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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 21st December 2016, Navan Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Senior Executive Engineer: Fiona Beers

Executive Engineer: Paul O'Brien

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd November, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd November 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Francis Deane on the death of his grandaunt, Sr. Mary O'Dea.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- The staff in Meath County Council, including Audrey Norris, Siobhan Satelle and Alan Rogers, on the Navan Christmas Market.

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

4.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

5.1.1 To consider the following motions submitted following circulation of the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 process for the N51 Navan to Slane Road:

- Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde:

“Can I call on the Executive to reject the current proposals for the part 8 process on the N51 on the basis that they don't take into consideration the needs of many residents along this stretch of road.”

The motion was deferred.

- Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“I, Sinéad Burke, propose an amendment to the proposed Part8/16004 N51 Dunmoe Phase 2. I propose access be granted on to the proposed new route from the existing N51 route at chainage 1060 to 1080 OR at chainage 1250 to 1300 for the Mennis family farm .This would also accommodate residents on the New Lane (L74165). This is all within the red line on the Part 8 planning application and it is critical that the needs of residents are met.”

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



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Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation and Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting and supporting information in respect of the two motions was circulated and outlined.

A lengthy discussion followed, with Councillors acknowledging the need for the road to be upgraded urgently in the interests of road safety but highlighting the views of local residents in terms of providing the access, as included in the second motion. The impacts of including such an amendment on the road design, planning process and funding model were outlined.

The meeting was adjourned for fifteen minutes on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane** to allow Councillors discuss the matter 'in committee'.

Following the resumption of the meeting, it was agreed to defer the motion for further consideration at a Special Meeting, to be held on 10th January, and the executive committed to considering the issues raised.

- 5.1.2 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:

- The provision of a sign on Circular Road indicating the location of the tourist office;
- The condition of Farganstown Lane – it was confirmed that works had commenced the day previously.

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.



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6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Has Meath County Council carried out a full report in relation to infill serviced sites in the Navan Municipal District?”

Response:

The Housing Department has completed a further review of its land bank for the purposes of identifying future direct social housing construction proposals, for submission to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, including our current land bank in Navan Municipal District.

Infill sites have been identified in the following areas, including Proudstown Road, Reask Green and Elm View/Elm View Close.

The site at Proudstown Road has been prioritised for progression, with the design process at an advanced staged. It is intended to submit same to the Department through the Single Stage Approval process, which should facilitate a faster delivery time post approval.

The potential of the other infill sites will be examined.

In addition, the Housing Department has issued an Expression of Interest to the market, for the purchase of house schemes/and or lands across the County, for the purpose of social housing, with the 2nd February 2017 as the closing date for receipt of submissions, while the lands at Ferganstown has been the subject of an application to the Department under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund.

The response was noted.

Clarification was sought on the timeframe for the construction and delivery of the houses on the Proudstown Road, as Councillors understand that construction will not commence until 2018, and the reasons for any such delay.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

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"Can I ask the Executive what plans are in place to increase 'Children at Play' and 'Slow Down' signage within Athlumney Abbey and Athlumney Wood for public safety?"

Response:

*A 30km/h speed limit was implemented on 03rd November 2016 for 177 housing areas in County Meath (**Meath County Council Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2016**) – Athlumney Wood was included in this Bye-Law. The signage provided as part of this was designed based on the results of speed surveys carried out during the assessment and in accordance with the **Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland**.*

MCC intend to carry out additional speed surveys in the future to monitor the compliance of drivers to the newly implemented 30 km/h speed limits in housing areas but at this time there are no proposals to install any additional signage at this location.

Athlumney Abbey is not currently in charge and as such it has not been included as part of the housing estate review.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

"That a pedestrian safety report be carried out at the following junctions and roundabout: at the Round O, Ratholdron Junction and the junction opposite the fire station."

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

The collision information we have access to between 2005 and 2013 shows the following summary in relation to injury accidents at the three junctions in question:

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<i>Junction</i>	<i>Collisions</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Number of Casualties</i>	<i>Number involving Pedestrians</i>
<i>Round 'O'</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>N51/Ratholdren Road</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>N51/R147</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>

There appears to have been one minor collision involving a pedestrian on the short link road between Abbey Rd and the R147 in 2008.

Aecom have been engaged to look at design options to improve the junction at the Round 'O' and to specifically make this more cycling and pedestrian friendly.

Further to the recent tragic accident at the N51/R147, the LA16 report will be analysed to assist in determining if the current layout of the junction is satisfactory.

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

It was confirmed that the LA16 report, completed in respect of the recent accident on the N51/R147, had determined that there was no evidence the junction had contributed to the accident.

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

"I propose the motion to discuss when the road between Casey's Cross (R153) to Johnstown Village will be improved to allow for access from the Johnstown Educational Campus and to facilitate traffic flow in the locality."

The motion was withdrawn as Councillor Fitzsimons was absent from the meeting.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"That Navan Municipal District would host a civic reception in recognition of those who achieved high standards in sport during 2016."



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

If this motion is adopted a civic reception will be organised for a date and time to be decided in consultation with the Mayor of Navan. The names of the people who achieved a high standard in sport during 2016 will have to be forwarded to Corporate Services at least 3 weeks prior to the event, to facilitate the printing of certificates and sending invites.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Navan Municipal District install double yellow lines at the entrance of Aylesbury Estate together with a 'no parking' sign. This housing development is in the charge of Meath County Council."

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

In accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2010, consultation with An Garda Síochána is required prior to the placement of double yellow lines. Meath County Council will consult An Garda Síochána in relation to placing double yellow lines in Aylesbury Lodge, Navan.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the Executive to conduct a safety audit and improve safety for cyclist's going past the entrances to Athlumney Wood, Athlumney Abbey and into Johnstown industrial park for public safety."

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

There is a dedicated footpath and cycleway on each side of this road at present. This was completed approximately 2 years ago and designed to NTA specification. The junctions were included in the road safety audit carried out for the scheme. The Johnstown (IDA) junction and the Athlumney Abbey junction are signalised. Meath County Council will however monitor the operation of these on an ongoing basis.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.6 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“That Navan Municipal District calls on Meath County Council to carry out a health and safety assessment on the terrace of houses at the entrance of the Andy Brennan Park.”

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

The Environment Department are arranging to have an assessment of these properties carried out to determine if any action is required under the provisions of the Derelict Sites or Sanitary Services Legislation.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.7 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“That the Council assess the safety of the junction from Johnstown Village on to Medges Road with a view to improving sight lines for both pedestrians and motorists.”

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



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Improvements to the junction from Johnstown Village onto Metges Road are not listed as an objective of the County Development Plan or Local Area Plan. On checking, there have been no personal injury accidents recorded at this junction between 2005 and 2013.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.8 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“Considering the new developments for which Planning Permission has been granted in Johnstown/Athlumney, the construction of a large Housing Estate, Cois Glaisin, now taking place, the prospect of development of Council lands at Farganstown, the completion of build on Educational Campus, the further investment in Navan Business Park now being promoted and the move by Meath County Council staff to Buvinda House, Meath County Council will:

- review current capacity of road infrastructure to accommodate current and future developments as stated,
- and, in the immediate term, deliver upgrade of the Junction at the intersection of the Johnstown Road (L - 5055 - 0) and Metge's Road, to include the extension of the left filter lane from R147 (old N3) back to this junction and will similarly extend the left filter lane at the New Boyne Bridge at Springfield Glen back towards Buvinda House with replacement cantilevered pedestrian and cycle lane to replace footpath removed.”

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

The Navan Traffic Model which informed the development plan for Navan took into consideration all the zoned lands in this area. This included the schools, IDA lands and residential zoned lands. Buvinda House would have been classed as office development for 500+ employees in the model. Junctions modelled did not have any major capacity issues.



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Jim Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

A short discussion followed on the traffic issues at peak times, the improvements expected once current works are complete, and the impact of construction traffic and increased development in the area.

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Irish Rail in response to agenda item 10.3.2 – AOB from October monthly meeting re the section of wall located at the old railway crossing on the Rathaldron Road adjacent to the junction with Tailteann Drive, be removed to improve sightlines.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Joe Reilly raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Update on the query submitted to SIRO – it was confirmed that no response had yet been received.

9.1.2 The timeframe for the design of the bridge over the Blackwater – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

- 9.2 Councillor Sinéad Burke raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Works ongoing on Blackcastle House – it was confirmed that a planning application had been received for a development at this location.

- 9.3 Councillor Wayne Forde raised the following issues:

9.3.1 The possibility of concreting over the green area adjacent to 123 Claremont Estate – it was agreed to check this.



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9.3.2 The use of drones in Blackwater Park – it was pointed out that the bye-laws would need to be reviewed to introduce any type of ban.

9.4 Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following issues:

9.4.1 That the design and orientation of the four houses being built on the Proudstown Road on the infill site relate to and take into account the lane behind, whilst taking into account the needs of those who occupy the houses in terms of security, etc. – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.

9.5 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

9.5.1 The need for clarity on responsibility for overgrown trees on Irish Rail land at Glenveigh estate before the estate is taken in charge.

9.5.2 The need to complete works in Belcourt.

The Mayor thanked the staff, media and Councillors for their work throughout the year and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára