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Ordinary Meeting 2nd November 2009, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor William Carey, presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Joseph Bonner, Ray Butler, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Sirena Campbell, Francis Deane, Anne Dillon Gallagher, Regina Doherty, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Oliver Fox, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Eoin Holmes, Suzanne Jamal, Jimmy Cudden, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Niamh McGowan, Jenny McHugh, Maria Murphy, Seamus O'Neill, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Tom Dowling

Head of Finance: Fiona Lawless,

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Eugene Cummins, Brendan McGrath, Liam Henry, Tadhg McDonnell

Meetings Administrator Bill Sweeney

Senior Planners: Pat Gallagher, Wendy Bagnall

Planning Staff: Orla O' Brien, Sen. Executive Planner, Deirdre Fallon, Executive Planner, Mairéad Maguire, Graduate Planner.

Senior Executive Officers: Martin Rogers, Michael Griffin,

Administrative Officers: Olive Falsey

Apologies: Cllr Nick Killian

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of special planning meeting held on 22nd September 2009. Minutes of special planning meeting held on 22nd September 2009 were confirmed on the proposition of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Oliver Fox**.
- 1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of monthly meeting held on 5th October 2009. Minutes of monthly meeting held on 5th October 2009 were confirmed on the proposition of **Councillor Jimmy Fegan** and seconded by **Councillor John V. Farrelly**.

2.0 Matters arising from the minutes

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Expressions of sympathy were extended to the families of the following staff members who died recently:

Angela McCulloch, Kells Town/Area Office.

Patrick Fedigan, Trim Town /Area

Patrick McCabe (Retired Rate Collector)



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Congratulations were extended to Longwood, Oldcastle and Duleek GAA clubs on their recent successes.

4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 Correspondence from HSE re Annual Meeting of Regional Health Forum.
- 4.2 Circular RLR 19/2009 from Department of Transport re Regional and Local Road Grants.

5.0 E.U. Correspondence

- 5.1 EU News Bulletin Number 63 Sept 09
- 5.2 EU Policy Review Number 5/09 - Aug - Sept 09

6.0 Report from Protocol Committee

The meetings' Administrator advised the Council that the revision of Standing Orders will be put 'on hold' pending a decision on the co-option of non-party members.

7.0 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

8.0 Other Statutory Business

8.1 Planning and Economic Development

- 8.1.1 To receive the Managers report on submissions to the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2010-2015.
- 8.1.2 To receive the Manager's report on submissions to the Kells Backlands Draft Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme.

The reports were received on the proposition of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Noel Leonard**.

- 8.1.3 Having considered the amendments to the Draft Navan Development Plan, 2009-2015 and the Manager's report, to resolve to make the Navan Development Plan, with or without the proposed amendments, where it is decided to accept the proposed amendments these may be accepted subject to any modifications considered appropriate, all in accordance with Section 12 (10) (a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Draft Development Plan on public display 16th February-27th April 2009.

Public Consultation Events held on the 9th, 10th, 12th of March.

Manager's Report distributed to MCC Elected Members at Special Planning Meeting on the 25th of May.



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Amendments to the Draft on public display 17th August 2009 -15th of September 2009.

Manager's Reports on amendments distributed to Elected Members of MCC at the Council Meeting on the 5th of October.

Joint meeting of MCC and NTC on 20th October to discuss the Manager's Report.

13 submissions received in total.

7 relate to both NTC & MCC

6 relate to NTC only

Submission 1- National Roads Authority.

Expresses support for policy RD POL 13 which restricts direct access onto national roads outside the speed limit zones.

Requests however, that no exceptions be permitted. Recommends that access to proposed amendment no. 8 off the Athboy Road is provided from the local road network.

Manager's Recommendation - No change recommended

Navan Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation

Agreed as recommended by County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Shane Cassells** seconded by **Councillor Joe Reilly**.

Submission 5- Development Applications Unit, DoEHLG.

Outlines support for proposed amendments to policies HER POL 15, HER POL 22 and SOC POL 23 and to objectives SOC OBJ 7 and SOC OBJ 8 which relate to the River Boyne and River Blackwater cSAC.

Manager's Recommendation – Noted

Navan Area Committee - Noted

Noted on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

Submission 6- Peadar Toibín on behalf of Brugh McDevitt, Conradh na Gaelige na hUaimhe

Refers to the proposed textual amendment which relates to the naming of residential developments and roads.

Requests that text be modified to state that the names of all new residential developments shall be in Irish only (i.e. omit reference to including an English translation, if appropriate)

Manager's Recommendation - No change recommended

Navan Area Committee - Did not accept the Manager's recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Navan Area Committee, to include the text (the names of roads shall be accompanied by an English translation if appropriate) on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

Submission 8- Councillor Jim Holloway.

Refers to the textual amendment which relates to the naming of residential developments.



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Considers the proposed amendment to be problematic as it does not achieve a bilingual approach to the naming of residential development and other infrastructure work.

Requests that section 8.2.5 be amended by deleting the text '*and roads shall be in Irish and if appropriate be accompanied by English translation*' and inserting the text '*roads, public spaces, parks and public buildings shall be on the basis of bilingualism*'.

Manager's Recommendation - No change recommended

Navan Area Committee - Did not accept the Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Navan Area Committee as per Submission 6 on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

Submission 9- Spatial Policy Unit, DoEHLG .

- Requests a specific objective be included in the plan indicating alignment and implementation of Table 6 throughout the period of the plan.
- States that it is unclear if the amendments have been subject to an AA screening.

Manager's Recommendation - No change recommended

Navan Area Committee - Accepted the Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

Submission 12- SEA Section - EPA .

- Refers to proposed amendments no. 10 (Whistlemount) and no. 11 (Liscarton) and requests that the conclusions of the environmental assessment report be taken into account in the assessment of same.
- Refers to proposed amendment no. 6 at Nevinstown. Expresses concern in relation to the proposed nature of the zoning and the potential impact on the surrounding environment, including cumulative effect.
- Specific modifications are recommended to the wording of some of the proposed textual amendments.

Manager's Recommendation –

- The lands subject to amendments no.'s 10 and 11 revert back to their status in the Draft Development Plan. i.e. unzoned.

Modify the textual amendments as follows (addition in red):

- HER POL 6: To encourage the retention *and protection* of all structures which contributes in a positive manner to the character of the ACA.
- Replace the term 'Built heritage' with 'Architectural Heritage' throughout the plan including the following sentence:- promote both the conservation and redevelopment of the *architectural* fabric of Navan.

Navan Area Committee:

- Did not accept Manager's Recommendation with respect to proposed amendments no. 10 and 11. Propose to adopt proposed amendments no. 10 and 11.
- Accepted Manager's Recommendation with respect to the textual modifications. Agreed as recommended by the Navan Area Committee i.e. Propose to adopt proposed amendments no. 10 and 11. and accepted Co. Manager's recommendation regarding textual modifications on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Reilly** seconded by **Councillor Shane Cassells**.

Submission 13- Dept. of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources.



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- Refers to proposed amendments no. 10 (Whistlemount) and 11 (Liscarton) and notes that they would have the potential to have significant adverse impact on the environment.
- Highlights that a further SEA process is required if adopted.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands subject to amendments no 10 and 11 revert back to their status in the Draft Development Plan i.e. unzoned.

Navan Area Committee - Did not accept the Manager's recommendation. Proposed to adopt proposed amendments no. 10 and 11.

Agreed as recommended by the Navan Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

The Navan Development Plan was proposed by Councillor Shane Cassells and seconded by Councillor Joe Reilly and adopted following a roll call vote.

Councillor	Vote
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	Yes
Cllr Ray Butler	Absent
Cllr. Sirena Campbell	Yes
Cllr. William Carey	Yes
Cllr. Shane Cassells	Yes
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Yes
Cllr. Jimmy Cudden	Yes
Cllr. Francis Deane	Yes
Cllr. Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Yes
Cllr. Regina Doherty	Yes
Cllr. John Farrelly	Yes
Cllr. Jimmy Fegan	Yes
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Yes
Cllr. Oliver Fox	Yes
Cllr. Wayne Harding	Yes
Cllr. James Holloway	Absent
Cllr. Eoin Holmes	Yes
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	Yes
Cllr. Nick Killian	Absent
Cllr. Noel Leonard	Yes
Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	Yes
Cllr. Niamh McGowan	Yes
Cllr. Jenny McHugh	Absent
Cllr. Maria Murphy	Yes
Cllr. Seamus O' Neill	Yes
Cllr. Joe Reilly	Yes
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Absent
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	Yes
Cllr. Catherine Yore	Yes



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Result: 24 - For, 0 – Against, 5 Absent

8.1.4 To receive the Manager's report on submissions and observations received regarding Variation No. 8 of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 in accordance with Section 13 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Received on the proposition of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** seconded by **Councillor Noel Leonard**.

8.1.5 Following consideration of the Manager's Report on submissions and observations received in respect of the Bettystown Framework Plan, if thought fit, to resolve to accept the managers report, or to resolve to make or revoke the plan, or to resolve to amend the Framework Plan otherwise than as recommended in the Manager's Report.

- Framework Plan on public display from 27th July 2009 – 24th August 2009.
- 11 submissions received
- Manager's Report presented to Elected Members 22nd September 2009
- Slane Area Committee met on 21st October to discuss report.

Submission 1- National Roads Authority.

No specific comments to make on framework plan.

Manager's Recommendation - No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher** seconded by **Councillor Seamus O' Neill**.

Submission 2 – Department of Education & Science.

- Outlines methods Dept use to calculate school demand
- Refers to position viz a viz school provision in Bettystown/Laytown
- Details relevant considerations regarding school site selection

Manager's Recommendation - No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** seconded by **Councillor Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher**.

Submission 3 – John & Lorraine Cooney.

- Seeks the removal of an amenity walk through the wooded area at the back of their property, Brookside Cottage
- Seeks the removal of residential street type 2 designation in this area
- Query discrepancies in the layout of school buildings on Figure 3.1 and on other maps in the Framework Plan
- The zoning on Seaside Park is also queried

Manager's Recommendation –

- To correct mapping errors as follows:



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- Correct the mapping error in Figure 3.1 in respect of the location of the pedestrian route and street shown to the lands to the north east of the Framework Plan area
- Illustrate the correct location of proposed school buildings adjoining the framework plan lands
- Correct the mapping error in Figure 3.1 to omit the reference to 'seaside park' on lands to the east of the Bettystown-Laytown Road

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** seconded by **Councillor Seamus O' Neill**.

Submission 4 – Roger & Liz Pickett.

Objects to the proposed seaside park designation.

Manager's Recommendation –

- Omit the reference to 'seaside park' on lands to the east of the Bettystown-Laytown Road
- Illustrate the correct location of proposed school buildings adjoining the framework plan lands.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** seconded by **Councillor Seamus O' Neill**.

Submission 5 – George Karellas.

Objects to the proposed seaside park designation

Manager's Recommendation – Omit the reference to 'seaside park' on lands to the east of the Bettystown-Laytown Road

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher**.

Submission 6 - Anna Karellas.

Objects to the proposed seaside park designation.

Manager's Recommendation – Omit the reference to 'seaside park' on lands to the east of the Bettystown-Laytown Road.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher** seconded by **Councillor Seamus O' Neill**.

Submission 7 – Theodore Karellas.

Objects to the proposed seaside park designation

Manager's Recommendation – Omit the reference to 'seaside park' on lands to the east of the Bettystown-Laytown Road

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** seconded by **Councillor Jimmy Cudden**.

Submission 8 – Patricia & Theodore Karellas.

Objects to the proposed seaside park designation

Manager's Recommendation – Omit the reference to 'seaside park' on lands to the east of the Bettystown-Laytown Road.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** seconded by **Councillor Seamus O' Neill**.



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Submission 9 – Jill Chadwick.

- Inaccurate landownership in Figure 6.6
- Masterplan and Figure 3.1 show changes to the LAP including a new public road linking the Coast Road and the proposed North-South spine road via the correspondent’s garden.
- Notes the proposal to route a pedestrian amenity link immediately in front of the rear windows of her property.

Manager’s Recommendation –

- Correct the mapping error in Figure 6.6 in respect of land ownership
- Correct the mapping error in Figure 3.1 in respect of the location of the pedestrian route and street shown to the lands to the north east of the Framework Plan area.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager’s recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher**.

Submission 10 – Brookside Residents’ Association

- Proposes that some of the land within the Framework Plan area be used to build a community hall.
- Brookside Residents do not want estate used as a traffic through route.

Manager’s Recommendation - No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager’s recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher** seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

Submission 11 - East Meath Active Retirement Assoc.

Provision should be made for a community centre.

Manager’s Recommendation - No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager’s recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the Co. Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher**.

The Bettystown Framework Plan, which **would** then form part of the East Meath LAP was proposed by **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher** and adopted following a roll call vote.

Councillor	Vote
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	Yes
Cllr Ray Butler	Absent
Cllr. Sirena Campbell	Absent
Cllr. William Carey	Yes
Cllr. Shane Cassells	Yes



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Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Yes
Cllr. Jimmy Cudden	Yes
Cllr. Francis Deane	Yes
Cllr. Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Yes
Cllr. Regina Doherty	Yes
Cllr. John Farrelly	Yes
Cllr. Jimmy Fegan	Yes
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Yes
Cllr. Oliver Fox	Yes
Cllr. Wayne Harding	Yes
Cllr. James Holloway	Abstain
Cllr. Eoin Holmes	Yes
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	Yes
Cllr. Nick Killian	Absent
Cllr. Noel Leonard	Yes
Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	Yes
Cllr. Niamh McGowan	Yes
Cllr. Jenny McHugh	Absent
Cllr. Maria Murphy	Yes
Cllr. Seamus O' Neill	Yes
Cllr. Joe Reilly	Yes
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Yes
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	Yes
Cllr. Catherine Yore	Abstain

Result: 23 For, 2 Abstentions, 4 Absent

8.1.6 In accordance with Section 15 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to receive the report on progress achieved in securing the objectives of the Kells Development Plan 2007-2013.

Received on the proposition of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** seconded by **Councillor Oliver Fox**.

8.2 Infrastructure

8.2.1 To consider the submissions/objections received in response to the display of the "Draft" Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Primatestown) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2009 and to resolve to make the said Bye-Laws in accordance with the Draft, as published, subject to variations or amendments if considered appropriate.



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Resolved to make the Bye Laws on the proposition of **Councillor Noel Leonard and** seconded by **Councillor John V. Farrelly**.

8.3 Finance

8.3.1 To agree dates for the holding of Preliminary and Statutory Budget meetings.

It was agreed to hold the preliminary budget meeting on Monday 23rd. November, 3.00p.m., on the proposition of **Councillor Joe Bonner** seconded by **Councillor Niamh McGowan**.

It was agreed to hold the statutory budget meeting on 7th. December, 10.00a.m., on the proposition of **Councillor Regina Doherty** seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**.

9.0 Notice of Question

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian:

“To ask the Manager to give a full report on all actions and outcomes that have been taken to date by Meath County Council, Planning Enforcement Section, on properties on the old N2, Ashbourne Road, where factory units, detached houses and a myriad of businesses are operating, and five unauthorised access points, which were constructed in December 2007, onto the old N2, without the benefit of planning permissions”.

Report circulated.

10.0 Notice of Motion

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Sirena Campbell:

“To ask the Council to consider establishing a small committee comprising of members and officials of the Council to examine the issues and prepare a report with the objective of making Meath an Age-Friendly County in line with similar projects in other counties which are currently being promoted by the Ageing Well Network”.

Motion deferred.

10.2 Submitted by Dunshaughlin Area Members:

“That Meath County Council resolves that the Millennium Park and Killegland Park in Ashbourne be designated as areas in which consumption of intoxicants is prohibited and that the Council resolve to pass whatever bye-laws are necessary to prohibit the use of intoxicants in these areas”.

Motion deferred.

10.3 Submitted by Councillor John V Farrelly:

“We the members of Meath County Council immediately call on the Minister for Environment & Local Government to re-locate staff from other local authorities, to



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bring our ratio from the present 45.5 staff to 10,000 population to at least 65 staff members per 10,000 population to alleviate the hardship on our present staff”.

Motion adopted on the proposition of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher**

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Jimmy Fegan:

“The members of Meath County Council resolve to request the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to conduct a review of staffing levels in all Local Authorities, the review to take into account the level of services provided in each local authority, and in particular to investigate the proportionality that applies to staffing numbers per head of population in each local authority. Subject to the Minister acceding to this request, the membership of this local authority ask the Minister to initiate a process or processes aimed at redressing any imbalances that may be identified in the findings of such a review”.

Motion adopted on the proposition of **Councillor Jimmy Fegan** seconded by **Councillor Shane Cassells**.

The two motions were taken in common debate with the agreement of the Council. The motions were unanimously adopted and it was agreed to bring these motions to the attention of the DOEHLG and to seek a meeting with senior officials to progress the issues raised.

11.0 Schedule of Manager’s Orders (For Information Only)

- 11.1 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Infrastructure
- 11.2 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Environment
- 11.3 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Housing Construction
- 11.4 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Community & Enterprise

Noted.

12.0 Presentations from Other Bodies

12.1 Presentation by NRA on the Leinster Outer Orbital Route.

Hugh Creegan, Head of PPP, Commercial Operations & Strategic Planning and Nigel O’Neill, Senior Project Manager, Strategic Planning Unit made the presentation, which focused on the history of the project, potential corridors, indicative routes and the conclusions of the feasibility study. This was followed by a question and answer session. It was explained to the Members that this was a high level feasibility study and that the progression of the project is subject to funding and agreement. The Members supported the project in principle while highlighting possible route selection difficulties. The Members requested that the NRA liaise on an ongoing basis with the Corporate Policy Group on this and other projects.



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13.0 Any Other Business

13.1 Kentstown Roadworks

Cllr. Suzanne Jamal raised the issue of the Kentstown roadworks scheme was raised in terms of a completion date. The Members were informed that it was a long and complex scheme and that there would be disruption up to Christmas and small work to be done after Christmas.

13.2 Servicing Public Lighting

Cllr. Butler asked if Airtricity is going to take over the servicing of lights. It was explained that the ESB is in the process of handing over the maintenance of public lights to another service provider and that there would be further information available at the Special Infrastructure meeting on 16th. November.

This concluded the business of the meeting.