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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

12:00 p.m., 20th April 2016, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Wayne Forde, Jim Holloway, Tommy Reilly.

Apologies: Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Senior Executive Engineer: Fiona Beers

Executive Engineer: Noel Finnegan

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

The Mayor informed the meeting that Councillor Sinéad Burke had requested that Standing Orders be suspended to hear an Emergency Motion and that he had decided that this would be heard when motions were being considered.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 23rd March, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd March 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Joe Ward, Meath County Council employee and tributes were paid to Joe on his work in Navan Municipal District.

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 no matters were raised.

The list of proposed locations in relation to the additional allocation of €140,000 for footpath works and €35,000 for public lighting works was presented for consideration by Councillors and was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Jim Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

Whilst Councillors welcomed the proposed works, it was pointed out that Navan, as county town, required further funding for the many estates in the town, particularly the older estates.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Under the roadworks programme, of which €30,000 has been allocated to enhance vision from the L5050 road onto the R153, would Meath County Council examine the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 50 kilometres as well as installing traffic calming measures on the R153? This route has become extremely busy since the school campus opened in Johnstown.”

Response:

Meath County Council confirms that the location on the R-153 Kentstown Road in Navan identified by Councillor Deane is already on the schedule of areas to be assessed as part



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of the current county wide Special Speed Limit review. A speed survey will be carried out at this location and the section of road will be assessed with regard to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport's Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland 2015.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I ask the executive when will there be a locked steel gate erected at the entrance to Stapleton's Lane on the Commons Road in Navan to prevent any further anti social behaviour and illegal dumping?”

Response:

The Council is currently in discussions with landowners with regard to the erection of a gate at the entrance to the lane. If a gate is erected at this location, the road will no longer be of general public utility and so it will be necessary to extinguish the right of way on the lane. If the members are in agreement with this, it is expected that a gate could be erected in 4 – 6 weeks.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Navan Municipal District, representing the county town of Meath, a county which is famous for its large number of dairy farmers, would get involved in assisting the Meath Artisan food group to showcase their cheeses and other dairy products. West Cork alone boasts 24 registered producers of cheese compared to Meath's three. I am so impressed by the commitment of local small producers and farmers who work hard for what can be described as a labour of love. There is huge potential for growth in this sector as well as great opportunities to create employment to supply the global market. Local producers would love to showcase and display their superior, nutritious, healthy produce on Kennedy Road, on Saturdays from June until October, during the hours of 11am to 4pm on a trial basis. I call on Navan Municipal District members to support this



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motion. This project also has huge potential to enhance the proposed food hub for Navan.”

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

The Council is initiating the process of engaging and developing a Food Marketing Strategy for the Boyne Valley region. As part of this process we would see farmer’s markets playing a vital role in the promotion of Artisan Foods within County Meath.

It should be also be noted the Economic and Enterprise Team have recently procured a marketing and communications agency to promote the key tenets of the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014-2022, part of which will promote food and artisan producers in the coming year.

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

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Navan Municipal District writes to the NTA in relation to a report they intend to ask consultants to carry out pertaining to the proposed bus hub in Navan. I'd like to request that they closely examine pedestrian movement and footfall in the Kennedy Plaza area, in particular where people pass onto the plaza from Dunnes Stores. There are many considerations to be borne in mind such as pedestrian awareness, wheelchair access and speed limits, before decisions can be made.”

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

A short discussion followed, where it was confirmed that the consultants had considered all issues relating to the town centre, including the public realm and traffic and pedestrian movements, and that a draft plan was nearing completion and would be presented to Navan Municipal District for consideration. A special meeting was provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 11th May at 10.00am in Navan Civic Offices.



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The motion was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the support of my fellow Councillors for the emergency resurfacing of the public road adjacent to St Oliver's Church to the entrance of Waterville Crescent and Aisling Place."

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

The 2016 Housing Estate planned works includes the restoration of 120m of road along Aisling Place from the junction with Waterville Crescent in the direction of the R162 Proudstown Road. This covers the most deteriorated section of Aisling Place. The works will be included in the Restoration Improvement tender, and works are expected to take place during the summer.

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

The motion was noted.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the support of the my fellow Councillors for the installation of speed ramps on Metges Road, Johnstown from the Kentstown Road turn off to the roundabout at Supervalu Shopping Centre for public safety."

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

Should this motion be adopted, the Transportation Department will look into the requirement for Traffic Management on Metges Road when the work programme allows. Please note that Metges Road is part of the Distributor Road Network for Navan and this may limit the type of traffic calming measures that are appropriate for use.



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

The motion was adopted.

6.5 Emergency Motion - Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“That Meath County Council formally writes to the owner of the derelict house on the Slane Road, which has been the focal point of anti-social behaviour in recent weeks and which has come to the attention of the Gardaí on numerous occasions, with a view to either registering the property as a derelict site or requesting the owner to secure the outline of the property along the Slane Road.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sinéad Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

A short discussion followed, with the efforts of the Environment Section being acknowledged. Other problem sites, for example on Flowerhill and Abbeylands, were also referred to.

The motion was adopted.

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence received from The Office of the Commissioner in response to the Notice of Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion as adopted at February monthly meeting re full time Garda station in Johnstown.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that this letter be submitted to the Joint Policing Committee for their information.

- 7.2 Correspondence received from Ms. Marie Daly, Chief Executive Officer, Navan Community Childcare Ltd. re street naming.

Councillor Joe Reilly declared his interest as Chairperson of Navan Community Childcare Ltd. The correspondence was discussed and it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor**



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Jim Holloway and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke** that the process to name the road as requested be commenced.

A query was raised in relation to the requirement to erect bilingual street signs and it was agreed to refer this to the Corporate Services Section.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Kevin Stewart raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Referred to the recent announcement by Shire on building a new plant in Meath and their invitation to all Councillors to attend a presentation next Monday at 11.00am in Dunboyne Castle Hotel.

8.2 Healthy Town Initiative - Navan

8.2.1 A report on the Healthy Town Initiative was circulated on behalf of the Community Department.

8.3 Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following issues:

8.3.1 The need to review the pedestrian lights/crossing at the junction of Brews Hill, Trimgate Street, Railway Street and Canon Row from an accessibility point of view.

8.3.2 The possibility of adding a continuous white line on the L80100 at the Borallion – it was confirmed that a road must be of a certain width to add lines.

8.3.3 The need for central government to strengthen the legislation to deal effectively with derelict sites – it was pointed out that the Vacant Sites legislation, due to take effect in 2019, would give authorities stronger powers to deal with such sites.

8.3.4 The offer by SIRO to present at a future Municipal District meeting – this was agreed.

8.3.5 The flooding caused by discharge from the manhole cover opposite No. 33



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Academy Street during rainfall.

8.4 Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issues:

8.4.1 The health implications and associated cost for householders in Emmett's Terrace, Silverlawns, Windtown, Market Square and Kennedy Crescent dealing with sewerage in back gardens and the response from Irish Water that they will not deal with issues on private property – it was pointed out that this was an issue across the country. It was agreed that a letter should issue to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on behalf of Navan Municipal District Councillors requesting that this situation be reviewed and some form of agreement reached between Irish Water and local authorities and that this letter be copied to all local authorities.

8.4.2 The need to clean the footpaths on Market Square and Metges Lane.

8.5 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

8.5.1 The need to check the gullies in Belcourt and Abbeygrove.

8.5.2 The hoarding on the goal post side at Boreen Keel.

8.5.3 Complaints received regarding the traffic light sequence at St. Paul's on the Abbeylands side.

8.6 Councillor Joe Reilly raised the following issues:

8.6.1 The possibility of replacing the traffic light heads at St. Paul's as they are continuously out of order and it was requested that the cost of doing so be provided at the next meeting.

8.6.2 The report due on the future of Navan Town Hall – it was agreed to refer this to Corporate Services.

8.6.3 Confirmation as to whether the Council had prepared traffic management plans to coincide with the movement of staff to Buvinda House – this was confirmed.



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- 8.6.4 The need for signage to indicate the background and historical context of The Moat to the rear of St. Patrick's Terrace.
- 8.6.5 The report due on the playground in Claremont.
- 8.6.6 The installation of play equipment for young children and those with disabilities in Blackwater Park – it was confirmed that quotations had been received but that, following consultation with representative groups, it was decided that alternative equipment would be more suitable and new quotations were to be obtained.
- 8.6.7 The need to secure the poles for dog signs in Blackwater Park.
- 8.6.8 The next Navan Clean-Up Campaign taking place next Friday.
- 8.6.9 Congratulated all involved in the recent economic development announcements including Facebook, Shire and Avoca.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára