



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Navan Municipal District***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***10:00 a.m., 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019, Navan Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Yemi Adenuga, Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Padraig Fitzsimons, Alan Lawes, Emer Tóibín.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the meeting.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of Anne Gibney, former Navan Town Councillor;



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- Owen Heaney on the death of his brother, Brian.

#### **4 To receive a presentation from Meath GAA on the progress of the Pairc Tailteann redevelopment project.**

Seamus Kenny, Meath GAA provided an update on progress made on the proposed development of Pairc Tailteann since the last presentation. This included the status of the funding application and proposed works plan should funding be secured in the anticipated timeframe.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the proposed development and acknowledged its economic and social benefits for the town.
- Commended the youth programmes held during the summer.
- Requested details on various aspects of the redevelopment proposals – responses were provided.
- Referred to ongoing issues around parking in the vicinity of the facility, which were adversely impacting on neighbouring residents and the need for traffic management plans to address issues, particularly during larger events – it was confirmed that there was close liaison with the Gardaí and that traffic management plans are in place, tailored to suit different event sizes.

#### **5 Statutory Business**

##### **5.1 Transportation**

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted. Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Requested an update on the tree cutting/pruning programme – a list of trees had been provided to the arborologist and a report is awaited. However there is limited funding available and only dangerous trees will be removed/treated.
- The possibility of closing off the drain to the rear of houses in Moatville – it was agreed to check if this drain, which is still operational, could be diverted as part of the new development.
- Requested an update on planned footpath works, the removal of litter bins and the provision of anti drinking signs in Clusker Park – the footpath works are included in the 2020 programme, the bins will be removed and the signs relocated.
- Requested an update on resurfacing works in St. Mary's Park – it was agreed to check the status on this.
- The remedial works needed on bus shelters – as the parts are no longer available, they will have to be custom made.
- The treatment of weeds on the Trim Road – this is on the list.
- The timeframe for the provision of the pedestrian crossing in Johnstown – works are due to commence in the new year.
- Queried responsibility for bus stops that are unsafe, e.g. where the sign is tied to the railings in Johnstown – it was pointed out that this would come under the remit of Bus Éireann.
- The possibility of cutting the hedging that is growing out onto the cycle lane at Boyne View – it was agreed to check this.
- Referred to issues regarding manhole covers on public footpaths, e.g. Railway Street – councillors were asked to submit locations of these and this would be referred to Eir.

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- The need for the public lighting in Silverlawns, Abbey Grove and Blackwater Drive to be repaired – the email address to which all faults should be reported was provided.
- Flooding occurring under the arch at Cornmarket – it was agreed to check for any blockages.
- The need for gullies on the Trim Road to be cleared – the gully cleaning contract will focus on approach roads and known areas of flooding.
- Queried the annual cost of the hanging baskets in the town and whether this could be reduced and/or redirected – it was pointed out that the annual cost of providing and maintaining hanging baskets, which is tendered annually, is approximately €22,000 but is important in enhancing the town.
- The possibility of altering the lights sequence on the Ratholdren Road to extend the time for traffic turning left – the sequence has been adjusted.
- The need for additional protection for back gardens in Dean Cogan Place as part of works on the playground at Boreen Keel – it was pointed out that, other than the existing net, no further protection was planned.

An update was also provided on the 2030 scheme as it relates to the Railway Street project, which is currently on programme.

- 5.1.2 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Athlumney Castle and Bailis Manor in Navan.

Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation requested approval to proceed with the non-statutory public consultation in relation to the proposals in respect of the two estates.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.



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### **5.2 Community**

- 5.2.1 To receive details of the allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2019 and if in agreement, recommend to the full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department provided an overview of the scheme, which was intended to fund capital works being undertaken by community groups for which no match funding was being used. Each municipal district had been allocated €100,000 in both 2019 and 2020, with a minimum grant of €10,000 and a maximum of €100,000. Based on the assessment criteria, three groups were now being recommended, as per the information circulated.

These were approved on the proposal of **Councillor Alan Lawes** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

### **5.3 Water Services**

- 5.3.1 To receive an update on the replacement of the main trunk watermain supplying Navan.

Gerry Boyle, Senior Engineer, and Peter Brady, Executive Engineer, Water Services attended the meeting and provided councillors with an overview of water services and capital projects, including the replacement of the main trunk watermain supplying Navan.

Councillors raised a number of specific queries relating to issues affecting water supply, including the condition of pipes, existing and future capacity, coordination of works with other planned works, and the need to minimise disruption during planned works. Reference was also made to the issues affecting residents on the Proudstown Road who cannot connect to the public supply.

## **6 Notice of Question**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy**



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“To ask the Executive for an update on the installation of pedestrian crossings on the Knockumber Road, Moat Road, Clogherboy Road and Old Athboy Road junctions on the Andy Connolly Roundabout, taking into consideration a motion calling for same was passed at a Municipal meeting in December 2018 and added to the 'Request for Works' database immediately thereafter.”

**Response:**

*The installation of pedestrian crossings at these locations is still on the “Request for works” database and is dependent on funding being made available.*

The response was noted.

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“How many people have availed of the HAP scheme in the Navan Municipal District area during the first six months of 2019?”

**Response:**

*163 new HAP tenancies were created in the Navan Municipal District for the period January – June 2019.*

The response was noted.

## **7 Notice of Motion**

### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy**

“That Meath County Council installs a pedestrian crossing alongside the Town Hall and opposite the service entrance to the new Prosper Meath Centre to ensure the safety of service users accessing the Prosper Meath Centre and members of the wider community crossing from the car park on Abbey Road.”

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



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*There is provision in the Navan 2030 plan for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the area referred to on Abbey Road.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

The motion was adopted.

### **7.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy**

“That Meath County Council, acting on the advice of the Beaufort College Parents Council, installs a lighted pedestrian crossing on the Trim Road side of the entrance to the Navan Enterprise Centre to ensure the safety of students and members of the wider community crossing the road there.”

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

*Navan Municipal District will carry out an assessment of the need for a lighted pedestrian crossing on the Trim Road side of the entrance to the Navan Enterprise Centre and revert back to the Navan Municipal District Meeting.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

The motion was adopted.

### **7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“That Navan Municipal District would introduce a painting enhancement scheme to provide grants for upgrading shop fronts in an effort to make the town look more welcoming. I suggest this scheme be in place for Spring 2020.”

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



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*The Community Grants Scheme is open to Residents Associations, Community Groups and Tidy Towns Committees to apply for grants to improve their areas. This may include Tidy Towns committees improving vacant buildings/premises by painting, litter picking etc. The scheme is not available to businesses or commercial entities to paint their buildings. In 2019, the maximum grant available was €1,000 and is likely to be similar again in 2020. It is not proposed to include a grant scheme for commercial properties in the 2020 Community Grant Scheme. However, such a scheme can be considered as streets are completed under the Navan 2030 Plan.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín**.

It was suggested that this might be appropriate to consider following the completion of works as part of the Navan 2030 programme.

The motion was adopted.

### **7.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“I call on Navan Municipal District to erect yellow box markings at Carne Hill estate where residents experience difficulty exiting onto the Old Johnstown Road, particularly at early morning school times.”

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

*Meath County Council will consider this request for line marking at the entrance to Carne Hill estate and undertake a traffic assessment to determine if line markings are appropriate at this location.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín**.

The motion was adopted.

### **7.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes**





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“I am calling on Meath County Council to buy the woodland area along Metges Road in Johnstown in order to provide a "Woodland Playground" for the residents of the community, if it should become available.”

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

*As the woodland area mentioned, is part of a landholding currently going through the planning process, it would be inappropriate for Meath County Council to comment on this Notice of Motion.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Alan Lawes** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibin**.

The motion was noted.

### **7.6 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly**

“Calling on this Council to erect barrier on the front of entrance to St. Finian’s Terrace”

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

*Meath County Council shall carry out an assessment of the need to erect a barrier on the front of the entrance to St. Finian’s Terrace and revert back to the Navan MD meeting.*

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

The motion was adopted.

### **7.7 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly**

“Calling on this Council to erect safety measures at the entrance to Blackwater Park at Rathholdren Road.”



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

*Meath County Council will consider this request to erect safety measures at the entrance to Blackwater Park at Rathholdren Road and will carry out an assessment of the location. It should be noted however that there is an existing controlled pedestrian crossing located adjacent to the entrance to Blackwater Park on the Rathholdren Road, there is good sight distance in both directions from the entrance and there are no reported safety incidents that would require additional safety measures to be put in place.*

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

The motion was adopted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Alan Lawes raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Referred to a proposal previously made whereby a local artist would paint junction boxes in Johnstown, based on a theme selected from local schools - it was agreed that a proposal, identifying the boxes referred to, should be submitted for consideration.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**An Meára**



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