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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 18th July, 2018, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Francis Deane, Padraig Fitzsimons, Tommy Reilly.

Apologies: Councillor Sinéad Burke.

Absent: Councillor Wayne Forde.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Paul O'Brien

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Kevin Stewart, Director of Service

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 20th June, 2018.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20th June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 20th June, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20th June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The late Frank Carberry, former Councillor and Meath GAA player, to whom tributes were paid.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All involved in organising the recent Treasure Hunt in Navan, for which the business community and local authority had worked closely together;
- All involved in organising the Meath Steam Run, the benefits of which went to charity;
- The Columban Fathers, Dalgan on celebrating their 100th Anniversary – Councillor Jim Holloway suggested that, in recognition of their anniversary and their achievements, a civic reception be held and this was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

4 To receive a presentation from Local Sports Partnership on Adventure Walking App in Blackwater Park.

Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership delivered a presentation on the Adventure Walking App to be trialled in Blackwater Park, how it works, progress to date and key features. It is proposed to launch the App in August/September and a link would be circulated to Councillors. If successful, consideration will be given to extending the initiative to the Porchfields, Trim, Tower of Lloyd, Kells and Laytown-Bettystown. The App provides information on usage and complements the schools PE programme.

The Mayor and Councillors welcomed this initiative and complimented Mary on introducing it to the park. They acknowledged the benefits of involving children and schools, using technology to encourage increased fitness and outdoor activity, and suggested its benefits to other groups, such as those with special needs.

5 Statutory Business



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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 and further updates were provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The issue of surface staining on the footpaths around Market Square, particularly the Bull, Metges Lane, Watergate Street, Kennedy Road and the Cornmarket and the options to improve the appearance of the materials used – it was confirmed that different products were being assessed for the cleaning and treatment of the slabs and would be trialled in a number of locations, with the results to be assessed and taking into account the infrastructural changes to be made as a result of the Navan 2030 scheme.
- The enforcement of the byelaws relating to drinking alcohol in public in the town centre and the need for increased Garda visibility to deter anti-social behaviour.
- Commended the quality of the footpath works in the town and acknowledged the improved appearance, with the hanging baskets, etc.
- Emails received regarding ground disturbance in Kilcarn Court due to river cleaning.
- Suggested that the trees approaching Scoil Naomh Eoin could be thinned out further and the ground vegetation cleared.
- Requested an update on footpath repairs in Athlumney Castle – it was pointed out that additional works were to be undertaken in areas where trip hazards had been identified.

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- The timeframe for works at the fire station junction – it was confirmed that the tender had issued, with works to commence later this year and would be coordinated with other works to be undertaken.
- The timeframe for the works on the New Bridge to Athlumney – it was confirmed that works were on schedule, with the first phase to be completed by the end of August and before the schools reopen.
- Commended the footpath works in Blackcastle and queried if further works were planned – it was pointed out that the works were prioritised based on the footpath condition survey, as part of a three year programme to 2019.
- Update on the playground in Claremont – it was pointed out that a plebiscite was required but that a definitive decision was needed as to its future use and funding was also required to implement any decision taken.

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 Jim Holloway

“What is the current status of the taking in charge programme as it relates to the following:

- Taking in charge of Boyne View, Spire View Millbrook and The Priory in the Johnstown area;
- Legal or other obstacles, if any, currently impeding the taking in charge process;

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- The current status of Barcape, the management company which was set up under a condition of the grant of planning permission of which the articles of association were the subject to change some years ago;
- The role of Meath County Council in the ownership and maintenance of open spaces to include roads, footpaths, public lighting and the implications, if any, for the Council of the changes referred to?"

Response:

- ***The current status of the taking in charge programme as it relates to Boyne View, Spire View Millbrook and The Priory in the Johnstown area:*** Meath County Council received a valid taking in charge request from the residents of Boyne View on 16/11/2017. This estate is now included in our programme of works and it is Meath County Council's intention to have works commenced in the second half of 2019.

No taking in charge request has been received by Meath County Council in relation to the remaining above named estates.

- ***Legal or other obstacles, if any, currently impeding the taking in charge process:*** Meath County Council are unable to commence the Taking In Charge process in relation to Spire View, Millbrook and The Priory, Johnstown until a valid request has been submitted in line with the Statutory requirements under Section 180.
- ***The current status of Barcape the management company which was set up under a condition of the grant of planning permission of which the articles of association were the subject to change some years ago:*** Barcape company status is normal as per the Companies Registration Office.
- ***The role of Meath County Council in the ownership and maintenance of open spaces to include roads, footpaths, public lighting and the implications, if any, for the Council of the changes referred to:*** Meath County Council, in their Statutory role of Taking In Charge under the Roads Act, do not take ownership of lands within a development. Taking In Charge covers the maintenance of roads and services, i.e. roads, footpaths and public lighting. The Water Infrastructure within a development, when taken in charge, transfers to Irish



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Water and the responsibility of maintaining same also falls to Irish Water. For the avoidance of doubt, taking in charge does not include the maintenance of open spaces in terms of grass cutting etc.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“With the proposed pedestrian crossing at St Joseph's, Mercy, being installed shortly, would Meath County Council, on behalf of Navan Municipal District, consider writing to Irish Water in relation to addressing an ongoing sewage issue on the footpath directly opposite the proposed crossing at 50 and 51 Brews Hill? Business people on Brews Hill have health and safety concerns in relation to this long and ongoing issue.”

Response:

Navan Municipal District Transportation Section shall liaise directly with local Water Services Section staff with respect with to this issue and seek to have it clarified if it impacts on the pedestrian crossing works.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“Meath County Council will, in the interest of road safety, put in place/or replace ramp/s within Clonmagadden Fort and Balreask Village.”

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

Works relating to the provision of new or additional speed control ramps in Clonmagadden Fort and Balreask Village estates are not on the list of works that were identified as part of the SMDW for Navan MD for 2018. The request for new/additional ramps at these locations shall be entered onto the Transportation Section 'Works



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Request List' and may be considered for action if surveys and data can justify a requirement and if additional funding can be identified.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Jim Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

Reference was made to the results of speed surveys undertaken in estates where a 30km/h limit applies, indicating that the majority of drivers were in compliance with the speed limit. Therefore speed ramps, if installed, would be to deal with a relatively small number of speeding vehicles. It was also pointed out that the problem was more difficult in Balreask Village.

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Navan Municipal District organise an arborologist to carry out a full report in relation to overgrown, low hanging trees in Johnstown Wood where pedestrians access school campus.”

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

An assessment of the trees at the mentioned location can be made when Navan Municipal District engages the Arborologist services later in the season and, if works are identified, they can be addressed in the cutting season.

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

A short discussion followed, where it was suggested that a survey be undertaken to identify trees that require attention. However it was pointed out that the cost of removing trees, with traffic and health and safety management, is considerable with no specific budget allocated.

The motion was adopted.



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7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Navan Municipal District to delineate the old town walls in the town enhancement scheme. Examples of locations where Navan's ancient walls still stand, dating back to 12th century, include: Abbey Road, Trimgate Street, Watergate Street and Ludlow Street.”

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

It is the intention of Meath County Council to incorporate measures in the new paving works to be provided as part of the Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) to delineate the old town walls, where encountered as part of the proposed works.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

The motion was adopted.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 15th June, 2018.

The report was noted.

8.2 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 22nd June, 2018.

The report was noted.

8.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 26th June, 2018.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence



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There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Referred to a pipe from the Old Commons to opposite the Newgrange Hotel that appears to be pumping sewage into the river, rather than fresh water.

10.1.2 Requested an update on the community facility in Johnstown – the update provided at the June meeting was given and a further update would be requested for the September meeting.

10.2 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Tree pruning and grass cutting needed at Royal Tara in Cannistown – it was pointed out that this was private property and that a hedge cutting notice could be served.

10.2.2 Update on the wall between Millbrook and Johnstown Wood – it was agreed to check this.

10.3 Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Referred to the present CCTV system in the town not working correctly.

10.4 Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following issue:

10.4.1 The need for single storey dwellings in social housing developments to be provided by the private sector or voluntary bodies and also the need to identify Council owned sites where these can be provided. Reference was made to a survey of Council owned lands undertaken and this was requested for the September meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Signed:

An Meára