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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 21st March, 2018, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, **Councillor Tommy Reilly**, presided.

Councillors Present: Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Padraig Fitzsimons, Wayne Forde, Jim Holloway, Joe Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Executive Engineer: Paul O'Brien

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21th February, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st February, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** 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:

- The family of the late Kayla Carey and her cousin, Jasmine, who remains in a critical condition.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons, the Shamrock Committee and Councillor Joe Reilly for the St. Patrick's Day events.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and reference was made to the impact of the recent severe weather. Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Street cleaning at weekends and litter blackspots at various locations, including at Beaufort College – it was pointed out that land ownership had to be considered and, whilst the area referred to would be cleaned up and some mitigating actions such as fencing taken, funding would be required to deliver the full length of pathway as suggested. The programme of street cleaning was outlined and reference was also made to the food businesses in the town and the need to ensure that waste is presented for collection in such a way so as to avoid littering.
- Potholes caused by the recent bad weather, e.g. Cannon Row – it was pointed out that a funding application would be made to recoup some of the costs associated with dealing with the severe weather and the damage caused.
- The impact of the bad weather on the planned works – it was confirmed that the Schedule of Municipal District Works would proceed as planned.
- Blocked gullies at the exit of Ferndale.
- The continuation of the voluntary monthly clean ups – it was confirmed that these would recommence, led by the Environment Department.

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- The removal of the playground at Claremont – it was pointed out that a plebiscite of the residents would be required, with consideration to be given to their preferences and this would be coordinated with Councillors.

4.1.2 To consider a report on the proposal for the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way on the footway between no's 142-143 Ferndale estate, Navan, Co. Meath.

The report had been circulated at the February meeting and was again summarised, with reference to the legal process and submissions received. The issues for residents were acknowledged and it was suggested that some agreement might be reached with utility providers in terms of retaining access to services. Following the discussion, it was agreed that the legal implications must be considered and that legal advice would be sought in terms of the type of agreements that might be appropriate, the parties to such an agreement, access to services on private property, etc. It was agreed to defer this to the April meeting.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017.

- Athlumney Abbey Housing Estate, Navan

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

- Leighsbridge Housing Estate, Navan

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

- Riverview Housing Estate, Navan

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sinéad Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.



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4.3 Corporate Services

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

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

4.4 Environment

- 4.4.1 To receive an update on Timoole Remediation Project.

Caroline Corrigan, Executive Engineer, Environment delivered a presentation to the meeting, which included information on the waste, works completed to date, project challenges, PR and communications, challenges and positives to date and administration of the project.

The Mayor and Councillors commended Caroline on her work on the project, in particular the PR and communications programme and project management. Matters raised included the timeframe for completion and aftercare maintenance programme and the cost of illegal dumping.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“In the interest of public safety is it possible to reduce the speed limit to 30km per hour on Donaghmore Lane which links the Slane Road to the Proudstown Road? There is already a ban HGVs using this road.”

Response:

Mandatory Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland were issued by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport in April 2015.

These Guidelines constitute a direction by the Minister for Transport having regard to Section 9(9) of the Road Traffic Act 2004.



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The introduction of a 30km/h Special Speed Limit on the L-7415 (Donaghmore Lane) would not be considered to be in compliance with Section 7.3.2 of the Guidelines, which relates to appropriate locations for the possible introduction of a permanent 30 km/h Special Speed Limit.

This road was reviewed in early 2017 as part of the county wide Special Speed Limit review. The results of the county wide Special Speed Limit review were issued to the Members of each MD in March 2017 and this review recommended no change to the default speed limit on the L-7415 at this location as a reduction in speed limit was not considered to be in compliance with the guidelines. Draft Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws were subsequently prepared and went on statutory public display from 28th July to 30th August 2017, with no submissions received relating to this section of roadway.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Are there any plans by the Executive to have the follow up meeting as promised by the Executive and Councillors, the Housing Department and Gardaí in relation to Beechmount Residents Association and when will a date be fixed for this meeting to be held?"

Response:

All previous meetings were arranged by Mayor/ elected members of which Housing Department officials made themselves available to attend and will be available to do so again if dates for the proposed meeting are provided.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Meath County Council erects dog fouling/anti litter signage on the ramparts along the walking route from Navan to Stackallen in recognition of the terrific



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recent enhancement works carried out by Navan Anglers which includes upgrades to Boyne River bank, Elliot's Bridge and Car parking area.”

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

The River Boyne is designated as a Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and a Special Protection Area (SPA) and while works in such areas generally require the prior consent of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the Council are satisfied that the erection of dog fouling and littering signs is not a notifiable activity, and arrangements are being made to put in place an appropriate number of signs on the ramparts from Navan to Stackallen.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Meath County Council would resurface the path on Metges Road linking Boyne View to the newly developed Cois Glaisin housing estate where there is a proposal for a pedestrian link to the IDA entrance.”

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

The area at the mentioned location on Metges Road linking Boyne View estate with Cois Glaisin estate on the eastern side of that road does not currently contain a footpath but consists of grass verge. Any works to construct a footpath at this location would require a significant construction project and there is no budget currently available for such works. The exact location of the proposed pedestrian crossing of Metges Road has not yet been identified by Transportation Section but may require some infill footpath construction as part of those works.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.



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The motion was adopted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on the Executive, under the CIS Scheme or if any extra funding becomes available, to consider road resurfacing in St Mary's Park as it is in an awful state and the road is literally cracking up.”

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

To be considered for the Community Involvement Scheme, an application needs to be made by the community, and the application can then be considered together with other applications for the scheme. This estate can also be considered for resurfacing if any additional funding becomes available, based on the prioritisation of schemes following an engineering evaluation.

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

The motion was adopted.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on the Executive, under the CIS scheme or if any extra funding becomes available for this year, to consider road resurfacing in Blackwater Park on the Kells Road as the road is in a very poor condition and badly needs resurfacing.”

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

To be considered for the Community Involvement Scheme, an application needs to be made by the community, and the application can then be considered together with other applications for the scheme. This estate can also be considered for resurfacing if any additional funding becomes available, based on the prioritisation of schemes following an engineering evaluation.



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

The motion was adopted.

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

“I propose the motion to discuss the ongoing problems with traffic lights at the junction of the Ratholdren Rd and Abbeylands.”

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

The traffic signals at the Ratholdren Rd/ N51 junction can be connected to the SCAT system. Meath County Council are currently looking at the potential works involved in connecting this junction to the existing SCAT system. When the costs are known and funding can be sourced, it would be the intention of Meath County Council to undertake these works.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

A short discussion followed on the traffic issues at this location, the reasons for it and possible short and long term solutions, including the delivery of the bridge over the Blackwater. It was agreed that a report would be brought to the April meeting outlining the current issues and providing an update on the bridge project.

The motion was adopted.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Sinéad Burke raised the following issue:



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8.1.1 Requested an update on the landscaping plans for the Aura lands and lands at Scoil Naomh Eoin – it was confirmed that a contract for hedge works was being looked at and that permission would be needed to undertake any works on lands not in control of the Council. Reference was made to the need to improve visibility by removing some of the excess trees and shrubbery on the left hand side approach. It was agreed that Jimmy Young would be requested to prepare a report on this and on the soccer pitches at Aura.

8.2 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Access to keys for Blackwater Park – it was pointed out that a special permit was required to get keys cut and access to keys had to be restricted. It was subsequently requested that relevant groups be contacted with regard to how they can access the park without the need to get a key.

8.2.2 The need to clear the topsoil opposite Ferndale to deter anti-social behaviour – it was agreed to refer this to Planning.

8.3 Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following issue:

8.3.1 The need to install a pedestrian crossing at the schools on Brews Hill – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

8.4 Kevin Stewart raised the following issue:

8.4.1 Reminded Councillors that the bridge at the Chronicle would close for two weeks from this Friday night to facilitate works on the cantilever bridge.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára



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