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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 18th December 2019, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Yemi Adenuga, Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Padraig Fitzsimons, 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 20th November 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20th November 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

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 Sally Dunphy, Woodlands, Navan;



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- The family of the late Evan Fitzgerald, Johnstown;
- The family of the late Liam Clogher, Bohermeen.

The executive and councillors also expressed their best wishes to Robbie McCormack, New York Meath Association.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0184Ha of land at Abbeyland, Navan, Co. Meath to Ciaran and Cynthia Gallagher.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

- 5.1.1 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:

- The timeframe for works in St. Mary's Park – works would now commence in Q2 2020 due to delays in completing the 2019 programme of works and the need for warmer weather.
- Queried the receipt of the arborologist's report – the tender for tree felling and trimming, based on the recommendations within the report, which was received two weeks ago, has gone to tender, with works due to commence at the end of January.
- The possibility of extending the gritting route to Hayestown – the available plant limits the extent of roads that can be gritted, with the



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town and regional roads being prioritised. However, it was agreed to consider this for the next winter gritting programme.

- Requested that the traffic light sequence at the Ratholdren Road be reviewed to facilitate traffic from the Abbeygrove direction.
- The need for Kennedy Plaza to be gritted prior to shops opening.
- The poor surface of the footpath from the pub to the church in Robinstown – this was installed by a third party, is not on publicly owned land and may be subject to planning enforcement.
- Requested an update on works in Navan town and the need for councillors to be kept fully informed of progress – an update was provided, including the prioritisation of the traffic lights being operational. Barriers will then be removed, with no further works planned until 6th January. After this, paving works on the west side of Railway Street will commence, with night works planned for road resurfacing, followed by snagging and cleaning. The tender is out for Phase II, i.e. from the junction of Bridge Street, Circular Road to the Newgrange Hotel, as well as the twin roundabouts at O'Growney Terrace and Abbey Road. A further update will be provided in January/February.
- Queried the timeframe for the gully cleaning programme – whilst the contract works had concluded, own works would continue on areas where problems are known.
- Queried the planned timeframe for resurfacing works at Reask – it has been recommended to add these to the current contract, for undertaking in early 2020.
- Queried the plans for footpath works on the Clonmagadden Road – the works will cover the sections in need of repair.
- Queried the plans for road resurfacing on Swan Lane – this is included on the current three year roadworks programme.



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- Referred to the ongoing flooding issue under the arch at the Cornmarket – whilst a long-term solution will form part of the Navan 2030 scheme, maintenance works are required.
- Referred to stagnant water at the swimming pool car park – it was agreed to refer this to Facilities Management.
- Queried whether notices had been served on the derelict properties at the Andy Brennan Park, Athlumney.
- Referred to the issues with the ramps in McDermott's Villas – these are to be redone in 2020.
- Referred to potholes on the Farganstown Road.
- Requested an update on the provision of double yellow lines at St. Finian's Terrace – contractors have visited on a number of occasions but, due to the width of the road and the numbers of cars parked there, have not been able to gain access.
- Requested an update on the playground at Claremont – funding applications for renewal works will first need to be made.
- Requested an update on the provision of suitable signage at the filling station at Beaufort Place – this is private property and the Road Safety Officer was requested to talk to the property owner with regard to signage.
- Requested that a concrete slab be removed from the laneway behind St. Oliver's N.S. and that the laneway be cleaned up and concreted over to prevent littering – the cost of concreting the laneway would be prohibitive. Negotiations with the school had taken place some time ago with a view to their taking over the lane but there is an ESB structure there and the transfer never occurred. It was pointed out that, if the grass is cut, the OMP have committed to maintaining the area.



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- Referred to requests by residents in Athlumney Castle for a footpath to facilitate safe pedestrian movements – this is on the list for small works funding but is not considered a priority.
- Requested that consideration be given to installing ramps from Old Johnstown Village to the Kentstown Road to deter speeding – traffic surveys were carried out in 2018 and the results did not support the provision of ramps. It was agreed to refer this to Transportation.
- Welcomed the provision of bins in Johnstown.
- Referred to the need to repair the signs to Johnstown from the main Dublin road – the signs are ordered and will be erected in the new year.
- Referred to the need for signs for Coláiste na Mí and St. Stephen's N.S.
- Requested that the hedging be cut back at the footpath in front of Boyne View.
- Requested an update on the provision of the pedestrian crossings on the Metges Road – a contractor has been appointed for the first pedestrian crossing, with works due to commence in mid to late January. There are issues relating to the power supply in respect of the second planned crossing.

5.1.2 To receive an update re the proposed LDR4 scheme.

Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation provided an update on the proposed scheme, with two meetings having taken place with An Bord Pleanála. The EIS and CPO will be submitted to the Board in early 2020 and approval sought, with the process expected to take 9-12 months. Updated drawings will be circulated to directly affected landowners and councillors in advance of the formal application to An Bord Pleanála.

The update was noted.



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6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“Can I get an update on the Community Section's review for the provision of 'Age Friendly' parking spaces in the town.”

Response:

There are a number of Age Friendly car parking spaces located in the county, in the towns of Kells, Trim and Laytown. The Community Section are currently in discussions with the Navan Municipal District Engineer and the Transportation section as to the most appropriate location for such a carparking space in Navan. Once the location has been identified, works to make the space identifiable (i.e., signage and road markings) will be undertaken. It should be noted that these parking spaces do not fall under the Parking Bye-laws and as such will not be subject to enforcement.

The response was noted. Councillor Fennessy sought clarification on the timeframe for the provision of the parking spaces.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Could I please request a progress update regarding safety measures planned for approach roads to Cannistown School?”

Response:

The roads approaching Cannistown School have already received significant levels of investment in traffic management infrastructure including the imposition of reduced speed limits, signage, time activated warning/flashing signs, road markings and road width reduction/new kerbing in an effort to reduce and control traffic speeds in the vicinity. The application of such remedial measures over the past number of years means that the roads approaching Cannistown School meet the requirements of the ‘Minimum Safety Standards on Public Roads outside Schools’, which was presented to the Transportation SPC in April 2016. The main problem which presents at Cannistown School is that which is caused by roadside parking and this matter requires multi-organisation co-operation in order to bring about a satisfactory resolution. There are currently no plans for additional works at the roads approaching this school but Meath County Council will keep the matter under review.



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The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane (Deferred from the November meeting)

“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.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane (Deferred from the November meeting)

“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.



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

The motion was adopted.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“That Navan Municipal District list for consideration, Reask, Balreask Village and Clusker Park for housing estate roads remedial works with a view to including them on the Municipal District Schedule of Works 2020.”

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

It is the Council’s intention to present the 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works to the Navan Municipal District Meeting in February 2020 or as soon as may be after the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport grant allocations have been announced.

Following consultation with the Municipal District Members, a three year Roads Programme was submitted to the Department of Transport covering the years 2019, 2020 & 2021. As in previous years, it is proposed to liaise with the Municipal District Members before finalising the proposed works for this grant funding and presentation in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. This will present an opportunity for the Members to put forward sections of road for consideration in determining those schemes to be prioritised for funding under the 2020 programme.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“In the interest of ensuring the safety of pedestrians using the Dan Shaw and Carriage Roads Navan Municipal District agrees to install a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Beechmount Home Park.”



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

A request for a pedestrian crossing on the Dan Shaw Road is already included on the 'Request for New Works' list in Transportation and will be considered as soon as funding becomes available.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

“That Meath County Council will agree a date for a Civic Reception to acknowledge 40 years of Navan Rotary Club.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

The motion was adopted.

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

8.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 11th November 2019.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Emer Tóibín raised the following issue:



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- 10.1.1 Requested an update on the proposed timeframe for the opening of the exit of Coláiste na Mí onto the Old Johnstown Road – this is a private development, with the exit not having been opened due to the unsuitability of the road.

The Mayor thanked his councillor colleagues, the council administration and engineering staff, the Director of Service and the media representatives for their work throughout the year and wished everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas. Kevin Stewart, on behalf of the staff, returned the best wishes to the Mayor and councillors.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára