

Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 14th May, 2019, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, Councillor Jim Holloway, presided.

Councillors Present: Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Padraig Fitzsimons, Tommy

Reilly.

Apologies: Councillor Wayne Forde.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart **Executive Engineer:** Paul O'Brien

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Claire King, Meetings Administrator

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th April, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th April 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sinéad Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons.**

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



- The family of the late Seán Lynch, Rathfeigh, Navan;
- The family of the late Greg Hogge, Kilcarn Court, Navan.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Navan Choral Festival which culminated in a visit from the President of Ireland to Navan;
- Meath County Council on the opening of the new social housing units on the Proudstown Road.

Members and staff paid tribute to Councillor Jim Holloway on his term as Mayor and 25 years of service which he gave to both the town of Navan and the county and wished him well in the future.

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 matters raised by councillors included:

- Issues with the footpaths in Woodlands and Athlumney following remedial works carried out in these estates.
- The need for maintenance works to be carried out to the playground in Reask.
- The lane to the rear of the housing on the Proudstown Road from St Mary's Park to OMP is in need of attention.



- The possibility of having a key available to remove one of the bollards erected at OMP to allow emergency access through.
- The need for remedial works to the Right of Way opposite the pub in Robinstown Village.
- The provision of "No Dumping" signage at Harristown, Old Athlumney Graveyard and the rear of Connolly Avenue.
- The need for public lighting in Ferndale to be referred to Transportation SPC.
- The need to minimise the amount of infrastructure in the playground in Clogherboy.
- The provision of a yellow box at the exit from Athlumney Abbey and the exit of Troytown onto the Windtown Road It was advised that the purpose of yellow boxes is not to hold up traffic on the main road.

4.2 Community

4.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2018 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2018 on the proposed development of single storey changing room facilities comprising of office area, 2 no. changing rooms, separate male, female & disabled toilets and 2 no. store rooms at Blackwater Park, Navan, Co. Meath (P8/19005)

Frank O'Donnell, Executive Planner outlined the proposal and report. Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that funding had been allocated in the Capital Budget for this project and an application had been made under the Sports Capital Grant. Once the Part VIII is adopted they will proceed to detailed design and once funding has been confirmed the project will move forward.

Matters raised by councillors included:-



Requested that a new facility called "Changing Places" be considered –
It was agreed that, if this could be fitted into the current design and
meets the criteria with no material change to planning, it will be looked
at subject to cost and availability of funds.

The Mayor and Councillors welcomed the proposal.

4.3 Planning

4.3.1 To receive a presentation on Draft Variation 3 of the Navan Development Plan relating to designating lands at the Trim Road Navan as an employment hub.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner delivered a presentation that included the background, draft variation content and the next steps.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The need to incorporate Balreask Cross into this plan.
- The possibility of introducing a Bye Law to prevent HGVs on the Borallion – It was advised that the objective is to deter HGV traffic from accessing the Borallion.

The Mayor and Councillors welcomed the information and thanked Wendy for her presentation.

4.4 Corporate Services

4.4.1 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 Padraig Fitzsimons

"As you approach Navan from the Dublin Road, and you pass the Fifth Province monument, you are greeted by the unfinished Academy Square building. What is the Council's position on this? Can we get a CPO to clean up the facade or is there any way we can enforce an order to upgrade and finish the building?"

Response:

This site will be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Vacant Sites legislation and if deemed appropriate, a Notice of Intent to place on the Vacant Site Register will be issued to the landowner(s).

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

"In an effort to prevent speeding and keep children safe, I propose the motion to install speed ramps in Clonmagadden Fort (at the green area)."

<u>Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:</u>

Clonmagadden Fort has a Special Speed Limit of 30kph, as provided for in the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Housing Estates) Bye-Laws 2016. A speed survey was carried out in 2015, and it was found that the 85th percentile speed was 35kph. This is slightly below the national average for residential areas with 30kph limits, so it is not considered to be an exceptional case. Notwithstanding this, the request will be added to the Requests for New Works database, from which schemes will be prioritised following an engineering screening/evaluation assessment if funding becomes available.

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



		The m	otion was adopted.	
7	Corres	Correspondence		
	There	ere was no correspondence.		
8	8 Any Other Business			
	8.1	Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issues:		
		8.1.1	Asked about the possibility of adopting a policy for the county in relation to road safety measures at schools.	
	8.2	Councillor Sinéad Burke raised the following issues:		
		8.2.1	A request from Prosper Meath to take care/ownership of green areas around the town as small projects — It was agreed that Prosper Meath would submit a list of locations to the Executive Engineer for consideration.	
	8.3	Counci	illor Padraig Fitzsimons raised the following issues:-	
		8.3.1	The need for the Council Yard to get a facelift – It was confirmed that once the ESB connection has been removed, issues will be addressed.	
This concluded the business of the meeting.				
Signed:				
 An Meára				