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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 20th December 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

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

1 Confirmation of Minutes

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

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd November, 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.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Alanna Russell, Navan whose life had such an impact on the community;



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- The family of the late John Stokes;
- Noel Dempsey and the family of the late Michael Dempsey.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Catherine Reilly on her retirement from Meath County Council, to whom tributes were paid.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 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.

The Mayor and Councillors thanked Paul and his team for their work throughout the year.

- 4.1.2 To receive an update on the LDR4 Abbeyland, Navan scheme.

Eoin Greene, AECOM and Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation Department attended the meeting and a presentation was delivered on the LDR4, including the current phase of works, the study area, the the three phases of the route selection process, public consultation to commence in January, the indicative programme and the next steps. It was confirmed that consultations with Councillors would be ongoing.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The need to develop an overall long-term plan for the necessary strategic infrastructure to serve Navan and its future as a primary growth centre – it was acknowledged that traffic would grow arising from zoned lands. The roles



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of the Regional Planning Guidelines and National Planning Framework were outlined.

- Concerns that the preferred route would impinge on Blackwater Park, which is an important social amenity – it was pointed out that the park had to be in the study area, that its amenity value would be fully recognised and that the scheme would improve access to the park. It was also pointed out that the routes indicated were 100m wide and that account would be taken of all existing and planned infrastructure.
- The need to ensure the public consultation is handled effectively.
- The impact of the three proposed routes on the adjacent developments, traffic volumes and amenities – it was confirmed that a traffic modelling exercise would be undertaken and the results presented at future consultations.
- The possibility of looking at a route further out from the town – the disused railway line was highlighted as a constraint and it was also suggested that a route too far out would mean traffic opting for the more convenient route. The ecological constraints in the Boyne Valley were also mentioned.
- The account taken of development plans and the LECP - this was confirmed.
- The port traffic using Navan as an alternative to the motorway.
- Acknowledged the need for the road to be provided as soon as possible – the positive and constructive comments were welcomed.

The Mayor and Councillors thanked Eoin and Maurice for the presentation.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 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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5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“What plans, if any, does Meath County Council have for the 3 council owned land banks (totally over 3 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 response was noted and it was confirmed that this proposal was being considered.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Are there any plans by the Executive to review the contracts of Clifden Scannell Emerson after the Mercy Roundabout fiasco?”

Response:

The Works to the roundabout at the Solstice were substantially completed on the 18th November 2017. Following the delivery of projects undertaken by Meath County Council, a review of the overall project delivery is undertaken. This review will collate the



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experience gained from the works, so that these experiences can be utilised for future planned works.

The response was noted.

5.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“How many housing estates have been taken in charge in 2017 in the Navan Municipal District and how many are in the process of being taken in charge?”

Response:

The Planning Department can confirm that five Housing Estates in the Navan Municipal District have been taken in charge in 2017 and that 12 Housing Estates in the Navan Municipal District are in the process of being taken in charge; please find attached the list of these estates and status of same.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 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.

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The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the Executive to commemorate Paddy Pryle who had done tremendous work over the years for the People of Navan."

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

If this motion is adopted, the proposal will be brought to the next meeting of the Protocol Committee for consideration. Following this, if this proposal is approved, a suitable event will be organised for a date and time to be decided in consultation with the Members of Navan Municipal District.

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

It was pointed out that a committee is to be set up to ensure that Paddy Pryle is commemorated in recognition of his vast contribution to the community and it was also pointed out that Navan Shamrock Festival was planning an awards night also.

The motion was adopted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the Executive to recompense for local business and trade lost during the Christmas Market on Trimgate Street on Black Friday weekend November 24th, 25th and 26th 2017."

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

Meath County Council facilitated the provision of a Christmas Market on Trimgate Street from the 24th to the 26th November 2017. While the road was closed for the event,



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pedestrian access was maintained to all premises on Trimgate Street throughout the weekend. Meath County Council will not be compensating local businesses following the running of this event.

On Councillor Wayne Forde's request, the motion was deferred to January.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons

"I propose the motion to seek funding for the placement of a pedestrian crossing on Brews Hill, at the exit of Mercy Convent School."

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

Following an analysis which included a survey/count of pedestrian movements, it was concluded that a more effective solution to cater for all pedestrian movements in the vicinity (including those to/from the school) would be to upgrade the existing traffic lights at the Brews Hill/Cannon Row/ Trimgate Street/Railway Street Junction to include pedestrian phases to facilitate safe crossing. Therefore, as part of the detailed design work to be undertaken with the Navan 2030 scheme, the Brews Hill Junction is to be upgraded and provision for pedestrian movements incorporated into the design. It is also proposed to remove the existing uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the pedestrian exit from the school on Brews Hill and the installation of a barrier to discourage crossing at this point directing students to the new crossing facility at the junction.

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

A short discussion followed, with Councillors expressing their support for the motion and requesting that it be looked at again.

The motion was adopted.

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons

"I propose the motion to discuss the regeneration programme of Abbeylands Crescent."



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

During a short discussion, it was suggested that this could act as a model local authority estate if regenerated, e.g. road resurfacing, improvements to the entrance, enhancement of the green area and energy efficiency works.

The motion was adopted.

6.6 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Navan Municipal District to carry out a report into the feasibility of installing a safe pedestrian crossing on Brews Hill at the entrance to the Mercy School Campus.”

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

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This item was dealt with under Item 6.4.

6.7 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Meath County Council would write to the Department of Justice requesting funding for extending the Navan CCTV scheme to Old Johnstown Village and Metges Road, Johnstown.”

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



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The Community CCTV scheme is being administered by the Department of Justice and is currently open for applications. The scheme is not intended to provide funding to upgrade or replace existing schemes although consideration may be given to applications to extend such schemes.

All applications must involve the community interests at large and the support of the local authority and the local Joint Policing Committee is required. The Lead Group for all applications must be an existing, legally registered body. The Scheme is intended to support community-based organisations and, accordingly, applicant organisations could include:

- existing community-based not-for-profit organisations that are broadly representative of the community e.g. Area Partnerships, Community Development Projects, Family Resource Centres, the Local Authority, Community Enterprise, etc.; and*
- community-based, not-for-profit, consortium of private and community interests under the aegis of an existing lead organisation.*

The maximum grant awardable by the Department, in any circumstances, is €40,000. Within this limit, grants of up to 60% of the total capital costs of the system may be awarded. The balance of the project costs will have to be funded locally.

The Joint Policing Committee is discussing the CCTV requirements in the County with a view to finalising a policy on same.

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

The motion was adopted.

6.8 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

"Considering the increasing volume of traffic entering and exiting from Navan town centre via the R - 153 - 74 (Kentstown Road) at Athlumney, Meath County Council will put in place safety and traffic calming measures to facilitate safe access from residential areas on this road, most especially "The Grove"."



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

A site meeting has been arranged by the District Engineer with Councillor Holloway to discuss the issues he has raised in the mentioned Notice of Motion. If any other Councillor would like to attend please contact the District Engineer.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Jim Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

The motion was adopted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 14th November, 2017.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 23rd November, 2017.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Kevin Stewart raised the following issue:

- 9.1.1 A meeting is to be arranged to receive the report on the community facility in Johnstown – it was agreed that this would take place, in committee, at 12.00pm on Wednesday 24th January and following the January scheduled meeting.



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- 9.2 Councillor Sinéad Burke raised the following issues:
- 9.2.1 Reports of a wall having been built and blocking the pedestrian access between Ferndale and Abbeygrove.
 - 9.2.2 Reports of long waiting times at the motor tax office – further information was requested in order to verify this.
 - 9.2.3 The need to review the junction at the Balreask Arms.
- 9.3 Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following issue:
- 9.3.1 Issues arising from school traffic on the Athlumny Road and the possibility of reviewing the traffic sequence to alleviate the issues – it was agreed to check this.
 - 9.3.2 The need for Irish Rail to replace the bridge on the Athlumney Road.
 - 9.3.3 The possibility of providing a continuous white line on the Borallion.
 - 9.3.4 The possibility of erecting cul de sac signs in Woodlands.
 - 9.3.5 Issues for residents of Silverlawns due to school traffic at St. Paul's.
 - 9.3.6 Expressed dissatisfaction with the quality and impact of the Christmas Market held in Navan.
- 9.4 Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons raised the following issues:
- 9.4.1 The possibility of having the Christmas Market in a different location.
 - 9.4.2 Public light out of order in Claremont.
 - 9.4.3 Potholes on the bends in Randalstown.
 - 9.4.4 Update on the traffic light review for the town.



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- 9.4.5 Commented on the success of the elimination of the right turn to Timmons Hill.
- 9.4.6 Update on the pedestrian crossing at Chadwicks.
- 9.4.7 Large tree at 89 Athlumney Castle damaging the footpath and wall.
- 9.5 Councillor Wayne Forde raised the following issues:
 - 9.5.1 The provision of additional public lighting in Silverlawns.
 - 9.5.2 The plans to close the right of way at Circular Road to the Fairgreen.
 - 9.5.3 The provision of a sign for the Tourist Office in Solstice.
 - 9.5.4 The provision of a memorial in Blackwater Park for those who died tragically – this was the subject of a previous motion.
- 9.6 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:
 - 9.6.1 Loose stones on the Loreto convent wall – it was pointed out that this wall was privately owned.
 - 9.6.2 The completion date for works being undertaken by Irish Water in Ferndale.
- 9.7 Councillor Joe Reilly raised the following issue:
 - 9.7.1 Acknowledged the impact of the new roundabout at Solstice on slowing traffic and improving safety – the result of surveys indicated an overall high satisfaction rating from pedestrians.

The Mayor thanked everyone and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Signed:

An Meára