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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 22nd January, 2020, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Alan Lawes and Emer Tóibín.

Apologies: Councillor Yemi Adenuga

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 18th December 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th December 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late Fergus Duffy, former employee of Meath County Council.
- The family of the late Margaret McMahon, Mellows Terrace, Navan.
- The family of the late Przemyslaw Konopko, Ferndale, Navan.

4 To receive a presentation from the PPN Resource Officer.

Danielle Monahan, PPN Resource Officer, Community Department delivered a short presentation, on the role and structure of the PPN, its composition and planned improvements, with the Department of Rural and Community Development to undertake a review and publish a new handbook. Of the approximate 900 groups represented in Meath, 190 are located in Navan Municipal District. A Community Wellbeing Statement is to be prepared for each municipal district and at county level and a related workshop will take place in Buvinda House on the 4th February next at 6.30 p.m.

A short discussion followed, with councillors welcoming the PPN review, increased collaboration with the council and councillors and an increased awareness of the benefits of participation. Reference was made to regulations and the amount of paper work involved in the setting up of groups which can be off putting for volunteers.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors wished Danielle well in her role.

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:

- Requested a hedge cutting notice be issued to the Department of Education for the hedge outside the school in Johnstown on the L5050.



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- Thanked Paul for the renovation works to the bus shelters.
- Requested that roads in Reask and Clusker Park be included in the 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works – It was advised that, as a result of the low tender rates received, Reask and Dan Shaw Road, and possibly Clusker Park, will be included for 2020.
- Sought an update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Beechmount Home Park – It was confirmed that a traffic survey has been carried out with a pedestrian survey to follow but that this will be funding dependent.
- Sought an update on the closing off of the laneway at Ferndale – The background to this was outlined and it was agreed that an estimate would be sought in relation to the cost of these works.
- The possibility of installing lights or a yellow box at Athlumney Wood to allow traffic exit the estate.
- Replacement of signs in Johnstown where the lettering is incorrect – it was confirmed that the signs have arrived and should be erected within the coming weeks.
- The need for traffic calming outside schools, with particular reference to Bohermeen N.S., as traffic volumes have increased due to toll avoidance.
- Expressed concern at the lights in Blackwater Park as they are not working to full capacity resulting in the park not being used at night time as it should be.
- Sought an update on works at Dunmoe Lane – It was confirmed that the road closure is in place for another week.
- Requested an update on the changing rooms and toilets at Blackwater Park.



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- The need for ramps to be upgraded in McDermott's Villas – It was confirmed that these are included as part of the Roadworks Programme.
- Requested that the Christmas lights be reinstated in Cornmarket this Christmas as they were omitted last Christmas.
- Requested works be carried out along the New Line in Bohermeen where the verge has collapsed.

5.2 Corporate Services

- 5.2.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Navan Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

5.3 Planning

- 5.3.1 To receive a presentation on the Strategic Housing Development (544 units) application, reference no. ABP-306021-19 (Coindale Limited) in accordance with Section 8 (4) (c)(ii) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016.

Billy Joe Padden, Executive Planner provided details of the application, the consultations that had taken place, the proposed site layout, residential typology and facilities, and the next steps, including the submission of the Chief Executive's report by 30th January, 2020, which will include a copy of today's meeting minutes.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Acknowledged the housing need that exists in the area.
- Expressed concerns at the scale and density of the proposed development, particularly the duplex apartments and 2 four bed houses to the front with no parking.



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- Referred to plans for apartments with balconies, directly behind the existing houses on the Dublin Road, which are going to be overlooked and privacy is going to be seriously affected – It was advised that the impact of duplex apartments in proximity to existing residents will be assessed in terms of residential and amenity.
- Queried the quality of the fencing proposed at Limekiln, there is no adequate screening proposed to provide those already living there with the privacy they deserve. This needs to be replaced with high built walls. – It was advised that, in relation to boundary treatments, An Bord Pleanála in general have conditioned people to build 2m high block walls plastered and capped. It was pointed out that sometimes a wire fence is proposed if there is existing vegetation but this area will be assessed.
- Referred to the building line on the Dublin Road which is almost down on the road. The first 2 four bedroom houses have no parking facilities.
- It was pointed out Meath County Council will apply this in terms of compliance with County Development Plan standards in relation to 2 car parking spaces per house throughout and this will be assessed by the Transportation Department in line with all other parking requirements in relation to the development.
- Queried the duplex apartments to the south of the plan, the height lines are on the brow of the hill with existing bungalows to the front with proposals to put three storey apartments behind these bungalows on the brow of the hill. There is no consideration given to existing residents living in the locality. People on the Dublin Road will be adversely affected with regard to height, privacy, sunlight, noise and historically how they live their lives. - It was pointed out that as part of the Chief Executive's Report, an assessment will be carried out on the impact on neighbouring residents i.e. over shadowing, overbearing, distance between first floor windows etc.
- Referred to the proposed dividing line between new housing and existing houses in Limekiln, which is very close, and would like to see more allowance for privacy given to people who already live in Limekiln rather than a wire barrier from one garden to another.



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- Expressed concerns over flood risk assessment, high residential density and proximity to the river Boyne. – It was advised that the Environment Section will provide a report in relation to flood risk.
- Expressed concerns in relation to the Management Company. There will be one Management Company for the buildings and another Management Company for the green areas which will result in payment to two Management Companies which is neither affordable nor sustainable. - It was confirmed that in terms of areas taken in charge the Board will be advised to condition that the taking in charge is carried out in compliance with Meath County Council's taking in charge document.
- Referred to the pedestrian access and the proposed walkway which will lead to anti-social behaviour. – It was advised that pedestrian access needs to be overlooked and of high quality.
- Expressed concerns that there are no amenities included as part of this plan i.e. football pitches or community centre.
- Expressed concerns as to how Academy Street can cater for all this additional traffic. - It was pointed out that the Transportation Department have provided a detailed report in relation to the impact of the proposed development on existing road network, not only in terms of the junctions that they are proposing to alter but in terms of the capacity of each road. Those comments will be submitted as part of the Chief Executive's Report.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Would Meath County Council consider extending the current 'pay for one hour's parking and get one hour free' for the remaining duration of the town's enhancement works to compensate in part for inconvenience being experienced by shoppers and Navan's business owners?”

Response:



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Navan currently has a pay one hour get a second hour free parking incentive to coincide with the works on Railway Street. This incentive is scheduled to end as soon as the works on Railway Street are complete. There are currently no proposals to introduce any further parking incentive at this time.

The response was noted. Clarification was sought from Councillor Francis Deane that, when the works commence again in Navan town, the parking incentive be brought back.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I propose that Meath County Council would install a footpath on Metges Road, R153 as far as Casey's Cross, to facilitate the growing population of this area, particularly considering the new link road to the Farganstown Housing Scheme. This would be in keeping with our view towards Smarter Travel in encouraging safe pedestrian usage to and from the town.”

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

It is an objective of Meath County Council to install pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R153 between Metges Road and Casey's Cross, to facilitate the growing demand within this area. There are currently inadequate funds available to complete the works and it is anticipated that the facilities will be provided in tandem with the development of remaining zoned lands within the area.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to give consideration to engaging with students of local schools with a view to developing a user friendly Mental Health App which could spread



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awareness of guidance and available services for those in need. I feel it would be greatly beneficial to have substantial input from the young generation of Navan in the development of this proposed project.”

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

Set out within the Connecting for Life Midlands Louth Meath Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2018-2020 and associated Implementation Plan is an action to “Increase awareness of protective health behaviours and increase awareness of relevant support services through increased signposting”. The lead agency for this action is HSE Meath. There is the potential to develop such an app under this action. The Local Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention will be able to provide an update on the progress of the action and also the potential for developing such an app.

It should also be noted that Under Action 1.3.3 of the Meath LECP it is an objective to “Increase Access to appropriate mental health services for young people” which is to include ensuring information on available services is easily accessible to all. The lead agency for this action is the HSE and the most recent update from the HSE on the delivery of this action sets out the continuing work in this area including delivery of "Zippy's Friends" training programme to primary school teachers; delivery of the "Mind Out" programme to post primary school teachers and continuing to deliver identified training to build capacity among staff to promote positive mental health among service users, e.g. Introduction to Youth and Mental Health.

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

The motion was noted.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“That Navan Municipal District, acting on the advice of the Beaufort College Parents Council, install a zebra 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.”



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

There are no current plans for an additional pedestrian crossing on the mentioned road. Transportation Section, Navan Municipal District will enter the request on the 'Request for Works' list and consideration for same will be made based on need/justification and funding being made available.

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

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

It was confirmed that an update would be provide on the Navan 2030 Scheme at the February meeting of Navan Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára