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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 20th November, 2019, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Yemi Adenuga, Edward Fennessy, Padraig Fitzsimons.

Apologies: Councillors Francis Deane, Alan Lawes and 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 23rd October, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd October 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 5th November, 2019.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 5th November 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Emer Tóibín on the death of her father, Jack;
- Brian Smyth, GSS, on the death of his mother, Frances;
- Pdraig Maguire, Senior Executive Planner, on the death of his wife, Fiona.

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 the key points highlighted.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the planned works in the playground in Boreen Keel and queried whether this would include works on the playing pitches – localised repairs will be carried out on the sections that have been damaged.
- Queried plans for tidying up the playground in Reask – it is intended to discuss the future use of the playground with residents to see if it should be decommissioned and replaced with something more suitable.
- Reported drainage issues at Moatlands and Applegreen – significant works have been undertaken on the gullies at Moatlands, with water from the Athboy Road having been intercepted at a number of locations.
- Requested that the road surface in Blackcastle be improved – following recent works by Irish Water, the inclusion of this road will be considered for a full overlay.



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- Requested an update on works in the town centre – an update was provided, including the cessation of traffic controls by the end of next week, with an extra crew of pavers to be deployed to complete paving works, with a small number of paving works to follow, which will not impact on traffic or access to business. A full deep clean of the paving will be undertaken when works are completed.
- Queried plans to extend the pitches in Blackwater Park to regulation size – this will be looked at in the new year.
- Referred to possible drainage issues in Belcourt following footpath replacement – it was agreed to check this.
- Requested an update on the tree programme and locations – the arborologist report has not yet been received.
- Requested an update on the bus shelters – it is hoped to extend the bus shelter scheme to the town bus route as replacement parts have to be tailor made due to the age of the existing bus shelters.

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

Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the report circulated, including the submissions received and proposed amendments. Approval was sought to proceed with the proposed works.

Councillors referred to the need for improved permeability through Athlumney Castle, by providing a more direct and safer walkway for pedestrians from Johnstown to the town centre.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennesy** to proceed with the proposed works as recommended.

5 Notice of Question



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5.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"With the first sod now turned on the Farganstown Access Road and hundreds, maybe thousands, of new homes now being planned, have Meath County Council any plans to build appropriate facilities like schools, GP surgeries, community centres, playgrounds, etc. to cater for such a large influx of people to the area?"

Response:

Any application for housing on these lands will need to accord with the policy and objectives as set out in the County Development Plan in operation at the time of the decision. The Development Management Guidelines and Standards Chapter of the Plan sets out the quantum of open space and Creche facilities required and the Master Plan identifies how these lands are to be developed to meet the overall needs of the community.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"Has Meath County Council recently made an application for funding for the proposed Navan to Kingscourt Railway Line Greenway to the Department of Transport and Tourism?"

Response:

The Transportation Department made an application seeking funding for the whole route from the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Second Call) in August 2019 but the application was unsuccessful. The Council will now consider what other funding sources might be available.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

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“I propose that Meath County Council erect signage on R153 Kentstown Road via Metges Road to forewarn heavy goods vehicles of the height restrictions at the via duct railway arch in Athlumney.”

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

Meath County Council will consult with Irish Rail as to their requirements for advance warning signage for height restricted bridges on Non-National Roads and if deemed to be required will consider the provision of signage on the R153 in conjunction with the signage requirements for the revised junction arrangement at its junction with Metges Road/Farganstown Link Road which is currently under construction.

As Councillor Deane was absent, the motion was deferred to the December meeting.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to install a safe pedestrian crossing from O’Growney Terrace to the Canon Row roundabout adjacent to Boreen Keel and suggest this issue be addressed as part of the Navan Town 2030 enhancement plan.”

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

A new pedestrian crossing is to be provided from O’Growney Terrace to Canon Row as part of the proposed Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) upgrade works to the Abbey Road/Cannon Row roundabout. A copy of the Part 8 (adopted) drawing is attached for your information purposes. (See below)

As Councillor Deane was absent, the motion was deferred to the December meeting.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

7.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 23rd October, 2019.

The report was noted.



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- 7.2 To note the report from the Climate Change, Environment and Emergency Services SPC meeting of 31st October, 2019.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára