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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 19th December, 2018, 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

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21st November, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st November, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Edward Fennessy thanked Meath GAA for their effective traffic management during the game on Sunday.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family and colleagues of the late Larry Campbell, Navan Municipal District, to whom tributes were paid;



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- The family and colleagues of the late Stephanie Martin, Meath Library Services;
- The family of the late Jane McGurl, former nurse in Our Lady's Hospital;
- Councillor Brian Fitzgerald on the death of his sister.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Noel Moran on winning the European Entrepreneur of the Year at the European CEO Awards;
- Fr. Raymond Husband on being appointed Regional Director of the Columban Fathers.

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 key points were highlighted.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested an update on works planned for Bakery Lane – it was confirmed that drainage works were planned for the new year.
- Welcomed the installation of light in Preston Place.
- The possibility of levelling and seeding the piece of ground at the rear of St. Oliver's School, which would then facilitate its maintenance by OMP – it was pointed out that the school had expressed an interest in taking this area in charge and this would be followed up.
- The rubble remaining following damage caused to the culvert at Whistlemount and its potential impact on flooding – it was requested



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that this matter be submitted via Members Reps and would be followed up.

- The possibility of restricting vehicle access at St. Mary's Park.

The Mayor and councillors thanked Paul O'Brien and his team for the significant works undertaken and progress made throughout the year.

4.1.2 To receive an update on the LDR4 Abbeyland Navan scheme.

Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation Section and Colin Acton, AECOM attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the Local Distributor Road 4.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the project and acknowledged the benefits to motorists and also those wishing to access Blackwater Park.
- The rationale for installing signalised junctions rather than roundabouts – it was pointed out that, in an urban situation, these were preferred to maximise safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The need for a long term plan for the park – the benefits to facilitating improved access to the park were referenced and it was confirmed that a long term plan for the park, to be prepared early in the new year, would be brought to councillors for review. It was also pointed out that the design would aim to minimise any visual impacts and would present landscaping opportunities for the entrance points.
- The funding for the project – it was confirmed that a number of different funding streams would be targeted.
- The impact on landowners – it was pointed out that this was a preliminary design that was subject to amendment and that meetings would be arranged in January with those landowners that are potentially affected by the scheme.



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The Mayor and councillors thanked Maurice and Colin for the information and welcomed the progress on the project.

4.2 Corporate Services

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

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

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Has Meath County Council made submissions to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to a) proposed Navan to Wilkinstown Greenway and b) Ramparts, Navan to Stackallen?”

Response:

An application was made for funding for the Navan to Kingscourt Greenway to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on 29th November under the National & Regional Greenway Fund.

A joint application was made with Fingal County Council for a proposed scheme to link Newbridge (House – Donabate, Fingal) to Newgrange (County Meath). An application was not made for a scheme to link the Ramparts in Navan with Stackallan, or beyond to Slane and Newgrange at this time, given the limited design work completed to date on this section of the Boyne Greenway route. We note that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport will likely have further funding calls in the future and Meath County Council will consider a separate application to link Navan with Newgrange, via Stackallan, at that time.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion



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6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“In the interest of providing safe pedestrian access to the Navan Retail Park and Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan Municipal District agrees to install pedestrian crossings at the Clogherboy, Moatlands and Knockumber junctions on the Andy Connolly Roundabout.”

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

It should be pointed out that uncontrolled pedestrian crossings are already in place on the Knockumber, Moatlands and Clogherboy Road legs of the Andy Connolly Roundabout.

Navan Municipal District does not have specific or special funding for the upgrade of existing pedestrian crossings. All such requests for new or upgraded pedestrian crossings are included on the central Transportation Section 'Request for Works' database and consideration made thereafter in the context of need and available budget. Navan Municipal District shall include this request as a specific item on the overall database which will fall under consideration by central Transportation Section in due course.

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

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“That Navan Municipal District review and update bye-laws in place on the Ramparts recreational walkway in Navan to bring them in line with existing Parks Bye-laws in place on other amenities in Co Meath.”

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

The towpaths along the old navigational canal along the Ramparts and further out are not in the ownership or control of Meath County Council. The majority of the paths are owned/controlled by An Taisce with some in private ownership. As Meath County



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Council does not exercise any control over the mentioned paths, it is unfortunately not possible to enact any Local Authority bye-laws there.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

In light of the supporting information, it was agreed to raise this issue with An Taisce.

The motion was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the Executive, if there is extra funding available in 2019, to resurface the Coolfore Road, Ardraccon and roads in Parnell Park, including the repair of all speed ramps, in the interest of public safety."

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

The Department of Transport Tourism & Sport (DTTAS) has requested local authorities to submit their multi-annual programme to the Department by the 9th November covering the years 2019,2020 & 2021. This programme will be based on the prioritisation of schemes following an engineering screening/evaluation assessment. Parnell Park (L-34140-1) and Coolfore Road (L-80001-0) 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.

Please note that pavement works were carried out on a section of the Coolfore Road in 2015.

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

The motion was adopted.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde



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“That the Executive consider making the large meeting room in the Town Hall available for a few days or mornings a week for Councillors, allocating scheduled times, for the provision of a drop in clinic, thereby providing a service for people living in the Navan area and ensuring the room is used to its full capacity.”

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

The meeting room in the Town Hall is unavailable, as it is currently used by Meath Local Sports Partnership and Meath County Council on a regular basis. In relation to the request for meeting space for Councillors to hold public clinics, Meath County Council does not have available space or sufficient capacity to make meeting rooms available for this purpose.

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

The motion was noted.

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“Navan Municipal District will provide a Taxi Rank at Brews Hill, Navan, adjacent to the major retail facility in this area.”

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

Meath County Council intend to review the current Navan Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws, 2003 in tandem with the delivery of the Navan 2030 scheme, to take account of new appointed stands in the town. The requested location on Brews Hill will be considered as part of this process.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Jim Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

The motion was adopted.



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6.6 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“Considering the poor condition of the public footpath at Proudstown Road (No. 1 – 24), Meath County Council will have this included in the footpath restoration programme.”

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

Taking into account the condition rating of the existing footpaths, the area referred to may be listed under the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Jim Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

The motion was adopted.

6.7 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to proceed with a CPO with regard to three front gardens on the L3409 Ratholdron Road, Silverlawn and install a new footpath to complete the pedestrian link from Silverlawn to Blackwater Park. This plan was originally included in the Navan Town Council 2010 Smarter Travel Plan.”

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

Following a Notice of Motion in October 2016 requesting the installation of a section of footpath at this location, it was added to the list of new works requests, from which schemes are prioritised by engineering screening/evaluation assessment when funding becomes available. It remains on this list for consideration when any opportunity arises in the future. However, it is advised that the cost of acquiring the lands required by CPO would be disproportionate to the scale of the scheme and therefore may not be feasible; it would be preferable to acquire the lands by agreement.

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



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The motion was noted.

6.8 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“With the proposed link road from M3 exit 8, Balreask to Trim Road, I propose that Meath County Council would look at a roadworks programme to address a dangerous bend on L8010 Balreask to Gainstown Cross. The bypass will generate a sizeable amount of extra traffic on the L8010.”

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

This Notice of Motion has been referred to the consultants designing the road and the issue is currently being investigated. Further information will be provided in due course.

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

It was pointed out that the junction at Balreask should be prioritised.

The motion was adopted.

6.9 Submitted by Councillor Sinead Burke

“This Council, taking into account the green space currently taken in charge, the young population and the lack of sport and recreation amenities, will explore the possibility of erecting football posts on the green in Balreask Village, and include Meath Local Sports Partnership in this conversation if appropriate.”

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

The Council is not in favour of erecting football posts in a green area that is not a designated football pitch. The erection of such posts could give rise to potential claims, anti-social behaviour or complaints from the residents with health and safety and maintenance requirements for the Council.



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

The motion was noted.

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

- 7.1** To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 23rd November, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2** To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 30th November together with Low Cost Private Site Scheme.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1** Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Queried whether Meath County Council has any control in relation to the recently erected signs and the locked gate at Donaghmore graveyard preventing access by relatives and those who maintain it.

- 9.2** Councillor Wayne Forde raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Requested an update on the timeframe for the consultation process in relation to the pitch and playground in Claremont – it was confirmed that this would take place in the new year.

9.2.2 Requested an update on the closure of the alleyway in Ferndale – it was confirmed that this was with the solicitors.



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9.2.3 Requested that larger projects, when granted planning permission, be conditioned to include public lighting and necessary access infrastructure – it was pointed out that, generally, planning permissions and conditions are legally limited to apply to the piece of land on which the permission is granted but a contribution to the cost of additional infrastructure can be applied proportionately.

9.3 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Referred to the works under the culvert at old Johnstown village – it was pointed out that the overall scheme involved a greater amount of works than previously.

9.4 Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Welcomed the significant funding announcement for Navan under the Urban Regeneration Fund, which will benefit Flower Hill, Railway Street and the Food Hub – the funding allocated was outlined.

The Mayor wished everyone a happy Christmas and made particular reference to those working in emergency services.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára