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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 23rd January, 2019, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, **Councillor Jim Holloway**, presided.

Councillors Present: Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Padraig Fitzsimons, Wayne Forde, Tommy Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Paul O'Brien

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19th December, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th December, 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Des and Marie Foley on the recent loss of their son, Colin;
- The family of the late Glen Curley, Ryans Park, Duleek;



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- The family of the late Mark Swan, Woodview, Navan;
- The family of the late Rosemary Cassidy, St. Brigid's Villas, Navan;
- The family of the late Jimmy Reilly, Blackcastle Estate, Navan;
- The family of the late Jimmy Watters, Flowerhill Crescent, former employee of Meath County Council.

Thanks were extended to Finbar Hand and Kevin Farrelly for their assistance in providing the Live Animal Crib during the Christmas period.

4 To receive a presentation from the Navan School Completion Programme.

Christina Nestor and Jenny D'Arcy delivered a presentation on the Windtown Area School Transport project, with a focus on the outcomes to date and what is needed to ensure the project can continue.

The Mayor and councillors acknowledged the work that has been undertaken on this project and its significant benefits to local young people and the community. A number of possible actions were suggested including a meeting between the group and the Meath Oireachtas Members to discuss the project requirements and also to ensure that links to the project are captured in the Local Economic and Community Plan. Councillor Sinéad Burke, as part of her role with SICAP, offered to raise the issue with Pobal. The group was invited to submit any relevant update before the end of the council term.

5 To consider the appointment of Councillors to Local Bodies and Committees

- To appoint one Councillor to the Navan Enterprise Centre Company Ltd.

Councillor Edward Fennessy was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Sinéad Burke and seconded by Councillor Francis Deane.

- To appoint one Councillor to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee



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Councillor Sinéad Burke was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Edward Fennessy and seconded by Councillor Francis Deane.

- To appoint one Councillor to the A.I.L.G.

Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Francis Deane.

- To appoint one Councillor to the Navan Sports and Leisure Company

Councillor Tommy Reilly was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Jim Holloway and seconded by Councillor Edward Fennessy.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by councillors included:

- The damage caused to footpaths and driveways in estates by trees and the criteria for these to be removed – it was requested that any locations where trees are causing damage should be submitted, following which they will be reviewed by an arborologist and assessed. Subject to available funding and based on their condition, trees, as appropriate, will be removed/pruned as part of the formal tree maintenance programme.
- Requested an update on the provision of toilet facilities and lighting on the pathway in Blackwater Park – it was agreed to refer this to the Community Department.



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- The need for works on drains and gullies at various locations – councillors were requested to submit information on locations where works are required.
- Requested an update on the consultation process regarding the playground and pitch at Claremont – it was confirmed that the consultation process had commenced yesterday, with a closing date of the end of next week. Based on the outcome, a costing would be prepared but no specific funding is available.
- Requested an update on the closure of the alleyway in Ferndale – it was pointed out that the relevant solicitors were still in discussions and that a drawing had been prepared in advance of the transfer with a view to providing wayleaves for services.
- Complaints received regarding anti-social behaviour associated with the alleyway in Silverlawns and the need for additional public lighting – it was agreed to refer this to the Public Lighting Section.
- Acknowledged the works undertaken on the steps in Kennedy Plaza.
- The possibility of erecting ‘No Alcohol Consumption’ signs on the green area in Clusker Park, similar to those in Boreen Keel – it was agreed to check this.
- The concerns of residents in Silverlawns with regard to parking at school peak times – it was pointed out that this is an issue in all areas where schools are located.
- Road repairs required at Moatville Estate – it was confirmed that this location was on the list for road repairs.
- The availability of the schedule of works for footpath repairs – the priority locations were outlined, having been selected based on the condition survey.

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- The responsibility for the maintenance of trees, including the removal of overhanging branches, in Blackwater Park and adjacent to Silverlawns – these will be included in the tree survey.
- The need to reinstate the road in front of the Boyne Valley estate – it was agreed to check this but road reinstatement may follow the installation of a sewer connection.
- The possibility of erecting public lighting on the laneway between Trimgate Street and Kennedy Place – it was pointed out that this is privately owned, with a number of different owners. It is hoped to get agreement to include this area in the Navan 2030 scheme.
- The possibility of making the corners on the capping in Kennedy Place more visible to prevent cars being damaged – it was agreed to check this.
- The commencement date for works at the fire station junction – reference was made to the supporting information provided under Item 7.1 and it was agreed to provide an update as appropriate.
- Welcomed the repairs at the green area on the Railway Street roundabout.
- The restrictions, e.g. byelaws, that apply to a proliferation of gaming type premises in town centre locations.
- The possibility of minimising the amount of equipment installed in playgrounds to limit the maintenance required and ensure it is age appropriate.
- Acknowledged the quality and quantity of footpath works undertaken in 2018.

6.2 Planning

6.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration

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that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018.

