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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:00 a.m., 19th July 2017, Council Chamber, County Hall

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

Councillors Present: Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Padraig Fitzsimons, Jim Holloway, Joe Reilly.

Apologies: Councillor Wayne Forde.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Paul O'Brien

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Kevin Stewart, Director of Service

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 14th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.



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Councillor Joe Reilly sought the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss an Emergency Motion regarding the closure of the Loreto Day Centre – this was proposed by **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**. A short discussion followed on the background to the service provided and its importance to the many service users and their families. Reference was also made to the fact that the current facility had been provided to the HSE free of charge by the Loreto Sisters. Disappointment was expressed at the manner in which the decision to close the centre this week had been communicated to those who used it. It was agreed that a letter would issue to the HSE on behalf of Councillors expressing the hope that the HSE would fulfil its obligations to the elderly in Navan by securing an alternative location by September, for which a commitment has been given, thereby allowing those who use the centre to remain together.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Dr. Paddy Randles - tributes were paid to the role he played in addressing issues of abuse in the education system.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.

- 4.1.2 To consider and, if thought fit, to approve for public display the “Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.2) 2017, subject to there being no objection from An Garda Síochána on or before the 27th July 2017.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

4.2 Planning

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- 4.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2016 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2015 in respect of the Navan Town Centre Integrated Public Realm and Movement Plan, (P8/17004).

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner outlined the report, which had been circulated in advance, including the submissions received and recommendations. It was proposed that further consideration be given to the report at a special meeting to be arranged within 6 weeks.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the progress made and the opportunities for Navan arising from the plan;
- Expressed surprise at the fact that certain representative organisations had not made formal submissions;
- Specific issues including pedestrian safety on Railway Street, the junction at Circular Road/Academy Street, the direction of traffic down Watergate Street, the view of the Department in relation to the proposed Park & Ride facility, the accommodation of bus routes exiting and entering the town and the need for off-street parking.

It was agreed that a Special Meeting would take place on Monday 14th August to consider the report further, with a further meeting provisionally scheduled for Thursday 17th August, if required.

- 4.2.2 To receive and consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2016 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2015 on proposed housing development of 4 housing units at Proudstown Road, Navan, and if thought fit to approve the report.

Teresa O'Reilly, Executive Planner outlined the report, which had been circulated in advance. It was also confirmed that discussions were ongoing with regard to the back lane (outside the Site Boundary) and that this would come before the Municipal District at a future meeting.



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During a short discussion that followed, Councillors welcomed this development and expressed the hope that further infill sites would be developed in the future.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Jim Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

It was also agreed that an update on the Housing Programme in the Municipal District would be provided at the September meeting.

4.3 Corporate Services

4.3.1 To receive an update on the 2017 Christmas Market in Navan.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services outlined proposals relating to the extension of the Christmas Market in 2017, the features of such an extension, the additional funding required and possible sources of such funding. It was agreed in principle to support this extended initiative with a view to discussing it further at the September meeting.

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

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

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

5.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 15th June 2017.

The report was noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde



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“Are there plans by the Executive to place a Pedestrian Crossing about half way up the Boreen Keel to facilitate safe access to the playground?”

Response:

The location for the suggested works is outside the extent and remit of the Navan 2030 Scheme. Accordingly, there is no provision contained within the plans for the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing about half way up the Boreen Keel. Navan Municipal District does not have any allocation in our current budget for dedication to such major works.

This matter shall be 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 precedent on funding becoming available.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Would Meath County Council be prepared to investigate the possibility of allocating two parking spaces at Blackwater Park, adjacent to the play area, for use by disabled drivers? There are no designated spaces for disabled drivers at Blackwater Park.”

Response:

The 8 No parking spaces closest to the playground in Blackwater Park are regulation size for disable use parking; however none of the spaces are marked as such. Navan Municipal District Transportation Section shall undertake to have disabled use road markings applied to three of these spaces in our next road lining programme works and these shall be strictly dedicated for use by relevant badge holders only.

The response was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons



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“Are there any developments or information available on safety features at the Trim Road/ Borallion junction?”

Response:

Meath County Council has an approved schedule of works with an approved budget for 2017. The items raised in your correspondence unfortunately do not form part of the approved schedule of works for 2017.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on the Executive to consider the acquisition of any unoccupied or derelict properties, both residential and commercial, for example Flowerhill, Abbeylands, so these vacant properties could be used to reduce the housing waiting list in Navan, which may in return reduce anti social behaviour concerns on these empty sites and on the commercial side could create employment for young people and children with special needs.”

The motion was deferred.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on the Executive to look into making the Pedestrian Crossing just before the fire station on the Kells road safer for pedestrians, cyclists and children, as there have been a number of accidents at this crossing over the years.”

The motion was deferred.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That yellow box markings be installed at Silverlawn for residents exiting their estate onto the Ratholdron Road.”



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The motion was deferred.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“For health and safety reasons, that Abbeygrove residents are allowed to erect a fence on their boundary ditch at 102 to 103, an open green area where children play, in order to make safe the location and give better protection to children while at play.”

The motion was deferred.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“That Navan Municipal District recognises that 95 vacant retail units in Navan is an unacceptably high number, with the amount of vacancies curtailing business, employment, customer choice and aesthetically portrays the town in a poor image and that Navan Municipal District Councillors call on Meath County Council’s Planning and Economic Development Department to initiate discussions with relevant stakeholders to look at ways in which Navan could be marketed better with a view to reducing the number of commercial vacancies.”

The motion was deferred.

7.6 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“That Navan Municipal District Councillors call on the HSE to utilise the old council grounds adjacent to Our Lady's Hospital for the construction of a Primary Care Unit for Navan as committed to by the HSE under the original plans for the development of the Primary Care Network.”

The motion was deferred.

7.7 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“That Navan Municipal District of Meath County Council calls on Bus Éireann to provide via Town Bus Service a link for residents of Navan to the new County Council headquarters at Buvinda House.”



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The motion was deferred.

7.8 Submitted by Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons

“That Navan Municipal District erects signage at all Council playgrounds and parks, with the relevant post code, so as to facilitate emergency services when responding to an emergency call. Can we also encourage all local sporting and recreational venues to follow suit.”

The motion was deferred.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Paul O’Brien raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Works are due to commence at Railway Street next week for approximately 12 weeks.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára