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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 22nd November 2017, Navan Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillors Pdraig Fitzsimons and 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 18th October, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th October, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Meeting held on 1st November, 2017.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 1st November, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

1.3 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 2nd November, 2017.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 2nd November, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes



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There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Councillors and officials expressed their best wishes to colleague, Councillor Joe Reilly.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

4.1 Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation Section outlined the background to the disposal.

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and a further update provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Acknowledged the significant progress and improvements made in recent months.
- The works undertaken at Flowerhill including signage, traffic flow impacts, night works, etc.
- The timeframe for the commencement of works on the Flowerhill roundabout – it was pointed out that the works would not be proceeding in 2018 and that given the absence of sufficient alternative



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routes for traffic diversions it was unlikely that it would proceed for the foreseeable future.

- The new roundabout at Solstice and its impact on slowing traffic.
- Footpath works at St. Oliver's Cottages – it was confirmed that these would be undertaken before the end of the year.

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. Councillors were reminded of the 30th November deadline to submit allocations and deferral forms.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"What plans are there in place this year to cut down the huge tree in Abbeygrove, adjacent to Number 27, as it is rising and cracking footpath leaving dangerous lips and weakening wall structure adjacent to Number 27? This footpath is a huge concern for local residents and needs to be addressed as soon as possible."

Response:

Navan Municipal District is awaiting the report of our appointed Arborologist in the matter of the health and status of the mentioned tree, whose assessment shall determine the next course of action.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly



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“What plans, if any, does Meath County Council have for the 3 council owned land banks (totally over 30 acres) in the Tailteann area and will the Executive consider the area suitable for private sites and affordable homes?”

Response:

A Strategic Development & Management Plan for Meath County Council Lands has been completed by the Housing Department in respect to the balance of lands remaining in the ownership of Meath County Council for the purposes of social housing, including within the Navan Municipal District area.

This review process included three sites within the Tailteann area, equating to approximately 1.45 hectares. Given the existing concentration of social housing in the immediate area, the option of providing social housing on these sites is severely restricted as a result.

However, the option of affordable housing and private sites will be considered in the overall context of housing supply and any national frameworks that may emerge on affordable housing schemes.

The question was deferred.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Following up on an issue highlighted at a recent meeting with Navan retailers, I wish to ask if Navan Municipal District of Meath County Council would be willing to select specific areas within car parks throughout Navan which could be designated as reduced rate parking areas for employees who work in the town?”

Response:

Meath County Council is currently examining options and locations for the possible introduction of Long Stay Permits and will revert to the Members in due course.

The response was noted.



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6.4 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

"What is the current situation in relation to initiating of the statutory process required for elimination of public right of way at alleyway between houses No. 142 and 143 Ferndale estate, Navan?"

Response:

A Public Notice and accompanying Deposit Map for the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way along the footway leading between 142-143 Ferndale, Navan have been prepared and will be published in the local press and appear online at www.meath.ie in the coming weeks. The Statutory display and response periods shall then commence with a deadline for responses in mid-January 2018.

The response was noted.

6.5 Submitted by Councillors Sinéad Burke

"Can the executive clarify the current regulations on the permitting of parking of heavy goods vehicles in private estates? Do these regulations differ between estates taken in charge or not yet taken in charge?"

Response:

There is currently no ban on the parking of HGVs in housing estates. An Garda Síochána are responsible for the enforcement of traffic regulations and laws in relation to dangerous parking etc.

However a restriction can be put in place for Housing Estates in the charge of the Council, with the support of the residents, if required. The Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 can be utilised in this regard with particular reference to Section 36 "Prohibitions on Parking" and Section 37 "Restrictions on Parking".

Specifically though, Section 38 deals with Restrictions on parking HGVs. To implement these restrictions involves consulting with the Gardai, erecting the appropriate signage referred to and clearly defining the restricted zone, with signs at the entry and exit point. Exemptions apply for deliveries etc.



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For the Transportation Department to proceed with the measures referred to above, it would be important to establish that this sanction is supported by the majority of the Residents in a locality to establish a clear need.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“That Meath County Council initiate the process of seeking tenders for a mobile coffee dock in Blackwater Park.”

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

It is the intention of Meath County Council to seek expressions of interest in the near future from those parties who would be interested in providing a mobile coffee dock in Blackwater Park. This will be the commencement of the procurement process. The entire process will take a number of months to complete.

The motion was deferred.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on the Executive to remove the derelict soccer and basketball pitches in Claremont Estate.”

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

There are no current plans in respect to the removal of the Multi Use Games Area located within Claremount Estate.

The matter will need to be considered in the context of a consultation process with local residents in order to ascertain their needs in the first instance, with regards to



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recreational facilities for their area, or the identification of alternative uses for the space concerned.

It was confirmed that the Transportation Department, in conjunction with the Housing Department, would carry out a plebiscite for residents in 2018 to ascertain what is wanted for the area.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the Executive to put in place a pedestrian crossing from Beechmount Vale across to the Pitch and Putt Club along the Dan Shaw Road for public safety."

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

The requested works are not included on the 2017 Schedule of Municipal District Works and the current budgets for Navan MD unfortunately do not extend to provide for such capital works.