- Balreask Manor.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

- Fitzherbert Wood.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sinéad Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

6.3 Corporate Services

6.3.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Navan Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

7 Notice of Question

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“Can I get a status update on the pedestrian safety report requested by the late councillor Joe Reilly in December 2016 concerning the junctions at the Round O, Ratholdron Road and the Fire Brigade Station (R147)?”

Response:

The collision information we have access to between 2005 and 2015 shows the following summary in relation to injury accidents at the three junctions in question:

<i>Junction</i>	<i>Collisions</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Number of Casualties</i>	<i>Number involving Pedestrians</i>

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Round 'O'	4	Minor	7	0
N51/Ratholdren Road	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
N51/R147	3	Minor	5	1

Meath County Council appointed ROD Consulting Engineers in October 2017, from the TII Safety Consultants Framework, to carry out an assessment of the N51/R147 Fire Station junction in relation to TII HD15 findings and prepare recommendations as to any improvements that may be required. This assessment was completed in March 2018 and an option was recommended which proposed an additional signalised crossing on the N51 west of the junction and additional works at the junction to improve facilities for non motorised road users and pedestrians. ROD were subsequently appointed to progress the scheme through Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) to Phase 7 (Close Out and Review).

A tender process for the procurement of a contractor to construct the scheme was carried out in late 2018 and MCC are expected to appoint a contractor in the coming weeks.

The response was noted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“What consultation is to be undertaken by Meath County Council with residents and business owners of the Flowerhill and Abbeylands area in relation to the Urban Renewal Regeneration scheme and future plans?”

Response:

Meath County Council are seeking to appoint consultants to prepare an Urban Design Plan for lands at Flowerhill and Abbeylands. This project is out to tender at present with a closing date of 28th January 2019 for receipt of tender submissions.

Stakeholder engagement will recommence when the consultants have been appointed.

The response was noted.



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7.3 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“What is the current situation in relation to plans to have the estate road at Beechmount Vale restored and the estate taken in charge?”

Response:

Beechmount Vale is part of a batch of 6 estates going out to tender at the moment. It is the intention of Meath County Council to carry out remedial works on the worst portions of the road. More of the road will be completed if additional funding becomes available from Navan Municipal District.

The response was noted.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

“Can this council explain what safety measures are in place for the exits from the large housing estates on the Forfas Road Johnstown?”

Response:

All exits from housing estates along the mentioned road are constructed in accordance with the conditions of their relevant planning permissions which take into account best practice in road geometry design. Traffic exiting from each housing estate is required to give way to traffic on the Metges (Forfas) Road. Meath County Council has plans to improve safe pedestrian movements on the Metges Road in 2019 by means of the putting in place of an additional pedestrian crossing.

The response was noted. Councillor Tommy Reilly sought clarification on the timeframe for the works referred to in the response. It was pointed out that speed surveys are being carried out to determine the type of crossing required. The footpath and cycle lane may also be extended. Works would be undertaken by the end of the year.

8 Notice of Motion

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde



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"I call on the Executive to consider, if there is any extra funding available, to resurface the roads in St Mary's Park and Clusker Park, to include the alleyway in the middle block leading to Blackcastle Shopping Centre, and that the footpaths in Clusker Park (Nos. 1-104) also be repaired."

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

The Department of Transport Tourism & Sport (DTTAS) requested Local Authorities to submit their multi-annual programme to the Department by the 9th November 2018 covering the years 2019, 2020 & 2021. This programme is based on the prioritisation of schemes following an engineering screening/evaluation assessment. St Mary's Park (L-74159) and Clusker Park (L-74158) were not included on the draft 3 year programme. There is scope to amend the programme in the future, as in any event, the proposed programme is dependent on the funding available and may be affected by other factors such as severe weather etc. Remedial works to the footpaths in Clusker Park (No.'s 1 - 104) shall be considered for inclusion in the 'Footpath Remedial/Improvements Scheme' in the context of their condition relevant to the 'Footpath Condition Survey' for Navan.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

The motion was adopted.

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"I call on the Executive to install pedestrian crossings / flashing beacons at the bottom of O'Growney's going across to Cannon row for public safety."

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

An upgraded pedestrian crossing is to be provided at the Emmett Terrace junction with the roundabout as part of the Navan Town Scheme at this location. The crossings at this location will be designed in a similar manner to the Solstice Roundabout and will include raised table crossings and belisha beacons and public lighting upgrades.



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

The motion was adopted.

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“In the interest of pedestrian safety, Navan Municipal District undertakes to install a zebra crossing or other such appropriate pedestrian crossing measure at the junction on circular road where Bridge Street and Academy Street meet.”

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

The upgrade of this junction forms part of the adopted Navan Town Centre Integrated Public Realm and Movement Plan. The junction at Circular Road, Bridge Street and Academy Street is to be upgraded to include new signalised pedestrian crossings at each arm as part of the Scheme.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

The motion was adopted.

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“Due to the lack of business space in the town, that Meath County Council agrees to carry out a feasibility study of the council owned land bank in Farganstown and, if necessary, to zone sufficient proportions of the site industrial and commercial to accommodate the development of a new business park. Further to this, the Council agrees to publish the findings of said report to the Municipal District within six months.”

