Reilly it was agreed to invite a member of staff from the Transport Section to a Navan MD meeting to discuss a review of the current traffic arrangements.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

As a gesture of goodwill, I propose that Meath Co Co would introduce a paint scheme (similar to that which existed in previous years) for owners of businesses in the heart of Navan Town. The new traffic plan in the town is proving difficult for those consumers and businesspeople who must make adjustments.

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

While there is no scheme in place currently, the Economic Development team is considering putting together a shop frontage improvement scheme for a couple of locations around the County. The exact details are yet to be finalised, but in relation to Navan, consideration will be given to opening up for applications per street/area, once the ongoing works as part of Navan 2030 are completed in each area. The ED team will then work with the Conservation Officer and the businesses to ensure that there is a consistent approach to colours used, and that work carried out by all businesses complements those around them.

Councillor Francis Deane welcomed the response. The motion, proposed by Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Edward Fennessy was agreed.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

I call on Meath Co Co to agree to erect a 2.2 metre wall between Abbey Grove (green area) and the proposed development at Nangle Close at this point while Meath Co Co is contemplating its detailed design.

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Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

MCC are currently at the detailed design phase of the proposed development. Facilitating movement by walking and cycling is a critical element in neighbourhood planning. We will investigate the possibility of the construction of a wall and how this would suit the proposed development while ensuring the principle of permeability is upheld. This design will then be reviewed with Planning, Transportation & Environment Departments to ensure that all requirements are adhered to, and the Development Plan is complied with.

The Motion, proposed by Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Edward Fennessy was agreed.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

I call on Meath County Council to install footpath, lighting and a bus stop at the Borallion between Trim Road and Kilcarn.

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

Meath County Council currently do not have immediate plans to install footpath and public lighting along the entire length of the Borallion (L8010) between Trim Road and Kilcarn. However, some works will progress as part of road improvement projects and developments in general along the road.

Councillor Tommy Reilly expressed his dissatisfaction with the response. There were interventions supporting the motion from Councillors Edward Fennessy; Padraig Fitzsimons and Emer Toibin. The motion proposed by Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons was agreed.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

I call on Meath County Council to erect lighting and a proper footpath between Woodlands Estate and Academy Street.

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

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The link path between the Woodlands Estate and Academy Street has been added to the Active Travel's Footpath Project list. The path and public lighting will be upgraded subject to a programme of work and available funding.

Councillor Tommy Reilly welcomed the response. The motion, proposed by Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons was agreed.

8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 26th January 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Minutes of 26th January 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft Report from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC of 9th February 2024

The draft minutes were noted.

8.4 To note the Draft Housing Community & Cultural Development SPC Meeting Minutes 24th January 2024

The draft minutes were noted.

8.5 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 14th December 2023

The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

There were interventions from Councillors Tommy Reilly; Edward Fennessy; Emer Toibin; Francis Deane; Alan Lawes and Padraig Fitzsimons. Matters raised included:



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- LRD applications
- Taking in Charge Limekiln Hall
- Potholes on the Dublin Road
- Clean up of St. Patrick's Park
- IBAL reports
- St. Patrick's Day Parade

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Shane Durcan and Mr. John McGrath.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am.

Signed:

An Meára