Your request for a pedestrian crossing on the Dan Shaw Road has been included on the 'Request for New Works' master-list in Transportation P & D Section for consideration in the planning of new works in Navan.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"As per previous years, I call on Meath County Council to accommodate one hour of free parking for each hour of paid parking during the month of December, a promotion



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which has worked very well for consumers in addition to the business community because such an incentive will encourage more people to stay local and shop in their locality.”

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

It is proposed to commence the initiative of 1 hour paid, 1 hour free parking on Monday 27th November 2017 to coincide with Navan’s Christmas campaign. The initiative will run until 31st December 2017.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That chevron warning signage be erected on the Harristown hill as cars approach Casey's Cross, Kentstown Road (R153) where residents have expressed huge traffic safety concerns.”

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

Navan Municipal District Transportation Operations Section shall assess the reported location in the context of accident data, risk and available budget in the determination of the requirement for this signage.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.6 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway



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"Considering the recommencement of residential commercial development, the application of LIHAF to lands at Farganstown, the review of Meath County Development Plan, the preparation on the National Planning Framework and projections for growth in Navan, Meath County Council will plan and develop a new orbital road for the town, further removed outwards from current distributor road network."

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

Navan is heavily reliant on the local road network for public and private transport as well as the movement of commercial goods. The growth in population and the consequential increase in the number of vehicles on the roads will continue to place pressure on road infrastructure. This was validated by the Navan Transport Model (2013) which identified significant constraints on a number of key junctions in the town.

The development and completion of the proposed distributor road network for Navan in conjunction with a reduction in the demand for travel and greater modal share for sustainable modes of transport are of critical importance to the economic development of the town and the quality of life of its residents.

The proposed distributor road network in the current Navan Plan has its origins in a Land Use and Transportation Study that was carried out and revisited by ILTP in 2009. This was based on the development of the town to a population of 50,000. Notwithstanding this, there is an ongoing requirement to review the distributor road network as proposed in the Navan Development Plan as it is predicated on certain assumptions and will be affected by variables such as:

- *changing transport policy requirements;*
- *varying traffic patterns;*
- *ongoing difficulties delaying the delivery of some sections of the network (such as through the SDZ and the crossing of the Navan-Dublin Rail line);*
- *the location and timing of certain key developments in the town such as the town centre expansion ; the regional hospital site; the Navan – Dublin Rail line;*



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- *the capacity of the public and private sectors to finance the delivery of major infrastructure, and;*
- *environmental factors.*

As part of the review of the County Development Plan it is proposed to look at part of the proposed distributor road network in the vicinity of the Trim Road. In the longer term, the current Navan Development Plan also includes an objective to carry out a feasibility study to look at the impacts of extending LDR6 (linking the Kentstown Road and the Boyne Road) across the River Boyne to tie in to the N51 Slane Road. The review of the Navan Development Plan will be a further opportunity to revisit the local transport plan and take account of how the above factors affect the proposed plans for network improvements.

It was confirmed that consultants had been appointed to consider route selection and design in respect of the Kells Road/Windtown options whilst options on the south side of Navan were also being considered.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.7 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

"With commitment to a new plan for Navan, Navan 2030, Meath County Council (Navan Municipal District) must take account of provision for car based transport and towards this end, will seek to make available additional car parking operated in a manner that is timely and will comply with the principles and objectives of Navan 2030".

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

The Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) aims to provide the necessary infrastructure to allow a significantly enhanced bus service to operate in Navan (both local and regional) and offers the opportunity to reduce car dependency for trips to Navan Town, thereby reducing the level of demand for car parking in the town. The delivery of this project will



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also see an element of parking provided as part of the proposed park and ride facility. Navan 2030 is aligned with current Government policy in relation to Sustainable Transport and the Navan Local Area Plan in relation to parking.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.8 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“That Meath County Council look again at the cost and feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing on Medges Road in Johnstown.”

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

The installation of a pedestrian crossing on Metges Road is listed on the Requests for New Works Database as a result of a previous representation, and it will be considered when prioritising schemes if any funding becomes available.

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

The motion was adopted.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 5th October, 2017.

The report was noted.

8.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 18th October, 2017.

The report was noted.



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- 8.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 25th October, 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Sinéad Burke raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Update on the needs analysis carried out in Johnstown – it was pointed out that a draft report had been received and that the Community Department had sought a number of clarifications. Once finalised, the report would be brought to the Municipal District.

10.1.2 Update on the road at the rear of the Johnstown school campus with regard to opening up the entrance- it was pointed out that there were no plans currently to open up this entrance and that the Department of Education & Skills were undertaking a traffic management study as part of a proposed development.

- 10.2 Councillor Wayne Forde raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing from the Post Office to the Credit Union – it was pointed out that this would be carried out as part of the Navan 2030 scheme.

10.2.2 The possibility of the community centre in Townparks opening in the evenings.

10.2.3 Raised concerns about the design of the roundabout at Solstice – it was pointed out that the roundabout had been designed to meet NTA specifications and was subject to ongoing safety audits for a period of time, following which a report would be available. It was also pointed out that feedback received had been mostly positive.



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10.3 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

10.3.1 Damaged signage in Ferndale.

10.3.2 The possibility of the old Central Hotel connecting to mains for Christmas lighting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára