



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Navan Municipal District***

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:15 p.m., 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Navan Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Wayne Forde, Jim Holloway, Joe Reilly.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Kevin Stewart

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Paul O'Brien

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Wayne Forde sought further clarification on the procedure involved in voluntary groups participating at the Slane concert and this was provided.

Des Foley, Director of Services for Transportation, referred to an item discussed at previous Council meetings concerning the proposed pedestrian ways through Johnstown/Athlumney. It was confirmed that, following receipt of submissions and having taken the views of residents into account, it had been decided not to proceed with the permeability proposals through the estates. It was also confirmed that the major 2030 Navan scheme would proceed, with public consultation to be undertaken up to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, and that the Chief Executive's



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report would be brought to a meeting of the Municipal District as soon as possible. It was also confirmed that the Part 8 in respect of the cantilever bridge was proceeding, as was the cycle scheme proposals from Johnstown to the Fairgreen and to the Trim Road and the proposals for the Convent Road to the Kentstown Road. Councillors welcomed this decision and raised a number of queries in respect of different aspects of the proposals. It was agreed to provide more detail on the Convent Road proposal at the July meeting.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to the following:

- All those affected by the recent terror attacks and fire in London.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

##### **4.1.1 To discuss the Ramparts.**

Andrew Bagnall, Executive Engineer, Transportation, delivered a presentation outlining the work undertaken to date, a feasibility map, land ownership and stakeholders, and next steps. It was pointed out that the public consultation in respect of the national greenway strategy would conclude on 14<sup>th</sup> July and that Meath County Council would be making a submission.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Rights of way along the river.
- Permission of landowners to carry out works – it was confirmed that permission would be required, with the aim to reach agreements.
- The plan for the Ramparts/Greenway, e.g. tourism, boating, heritage, commercial activity – it was pointed out that Phase I involved the engineering and construction of a boardwalk whilst Phase II involved a design to reinstate the towpath with advice from the NPWS in terms

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of vegetation, etc. It was also confirmed that Meath Tourism and the Boyne Navigation Restoration Group were involved in the project.

- The need to retain the natural environment as much as possible, whilst facilitating safe use of this amenity, and the need to manage and maintain the trees bordering the route – this was agreed.
- The possibility of assigning a protection to the area in the Development Plan.
- The role of volunteers in carrying out supervised works.
- The possibility of Navan Municipal District making a funding application to progress works on the Navan side – it was agreed to consider the costs against the different funding sources, that an application from the Municipal District would be appropriate, with a view to considering the destination points.
- The means of dealing with stagnant water in the canal.
- The role of Councillors in liaising with landowners.
- The need for short term measures, including regular clean ups, grass cutting, adding sand to paths, etc. – it was pointed out that different surfaces were being considered.
- The possibility of creating a public trust, with fund raising initiatives alongside Municipal District allocations and Council funding.

It was agreed that an update would be provided at the September meeting, including agreement on the next steps and information on funding.

- 4.1.2 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:



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- The need for works on footpaths in estates.
- The need to consult with the community and make a decision with regard to the playground in Claremont estate and a report on same.
- Welcomed footpath repairs in Beechmount Crescent and Beechmount Avenue.
- Responsibility for pitch maintenance in Blackwater Park – it was confirmed that the contractor would undertake works this week.
- Welcomed the flower arrangements in Navan town.
- Grass cutting on Reask Green, the possibility of considering alternative approaches to minimise the area to be maintained and the alternative uses for this space.
- Hoarding at Abbeylands – it was confirmed that contractors were being sought to address this.

### **4.2 Planning**

4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2015

- Glenveigh, Navan

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

Reference was made to the overgrown trees along the palisade fence, owned by Irish Rail, and the absence of public lighting to this estate. It was agreed that a letter would issue to Irish Rail requesting that they cut these trees back.

### **4.3 Corporate Services**



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4.3.1 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 Joe Reilly**

*“Can I ask for the number of funding applications made to central government for projects within the Navan Municipal District?”*

**Response:**

*TRANSPORT:*

*From a Transportation perspective, the majority of funding awarded for projects in the Navan Municipal District in 2017 has come from the NTA. While there were no new schemes commenced in Navan this year, we have secured funding for 6 schemes that have carried over from previous years. These are:*

- *Navan Cantilevered Bridge €191,000*
- *GDA Cycle Network – Scheme 1 Proudstown Road to Trim Road €250,000*
- *GDA Cycle Network – Scheme 2 Fairgreen to Johnstown € 15,000*
- *Development of Kennedy Plaza €120,000*
- *Navan Town Centre Traffic Management €250,000*
- *Navan TM Revised Roundabout Circular Road/Railway Street €300,000*

*Funding was also made available from the TII for 2017 for the N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 €250,000*



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*No independent applications for major funding to central government were made directly from Navan MD Transportation Operation's Section but we have secured an amount of funding of €5,000 from Dept of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, through the WERLA offices (Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities) via Meath County Council's Environment Section for an 'anti-dumping initiative' scheme at the bridge of The Boyne, Broadbridge.*

### **COMMUNITY:**

*There are a number of Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs grant schemes currently open, namely Town & Village Renewal Scheme and the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The closing dates for submission of applications to the DAHRRGA for these schemes are 30th June and 31st May respectively.*

*Expressions of Interest were sought in relation to the Town & Village Renewal Scheme from which applications will be selected for submission to the Department.*

*The following grant applications have been made under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:*

- Design/Construction of toilets/changing room block at Blackwater Park Navan - Amount Sought €100K*
- Renewing pathway and development of promotional material, also maintenance to carpark at the Ramparts Stackallen/Navan - Amount Sought €10K*

*Sports Capital - Two applications have been made under the Sports Capital Grant Scheme for installation of lighting around the looped walk and installation of outdoor gym equipment at Blackwater Park Navan, total amount sought €84,600.*

*The CLÁR Scheme recently closed and as there are is no designated CLAR area in the Navan Municipal District, no applications were made on behalf of Navan MD.*

### **TOURISM:**



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*An application was made to Fáilte Ireland under the Large Capital Grants Scheme for funding towards the Navan to Kingscourt Greenway. The application was put on hold pending the preparation of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Greenway Strategy.*

### **HOUSING:**

*Current application with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government - Stage 1 application for construction of 42 houses at Farganstown Navan - €12.9 million.*

The response was noted.

### **5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

"Would the Meath County Council Veterinary Officer be willing to liaise with Navan District Anglers and a small group of Agriculture Science students from St Patrick's Classical School with respect to a research project which would introduce a rare breed of toads to the Ramparts area of Navan?"

#### **Response:**

*The Council's Veterinary Officer has confirmed his willingness to work with the Anglers and the Students from St Patricks Classical School with regard to this project. It is suggested there may be a need to consult with National Parks and Wildlife in terms of any licence requirements that may exist under the Wildlife Acts for the project.*

The response was noted.

### **5.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

"What plans have the Executive in place to erect further bollards (3 at present) at the back of St Mary's Park, to prevent cars from driving down through a football pitch and escaping through St Mary's Park, which was used as a get away from an armed robbery in Blackcastle recently, as these bollards are need for public safety."

#### **Response:**



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*The area of St. Marys Park, as identified in this Notice of Motion, shall be assessed by Navan Municipal District and considered for remedial action if such works are identified.*

The response was noted.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly**

“That Meath County Council implement a policy of applying for Court Exclusion Orders in cases of anti social behaviour where visitors are the cause or contribute to anti social behaviour causing distress to neighbours and community?”

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

*The use of Excluding Orders is provided for within Meath County Council’s Anti Social Behaviour Strategy. Accordingly, as one of the actions available to Meath County Council in tackling anti social behaviour, applications to the District Court for an Excluding Order against a family member and/or visitor, whom the Local Authority believes to be engaging in anti social behaviour, following an investigation, will be considered.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

The motion was adopted.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly**

“I call on Navan Municipal District to install traffic calming measures on the entrance road to Townparks Estate.”

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





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*This matter has been referred to the Transportation Planning & Development Section of Meath County Council for assessment and analysis. The results of that analysis shall determine what if any technical measures shall be required to be applied to the subject area and the application of any works identified shall be dependent on funding becoming available.*

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

The motion was adopted.

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“I call on Navan Municipal District to revert to having full control over policing of parking in the town of Navan following the trial period (controlled by a private company) which is due to end in July 2017.”

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

*Meath County Council will carry out a review of the operation at the end of June and will consult with out HR Department regarding the timeframe for recruitment and will revert back to the Members at the conclusion of the review.*

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

The motion was noted in light of the supporting information provided.

### **6.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“That Navan Municipal District carry out a report in relation to pedestrian access from St Patrick's Terrace to Emmet Terrace, to upgrade ramps on Emmet Terrace, to make safer pedestrian access on the junction at Boreenkeel and to replace the mirror which had been located there for the past seventeen years.”



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

*This matter shall be investigated and assessed by Navan Municipal District Technical Staff to determine what if any remedial measures are required at this location.*

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

A short discussion followed on the issues affecting this area.

The motion was adopted.

### **6.5 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

“Can I call on the Executive to seek emergency funding for footpath repairs along Beechmount Avenue and outside numbers 11, 12, 13 and 14 Beechmount Crescent. These footpaths are very dangerous and need to be urgently repaired for public safety as a lot of Senior Citizens use these two footpaths as they are the worst footpaths I've seen in a long time in Navan.”

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

*The locations, as identified in this Notice of Motion, are due to be repaired/replaced in the coming weeks as part of the Navan Municipal District programme of remedial works.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

The motion was noted in light of the supporting information provided.

### **6.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

“Can I call on the Executive to consider acquisition by way of CPO of the ransom strip, 0.2 acres of land, by Meath County Council to allow the extension of the road, i.e. the



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R161 at Limekiln Hall, by an additional (0.5 - 1 km approximately), to facilitate the Dublin road entrance to Limekiln Wood, which was agreed as part of planning permission 99/2018 and subsequently granted. Also could the Executive consider the removal of the bollards in the estate, and consider the closure of the temporary Trim road entrance (Phase 2 and Phase 3 ) and the need for the construction of the omitted houses 85 and 86 (Phase 3 ).”

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

*Meath County Council as part of its works programme is progressing various road schemes within the Transportation Department. The LDR1 (or part thereof) as referenced above is included in these schemes. It will be later in the year before Transportation Department can assess this scheme.*

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

The motion was adopted.

## **7 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **8 Any Other Business**

8.1 Councillor Wayne Forde raised the following issues:

8.1.1 The possibility of completing the footpath in Robinstown – it was confirmed that these works were not included in the 2017 Schedule of Municipal District Works;

8.1.2 The need for traffic calming measures in Ferndale;

8.1.3 A blocked gully outside No. 18, St. Patrick’s Terrace;



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- 8.1.4 The need for a gully shore at the pedestrian crossing at Abbey House Medical Centre – it was confirmed that this would be addressed following surfacing and drainage works;
- 8.1.5 The condition of the landscaping on the green area at Nos. 90-99, Townsparks – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.
- 8.2 Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following issue:
  - 8.2.1 The need to clear the gullies at No. 15, Ashbrook.
- 8.3 Councillor Joe Reilly raised the following issue:
  - 8.3.1 Requested a report on the condition of Abbeylands Crescent and other estates and the possibility of securing funding for their improvement – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.
- 8.4 Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons raised the following issues:
  - 8.4.1 The need to cut back trees at Woodlands on the first cul de sac.
  - 8.4.2 The need to clear shores/drains on St. Patrick's Terrace.
  - 8.4.3 Update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Metges Road, opposite the new estate - it was confirmed that this had been submitted to Transportation Planning & Design for appropriate funding applications.
  - 8.4.4 The provision of public lighting to Glenveigh estate – it was agreed to refer this to the Public Lighting Unit.
- 8.5 It was agreed that Councillors would meet with the Consultants in relation to the Johnstown Community Facility following the July monthly meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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An Meára