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

Variation no 2 of the Navan Development Plan, 2009-2015 which was adopted in 2017 incorporates a strategic employment zone at Farganstown.



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This zone can accommodate high technology uses in addition to supporting general enterprise and employment uses.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

A short discussion followed, where it was pointed out that the first step was the provision of the road, for which LIHAF funding has been secured, and services. Whilst the priority for this land is the provision of housing, the zoning is to be reviewed with regard to the industrial land configuration to ensure the optimum use of the site. Reference was also made to the distributor road linking the Trim Road, which is on display as part of the Part 8 process, and the possibility of lands being made available for economic development. Any amendment to the County Development Plan is a reserved function.

The motion was adopted.

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Meath County Council will investigate the feasibility of installing speed monitoring technology from Fagan's Lane, Kingscourt Road, past Navan Racecourse to Simonstown Lane, in the interest of public safety.”

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

The Transport Section of Meath County Council will carry out a speed survey on the R162 Regional road in the vicinity of Navan Race Course to assess if the provision of Vehicle Activated Signage at this location would be in accordance with Meath County Councils 2017 Policy in relation to the use of this type of signage.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

The motion was adopted.

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8.6 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I propose that Meath County Council carry out a report in relation to extending the footpath from Blackwater Retail Park, Kells Road, as far as Newgate Motors, on R147. Thirty five years ago, there was a footpath in place which was removed when the road was upgraded. This is a main approach road to Navan town and considering future development, including the proposed Navan to Wilkinstown greenway, in this area, a footpath is essential for pedestrians.”

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

There is currently no proposal to install a footpath from Newgate on the R147 (Kells Road) to Navan town. The proposal to include a footpath to the “Park and Ride” site proposed to the north of Navan is not contained within the scope of the Navan Town Scheme. It is unclear if adequate demand would exist for such a link, as the purpose of the facility is to provide parking for those accessing public transport to the town or onward journey. In relation to the potential Greenway connection, this requested footpath would not be required for the connectivity of the Greenway and Navan Town.

It is noted that the provision of a footway of approximately 2km in length at this location along the R147 would result in significant additional costs to the Navan Town Scheme, and any such change to the scheme would necessitate approval from the National Transport Authority. Regardless of the above, as part of the detailed design for the Scheme, including the Park and Ride site, a review will be undertaken by the designers to identify if there would be sufficient demand to justify inclusion of the suggested footway linking the proposed Park and Ride site to the town.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

The motion was adopted.

8.7 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

“That this Council remove the Convent Road area from the proposed Navan to Johnstown cycle & walkways due to its historical and heritage significance.”



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

The Part 8 planning process is currently underway for the proposed Navan Cycle Network (Athlumney to Trim Road) . As part of this statutory process, the documents and particulars of the proposed scheme are currently on public display in Buvinda House until Thursday the 24th of January 2019, with a further two weeks for submissions to be made (up to 4pm on the 7th of February 2019).

The application has been prepared in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001- 2018. The proposed development falls under section 80(1) (k) which is listed below:

(k) any development other than those specified in paragraphs (a) to (j), the estimated cost of which exceeds €126,000, not being development consisting of the laying underground of sewers, mains, pipes or other apparatus.

A Chief Executive's Report, with a recommendation, will be submitted to the Navan Municipal District in accordance with section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018 following review and consideration of the submissions made as part of the public consultation process. It is currently envisaged that the report will be ready for submission to the Navan Municipal District at the March meeting, which is currently scheduled for the 20th of March 2019. This is of course dependent on the number of submissions that are received and the complexity of same. It is noted that a maximum of 8 weeks following the closing date for submissions is allowed for completion of this report and submission to the Councillors.

Following a period for the Councillors to consider the Chief Executive's report and its contents (within a timeline of six weeks of receipt of the report), the proposed development may be carried out as recommended by the Chief Executive's Report unless the Municipal District Councillors decide to modify or reject the development as recommended in the Chief Executive's report. This must be done within the six weeks of receipt of the report as per Section 179 Part 4 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018. Note that there is no legal provision for amending the scheme during the public consultation process and therefore the motion to remove the Convent Road Section of the scheme, if passed, could not be implemented at this time.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.



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The statutory process underway was acknowledged and it was agreed to wait until the Chief Executive's report was available before discussing the matter further.

The motion was noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Cllr. Maria Murphy, Chairperson of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) re attendance at meetings.

The correspondence was noted.

- 9.2 Correspondence received from OPW in response to the Notice of Item 11.1.1 from November meeting re overgrowth from the channels in the Rivers Boyne & Blackwater.

The correspondence was noted. The need to maintain the water channels was underlined.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons raised the following issues:

- 10.1.1 Outlined the nature of the recent anti-social behaviour incidents in Silverlawns, underlined the need for additional public lighting and the possible closure/limitation of access to one of the alleyways.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára