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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 19th April 2017, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, **Councillor Francis Deane**, presided.

Councillors Present: Sinéad Burke, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Wayne Forde, Jim Holloway, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Assistant Engineer: Mel Cronin

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Paul O'Brien, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd March, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd March, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Meeting held on 5th April, 2017.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 5th April, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

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 Michael Carroll, former Councillor in Navan Electoral Area;
- The family of the late Colm Walsh, formerly of Walsh & Kealy's Shop, Navan.

4 To receive a presentation from the FAI Football Development Officer Meath.

Barry Ferguson, FAI Development Officer for Meath, attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the FAI Development Office mission, the various FAI programmes operating in Meath and notable mentions relative to Meath.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The vandalism that occurred on the all weather pitches in Navan – it was pointed out that a programme for usable pitches was being developed with MLSP.
- The possibility of increasing the availability of first aid courses for officials and players as part of the Kickstart Coaching Course – it was agreed to bring this idea back to Coach Education.
- The use of the pitch in Blackwater Park – it was confirmed that the FAI was working with MLSP, the GAA and the rugby club to attract young people to the park with an event planned for Easter to encourage clubs to use the park and to facilitate young people who cannot access the MDL facility.

The Mayor and Councillors thanked Barry for his presentation.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

5.1.1 Notification of proposed upgrade works to the Round O Roundabout.

Pat Shore, Assistant Engineer, Transportation attended the meeting and provided an update to Councillors, regarding the Section 38, which would

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facilitate submissions and feedback. The drawing for the proposed works was circulated and responses provided to specific design queries.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The need to prevent cars travelling the wrong way down Flower Hill.
- The capacity of larger trucks to use the roundabout.
- Pedestrian safety and crossings.
- The impact of trees on Flower Hill on visibility.

5.1.2 To receive an update on Johnstown Permeability Scheme.

Cormac Ross, Resident Engineer, Transportation attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the Johnstown Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements. This included the background to the scheme, the proposed cantilever bridge, the non-statutory public consultation and information sessions, the previous proposal and the revised proposals based on feedback received, examples of similar schemes, and the next steps, including individual meetings with the estates and residential areas and a possible six month trial. It was pointed out that this consultation would take place over a two month period.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The opposition of some residents to the proposals, for example to the introduction of alleyways, and the need to ensure adequate consultation to present the scheme in a more positive light;
- The role of the cantilever bridge in the overall proposal and NTA funding for the wider scheme;
- The possibility of extending the consultation to areas outside the immediate boundaries as described – it was agreed that this could be arranged;



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- The inclusion of this objective in the Development Plan.

5.1.3 To discuss The Ramparts.

This item was deferred to the May meeting.

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

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Maintenance checks on playgrounds and an update on the playground at Claremont – it was confirmed that a condition survey of all playgrounds was being undertaken over the coming months, with Claremont to be prioritised.
- Update on the provision of facilities in burial grounds for cremations – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.
- The need to maintain the hedging opposite the entrance to Blackwater Park on the Windtown Road and opposite Beechmount Vale.
- The sequence of the traffic lights at the hospital junction – it was pointed out that these were on a sensor but a review would be requested.
- Update on the works to be undertaken by Irish Rail on the wall on the Rathaldron Road – it was agreed to follow this up with Irish Rail.
- The responsibility of Meath County Council in relation to derelict houses in Silverlawns and at the entrance to Abbeylands Crescent near the Round O – it was pointed out that the Council does not have a responsibility or legal right to board up private houses.
- Illegal dumping on Leighsbrook Lane – it was confirmed that this was private property.



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- The possibility of raising the nets in the playground at Boreen Keel – it was pointed out that different goalpost structures would be required.
- Additional works needed in Bru ha hAbhainn, which was taken in charge – it was pointed out that the green space was not in charge.
- Speeding concerns in Willow Green, Athlumney.
- The need to provide a disabled car parking space at 9-10 Academy Street.
- The need to follow up with SIRO with regard to high speed broadband provision in Navan.
- The request from the Laterlife Network for a bus stop at the hospital – it was agreed to refer this to the Community Section.
- The addition of the legal process for the extinguishment of the right of way at Ferndale to the agenda of the May meeting.
- The awarding of contracts for hanging baskets – the procurement process and legal requirements were outlined.

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 Sineád Burke

“Can the Executive confirm the total amount generated by developers’ contributions in Johnstown Navan to date? What contributions are due to be generated this year? What



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in the past has this revenue been used for? What is planned to spend this year's contributions on?"

Response:

Can the Executive confirm the total amount generated by developers contributions in Johnstown Navan to date?

The financial system does not facilitate the breakdown of the financial contributions per geographical area. All contributions received are receipted to three areas, Roads, Social Infrastructure and Surface Water Drainage. These contributions are then use to fund projects approved by the Members in the Capital Programme.

What contributions are due to be generated this year?

The target for the Financials Team is to collect €5,000,000 in development contributions in 2017 for the County.

What in the past has this revenue been used for?

Development Contributions collected under The Meath County Development Contribution Schemes 2004-2009 and 2010-2015 have been applied mainly to fund Amenity Assets including Swimming Pools, Libraries, Solstice Arts Centre, Parks & Playgrounds and the Strategic Regional Roads - R158 Trim-Kilcock, R150 Duleek-Julianstown, R161 Trim- Navan, R154 Scurlogstown to Kiltale. Roads.

What is planned to spend this year's contributions on?

Appendix A of The Meath County Development Contribution Scheme 2016 – 2021, adopted by the Council in December 2015, sets out the proposed projects to be funded by contributions collected during the life of the Scheme. In order to give effect to these projects they must then form part of the Capital Programme. The most recent Capital Programme was adopted by the Council at the April meeting.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway



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“In respect of the intensification of use of the public roadway network at Johnstown /Alexander Reid consequent on Grandbrind Development and Completion of Developments at Johnstown Educational Campus this meeting requests details of road structure and traffic management system to support these developments, to include

- map of current and planned road, footpath and cycle lane structure
- illustrational of directional traffic flows to and through existing and future road network with reference to distributor through Johnstown Wood, L-5050-0 and the intersection of this road with R153
- how the new distributor road through Grandbrind is intended to accommodate traffic associated with both residential and school developments
- what specific improvements to existing road network if any are considered necessary and planned for
- time frame for completion of new infrastructure and improvements to existing network - with specific reference to accommodating school transport system associated with phase 2 of second level school and new Special School in advance of completion of Grandbrind distributor road
- any new vehicular or pedestrian/cycle route designed as a direct access point of educational campus with L-5050-0?”

Response:

Further to the information provided for the March meeting of Navan Municipal District, Meath County Council met representatives from Grandbrind and the school on site on Wednesday 15th March 2017 to discuss access to the housing development (currently under construction) and the school. The following items were noted:

- *Grandbrind intend to have the show houses (Phase 1) available for viewing by 6th May 2017.*
- *They intend to complete the access road to the development, including the interface with the existing roundabout, before this date.*



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- *The works at the roundabout include the removal of the ‘teardrop’ thereby forming a conventional roundabout.*
- *The programme for completion of the works has to be agreed but the school highlighted their preference that these works would be completed during the Easter break.*
- *The access road to the development, which ultimately links with the L5050, will only be completed to Phase 1 of the development. The developer did not confirm when the full length of the access road to L5050 will be completed. It will be development driven and depends on the numbers of houses built/sold.*
- *These are other accommodation works including the relocation of the steel gates and pillars, security fencing and boundary wall that have to be completed before the access road is opened to the public. Grandbrind to discuss and agree responsibility for these costs with the school.*

The response was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“In relation to dangerous structures located at a public pedestrian footpath, is the Local Authority responsible for the dangerous structure under Section 70 of the Roads Act?”

Response:

The primary responsibility for maintaining/repairing dangerous structures is for the owner/occupier. Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993 provides that the owner/occupier of any structure or of land on which a structure is situated shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the structure or the use of the structure is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

Where a structure or its use is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of a public road, a road authority may serve a notice on the owner/occupier of the structure or of the land on which the structure is situated to remove, modify or carry out specified works in relation to the structure.



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The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

“That Navan Municipal District writes to Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Simon Coveney T.D requesting him to urgently update the "Water Service Act 2014" legislation to take in charge all public sewage pipes crossing private properties, so the relevant local authority can maintain this network to halt the current health and safety and environmental hazards from over spilling raw sewage in residential back gardens which is very evident in estates around Navan today and across Ireland.”

The motion was withdrawn.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“Given the poor state of the roads in Claremont Estate, Navan and the high usage level of traffic using the estate, I call on Meath County Council to utilise any additional funds that become available to repair the road structure.”

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

If extra monies become available for carrying out restoration improvement and/or restoration maintenance, when deciding where these monies are to be spent, Claremont Estate as well as other locations requested by the Municipal District members will be considered as part of the selection process.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly



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“Abbeylands Crescent is a small of estate of 24 houses. It is an estate constructed in the 1980s. Therefore I call for a full structural and housing report to be carried out on Abbeylands Crescent so as to ascertain its needs.”

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

There are 14 units in Abbeylands Crescent that remain in the ownership of Meath County Council. These units will be considered in future preventative maintenance programmes for the completion of any applicable works, within the context of overall priorities and budgetary parameters. It is noted that the estate was subject to Phase 1 Energy Upgrade insulation works in 2014.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“That Navan Municipal District shows their commitment to and respect of Disability Rights, by examining each accessible car parking space in the town to ensure that it is in the most suitable location, starting with the space allocated in the Town hall car park which due to its position on a steep gradient is not accessible at all.”

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

Meath County Council have requested the Navan MD engineer to examine the option of relocating the DPB in Abbey Road car park or alternatively to provide an additional space on more level ground. We have referred the Motion to the Strategic Transport section to consider additional bays and improved standards for DPB's as part of the Public Realm project. We will also examine if DPB's can benefit from additional signage & lining where possible. Meath County Council continue to monitor enforcement of these bays to minimise illegal parking and are currently preparing for two Public Awareness Initiatives which we hope to implement within a matter of weeks.



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

The motion was adopted.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“That Meath County Council will restore estate road pavement at Beechmount Court and Beechmount Gardens, Navan.”

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

This section of footpath was placed on the Request for Maintenance list on 29/1/2016, and it will be considered when prioritising schemes to be carried out with any available funding.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.6 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to look at extending the existing footpath on the R153 Athlumney-Kentstown Road to the traffic lights at Metges Junction.”

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

The developer of the Caislean Mainear housing development has been conditioned to construct footpaths along the frontage of the estate, effectively filling the gap between the existing footpaths. The construction of a footpath on the north side of the junction with Metges Road will be considered in the detailed design of the Local Distributor Road 6 (LDR6), a link road between the Kentstown Road (R153) and the Boyne Road (L3400).



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

The motion was noted.

7.7 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to erect bollards at Claremont Estate between houses No’s 123 to 126 inclusive in order to eliminate illegal parking on the footpath.”

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

The area in question shall be assessed in relation to the reported problem. The issue of erecting bollards may be considered as a solution should a problem be identified but it should be pointed out that parking of vehicles on footpaths is an offence under the Road Traffic Acts and any instances of such behaviour should be reported to An Garda Síochána for appropriate action.

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

The motion was adopted.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Report – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 13th March, 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence received from NTA in response to the Notice of Item 6.6 – Notice of motion as adopted at January meeting.



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The correspondence was noted.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Kevin Stewart raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Confirmed that an update on the Johnstown Community Facility had been provided by the Community Section and feedback from Councillors received – Councillor Jim Holloway suggested that the area of consultation be extended to include other areas that would benefit from such a facility and this was agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára