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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:15 a.m., 18th June, 2018, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Tommy Reilly.

Absent: Councillor Wayne Forde.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Executive Engineer: Paul O'Brien

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Assistant Staff Officer: Jackie O'Donnell

Apologies: Claire King, Meetings Administrator

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd May, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd May, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late Councillor Joe Reilly;
- Councillor Wayne Harding on the death of his brother, Gary;
- Councillor Sharon Tolan on the death of her father, John Donohoe.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath County Council on the appointment of a Disability Access Officer;
- Fiona Fallon on the birth of her daughter, Sarah;
- Navan Rugby Club on their promotion to All Ireland status.

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

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Leighsbridge, Commons Road, Navan, Co. Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and a further update provided at the meeting. Matters raised by Councillors included:-

- The need to address anti-social behaviour at the playground in Boreen Keel.



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- Queried if the fence past Lidl at Beaufort College would be reinstated – It was confirmed that it had already being reinstated once. A CCTV camera has been erected at this location.
- Requested the reinstatement of the green area in Kilcarn Court to its original condition following remedial works.
- Sought an update on linking the paths through Athlumney Castle into Johnstown.
- Requested clarification as to whether a long term solution for the large stretch of grass in front of Johnstown Wood had been agreed.
- Asked if the large stretch of grass at the OMP pitch at St. Oliver’s could be cut.
- Hedge cutting needed at Benildas Villas.
- Road surface in disrepair at Belcourt.
- Resurfacing works required at Boyne Valley estate.
- Requested the front of the Council yard in Abbey Road be tidied up.
- The need to look at high trees at the end of cul-de-sac in Woodlands.

5.1.2 To receive an update on the Part 8 Planning Application for Navan Local Distributor Road 1b, LDR1b, which links the Trim road to the Navan South M3 motorway access road.

Joe McGarvey, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation attended the meeting and provided an outline and an update of the proposed scheme and works completed to date. The proposed distributor road is c.1.4km long and includes the construction of 6 new junctions to link the Trim Rd with the Navan South M3 motorway access road. It was highlighted that amendments to a previously approved Part 8 permission for LDR1a, including a new signalised junction at



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Balreask Manor, were required to facilitate the development. The proposed road will be development driven and dependent on sufficient funds to carry out the works. It was advised that it is anticipated that the Part 8 for this scheme will be advertised in early July.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Expressed reservations that Junction 4 will lead to increased traffic on the Borallion road and constraints with the width of the road.
- Requested a timescale for the completion of the project – It was advised that it was dependent on the interest in the White Zoned lands and that it would be development driven.
- Asked what the intention was for the junction at Balreask – This would depend on developments within that area unless alternative funds are located.
- A link from the Trim Road to the Dublin Road is needed.

5.2 Corporate Services

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

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

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I ask the Executive what are their plans for the old Meath County Council offices on Railway Street? Is this land being sold for private development and if so could we be informed as to what is happening this prime location with readymade buildings and hundreds of Car Parking spaces?”



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The question was deferred as Councillor Forde was not in attendance.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“In relation to a survey carried out by consultants pertaining to community facilities in Johnstown, my question is:

Has Meath County Council identified a site in Johnstown for provision of community and sporting amenities?”

Response:

In parallel with the survey carried out in the Johnstown Community the consultants also examined a number of potential sites in the area which could host community facilities. There are a number of constraints associated with each of these sites and the Council is in the process of evaluating which of them is most suitable to progress taking into account their availability, accessibility and general suitability for community use. An update will be provided to the elected members once this exercise has been completed.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on the Executive to allow and advertise free parking at the old Meath County Council offices on Railway Street which will encourage shoppers to come back to Navan shops from all over Meath which will be great for local businesses that suffered greatly when the new roundabout at Mercy took 5 months to build and we lost a lot of shoppers coming to Navan from Kilmessan, Kiltale , Bective , Bohermeen , Longwood, Trim , and we need to get these shoppers back spending their money in Meath and not in Blanchardstown.”

The motion was deferred as Councillor Forde was not in attendance.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde



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“Can I call on the Executive to resurface the following roads in Navan: Claremount Estate, Beechmount Vale, Beechmount Gardens , Beechmount Grove , and Beechmount Avenue, St Mary's Park, Clusker Park and Blackwater Park Ellis Road Navan and Blackcastle Estate, and when do the Executive expect that these roads will be resurfaced for public safety.”

The motion was deferred as Councillor Forde was not in attendance.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Navan Municipal District of Meath County Council to carry out a traffic management report with a view to installing traffic lights at junction from L5050 to Metges Road, in addition to a filter light turning left from Metges Road to N3, which would create another traffic lane from Metges Road to N3. Huge tailbacks, particularly in the mornings, at school times, are causing problems for motorists and residents of the Johnstown area.”

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

Meath County Council is in agreement to carry out a traffic management report as part of the 2019 Works Programme.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Sinead Burke**.

The motion was adopted.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Meath County Council would look at the possibility of introducing BIG BELLY BINS in Johnstown and Navan. In England such bins have proved to be very efficient, and are economical as well as environmentally friendly. CCTV footage on similar bins has been productive also in preventing dumping of household waste.”

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



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At present there are in excess of 30 solar powered Big Belly Litter Bins located at a number of locations throughout the County and subject to funding it is proposed to expand the number of such bins to other locations including Navan and Johnstown for while such bins are significantly more expensive to purchase than the normal bins they do offer advantages including the volume of litter they can hold and the reduced number of collections which can save on both fuel and man hours.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Sinead Burke**.

A discussion followed on existing issues with CCTV including cost and Data Protection. A report and update was requested from the company who have CCTV installed in Navan and the need for additional CCTV in Navan.

The motion was adopted.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 8.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 29th May, 2018.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:-

10.1.1 The possibility of removing the St Vincent de Paul clothes bank at Johnstown Church.

10.1.2 The need to spray weeds on the approach road to the school entrance in Johnstown.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára