



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***10:30 a.m., 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020, County Hall, Navan***

An Meára, **Councillor Francis Deane**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Yemi Adenuga, Edward Fennessy, Padraig Fitzsimons, Alan Lawes, Tommy Reilly and Emer Tóibín.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**A/Director of Service:** Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Paul O'Brien

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

#### **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 Robbie McCormack, New York, who contributed so much to Meath as part of the New York Meath Association and who supported many people from Meath in New York;



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- The family of the late George Downey, Killeen Castle, Dunsany;
- The family of the late Ultan Meehan, Ardraccon, Navan;

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

##### 4.1.1 To receive an update on the Navan 2030 Scheme.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer and Cormac Ross, Resident Engineer, Transportation Department outlined the key points in relation to the next phase of planned works, including the temporary traffic management measures and information sharing/communications with those affected. The works locations and descriptions were provided.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried specific arrangements regarding traffic flows, for which responses were provided.
- Welcomed the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Boreen Keel.
- The impact on parking spaces on Bridge Street and proposals for pedestrian crossings.
- The impact of traffic lights on traffic congestion.
- The timeframe for works – it is hoped to have works completed at the end of 2022.
- The arrangements being made to retain access to rear parking areas on Bridge Street – access will generally be maintained with alternative arrangements to be made when works directly impede access.



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- Referred to parking on the footpath on Railway Street where no bollards are in place – the issue is being monitored and if enforcement of the double yellow lines is not effective, bollards may have to be installed.
- Requested that contact be made with NCBI regarding Kennedy Plaza.

### 4.1.2 To receive an update on Navan Town Bus Service.

The key points relating to the updated service was provided, including in excess of 40 bus stops, which are being designed, and Section 38 consultation process. Subject to the Section 38 process being completed and funding approval from the NTA, it is hoped to commence construction in Q3/Q4 2020, to be completed in approximately 6 months.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The possibility of providing a loading bay to replace the obsolete bus stop at Market Square – no additional loading bays are planned with the intention being to widen the footpath at this location. The available loading bays in the immediate area were identified, as were the taxi ranks.
- The possibility of revising the plan to provide additional loading bays on Market Square – the plan has already been approved, with the aim of increasing the attractiveness of the public space whilst accommodating public transport and pedestrians. The provision of additional loading bays, including time plated loading bays, in the wider area can be considered.
- Queried whether funding was guaranteed – NTA approval is required for both the construction and service elements.
- Queried whether bus shelters will also be provided – it is intended to review this with the NTA once the service has become established.

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- Queried the locations and service frequency in Johnstown village – the actual locations are not yet decided and the service frequency is being discussed with the NTA.

### 4.1.3 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:

- Welcomed the progress being made in Clusker Park and the grass cutting in Reask Green.
- Queried the timeframe for works to commence in Dean Cogan – the contractor will be on site in mid-July.
- Queried the timeframe for resurfacing works to commence in St. Mary's Park – whilst no exact date is yet available, these should commence in mid to late Summer.
- The need to replace the highlighting strip on the steps at the rear of McDonalds, as requested by the NCBI.
- Queried the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Ratholdren Road at Blackwater Park – a flashing beacon pedestrian crossing and raised table is to be provided north of the entrance to St. Paul's school.
- Requested an update on the request for the OPW to undertake clean-up works at the bridge on the Dublin Road – a response to this request is being awaited.

Dara McGowan referred to the paid parking system and its enforcement, both whilst shops were closed and during the re-opening. A statement will issue next week confirming the incentives in place, i.e. one hour paid and one hour free parking and a fifteen minute grace period before charges apply and a 30 minute grace period after ticket expiry up to 20<sup>th</sup> July. After this date, the 30 minute grace period after ticket expiry will reduce to 15 minutes. This new fee structure will be advertised on social media and on parking meters. A parking



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meter replacement programme is to commence on 29<sup>th</sup> June, following which it will be possible to pay by phone.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested clarification on the bus stops on Market Square that are no longer being used but are not available for parking or loading bays – if they are no longer required, they can be converted to either parking spaces or loading bays.
- The option to pay by credit card as fewer people are using cash – this option was not popular in the past and is costly in terms of infrastructure and transaction fees. The new meters can be adapted if required.

### **5 Corporate Services**

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

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

### **6 Notice of Question**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“Under the part five process how many social houses have been allocated in Navan in 2018 and in 2019?”

**Response:**

*A total of 69 units were delivered through Part V in Navan during the years cited, with 53 units and 16 units delivered in 2018 and 2019 respectively.*

The response was noted.



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### **7 Notice of Motion**

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

“That Navan Municipal District agrees to carry out the following works in the Clusker Park Estate:

1. The installation of speed ramps on the middle block/cul de sac in the estate
2. The resurfacing of the alleyway between Clusker Park and Aisling Place.”

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

1. *Meath County Council has no current plans to install speed control ramps in Clusker Park. The cul-de-sacs are relatively short in length and there is no speed or accident data for this location which would highlight the requirement for such devices.*
2. *The re-surfacing of the walkway between Clusker Park & Aishling Place is planned to take place within the contract for footpath remedial works in Clusker Park which is currently at the Tender Stage with works due to take place in Spring of 2020.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

The motion was adopted.

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

“Due to the severe lack of community facilities within the Johnstown/ Athlumney area, I propose this motion to carry out the following initiative – Prioritisation is given to the construction of a playground and sport pitches within the Farganstown Development Site north of R153 the Navan – Kentstown Road, immediately after construction of the LDR6 road is finished. These facilities would be located on land directly owned by Meath



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County Council within this site, or as a condition for any future private building developments given approval.”

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

*In recent years, Meath County Council has endeavoured to provide a playground in the Johnstown area. Initially in discussions with representatives from the People’s Park it was proposed to locate a playground in this area, unfortunately these plans did not come to fruition. Also in 2019 plans to locate a playground in the Johnstown Wood area were advanced and proceeded to a Part VIII planning application which was subsequently rejected by the Members.*

*Currently within the Ferganstown Development Site, design work is advancing on the Meath County Council owned lands with a design being prepared for 80+ units. In line with the Meath County Development Plan, play equipment will be incorporated into this proposed development. On the privately owned lands, a design is advancing for a Strategic Housing Development for 400+ units. Incorporated into this proposed development will be a neighbourhood centre with a community/sporting facility. Both of these developments must still proceed through a planning process.*

*It should also be noted that in accordance with the approved planning permission NT/130058 and on completion of the development, the developer Grandbrind Athlumney Ltd, will transfer 1.69Ha of open space to the Local Authority for recreational and community use. A plan will be prepared for the proposed uses of this land in due course.*

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**

“I call on Meath County Council to fast track the plan to extend CCTV to Old Cornmarket, Navan. Of late, there has been a significant increase in behavioural incidents classified as anti-social, causing a lot of problems for business owners and residents in this locality.”



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

*The recently adopted Community CCTV Policy sets out the process in relation to the installation of a new community CCTV scheme or the extension of an existing scheme. In the first instance there must be a policing need as determined by An Garda Síochána with the use of crime statistics followed by the completion and approval of a Data Protection Impact Statement. The provision of CCTV at Old Cornmarket can be discussed with An Garda Síochána to confirm and seek evidence of the need. Following this discussion, the provision of CCTV at Old Cornmarket may be progressed in accordance with the current policy and subject to funding.*

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

A short discussion followed on the plans for additional CCTV and the ongoing issue regarding data protection. Reference was made to locations where particular issues are being experienced and where CCTV was needed.

It was agreed that a report on this would be provided for the July meeting and a follow up in September, if required.

The motion was adopted.

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

“I propose that Navan Municipal District invites Bus Eireann management to meet with them in an effort to address issues with their current service which is not sufficient in meeting the needs of commuters travelling to work/college in Dublin, particularly early on weekday mornings.”

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

The motion was adopted.

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





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- 8.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC virtual meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

The report was noted.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **10 Any Other Business**

- 10.1 Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Referred to notifications related to major works on Kilsarn Lane and queried whether the funding for these works were coming from the roadworks programme or were being funded separately.

- 10.2 Councillor Alan Lawes raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Welcomed the return of council meetings and expressed disappointment that councillors were not consulted regarding the decision to cancel meetings due to COVID-19 and related public health guidelines – it was pointed out that speedy decision making was required in light of the emergency situation that developed but, throughout the period of the public health restrictions, particular efforts were made to engage with Councillors and keep them informed. In April and May, a full schedule of Municipal District briefings was conducted online, with members receiving a Chief Executive's Report, as well as a series of briefings from staff on service delivery and operational matters.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**An Meára**



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