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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 8th July 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 Annual Meeting held on 17th June 2020.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17th June 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th June 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th June 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

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:

- Fiona Lawless on the death of her sister, Siobhan;
- Loreto Guinan on the death of her mother, Mary.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Community

4.1.1 To receive an update on CCTV in Navan.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department provided an update on CCTV in Navan including reference to the Community CCTV policy, the role of Data Controller, the proposed Part VIII to extend the scheme and the locations identified, the approval process and next steps regarding the funding application.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested clarification on the role of Data Controller – the role is clearly set out in the legislation, with the local authority acting as Data Controller for the current system and this will apply once the proposed extension to the system is approved under Section 38 (3) (c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005. The issue regarding Data Controller has arisen in other areas, e.g. where a community group wishes to set up a scheme, and clarification has been sought on this. CCTV schemes are also subject to audits by the Data Commissioner.
- The need for access to system – any extension to the CCTV system must be compatible with the existing system and there must be flexibility to allow for additional cameras to be installed where deemed necessary.
- The type and height of cameras to be installed, e.g. 360°, which would facilitate visibility of more inaccessible locations where anti-social behaviour can occur – the Data Commissioner has identified an issue with 360° cameras where these might impact on privacy/personal

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property. They will be installed at 8-10 metres and, if 360° cameras cannot be used, an adequate number of fixed cameras will be installed to cover all required areas. This will be subject to a Part VIII planning process.

- The possibility of adding further cameras – the locations identified have been discussed with Gardaí, who are satisfied that these cover the areas required. Additional identified locations in the town will be included in the Part VIII process. Any additional locations will be based on the views and data from Gardaí, taking into account GDPR and privacy rights. Councillors can submit suggestions and these will be discussed with Gardaí, with a view to possibly adding at a future date.
- Enquired as to whether all local authorities are taking the same approach – not all counties have a Community CCTV scheme with live feed. The data is recorded and held at a secure location, with Garda access following receipt of a written request.
- Referred to concerns regarding Meath County Council holding the data – as the CCTV system will be approved under Section 38 (3) (c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, Meath County Council, as Data Controller, is responsible for ensuring any data is held in a secure manner. In line with the Meath County Council Community CCTV Policy, data is retained for 30 days only and deleted thereafter.
- Any issues arising with current system – none have been experienced to date however the Data Commissioner audit may identify possible improvements.
- Access by the public to data held – Access can be sought in line with the CCTV Policy and Data Protection. Generally, as the main purpose of the scheme is crime prevention, access is mainly sought by the Gardaí.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 To adopt the revised Standing Orders for the meetings of Navan Municipal District – Sections 1 & 2 regarding meeting dates.



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These were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

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

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

4.3 Transportation

- 4.3.1 To consider a proposal, pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, that Meath County Council makes a declaration that Clonmagaddan Lane, Navan, Co. Meath be a Public Road.

Des Foley, Director of Service, Transportation attended the meeting and outlined the report circulated in advance, in addition to the context and the options for dealing with the issue, both short term and longer term.

A discussion followed with councillors referring to the poor condition of the lane, the numbers employed and the potential to increase investment in the area. It was acknowledged that all local stakeholders were supportive of the proposal to take the lane in charge but queries were raised around how the options outlined would be funded and issues around liability in the various scenarios. It was also suggested that greater commitment was required to ensure land availability to facilitate the longer term project of road realignment.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons that this matter would be deferred and a report brought to the October municipal district meeting, whereby more information will be available on the various issues raised.

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

The report had been circulated in advance and further updates provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Requested an update on the timeframe for the completion of works at Liscarton – this is included in the 2020 roadworks programme, with drainage works having been undertaken, and a larger job to be undertaken involving a junction realignment to improve sightlines.
- Requested a commencement date for works in St. Mary's Park – a specialist contractor is needed due to the road surface and the works are weather dependent, with a provisional start date of early August.
- Queried the nature of the works planned for the Ratholdren Road – the road is to be resurfaced and a pedestrian crossing is being provided at the school entrance.
- Referred to the wall between Bailis and Athlumney Hall in Johnstown – it was agreed to look at this separately.
- Referred to works to be done in the cul de sac at Troytown Heights.
- The possibility of removing the mound at Elm Lawn, Johnstown where people are congregating and cannot be seen from the public road – it was agreed to look at this but due to the amount of material involved, the cost of disposal may be exorbitant.
- The request for a footpath through the green area at Chestnut Lawn/Elm Lawn – the estate was completed as per the design and the provision of a footpath would represent a significant investment. It will be considered if funding becomes available.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“To ask the Executive what plans are under consideration for the site NT/130058 donated by Glandbrind for recreational and community use and if the Council intends to use the €1.45 million from the Capital Fund ringfenced for community infrastructure in Johnstown to develop the site.”



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Response:

The proposed Grandbrind site is to be transferred to Meath County Council in line with the planning permission NT/130058. It is proposed to engage consultants to prepare a masterplan for these lands setting out the community amenities that will be located here. The facilities to be included will take cognisance of the results of the previous survey of households in Johnstown on what amenities the residents would like to see in their area. It is envisaged that some of the funding set out in the Capital Expenditure Plan will be used to deliver this plan.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“What is the proposed timeframe in which to have the Ferndale Alleyway right-of-way extinguished and ownership reverted to the householder?”

Response:

The completion of any extinguishment process along this laneway is subject to the realisation and implementation of wayleave agreements with 3rd party service providers Eir, ESBN and Irish Water for existing underground services beneath the bed of the laneway. Meath County Council has issued correspondence to all of the mentioned bodies and only Irish Water has responded thus far. Additional reminder correspondence has issued to Eir & ESBN but we have yet to receive any response.

Meath County Council cannot recommend the bringing forward of extinguishment proceedings until such time as acceptable and valid wayleave agreements are in place on all 3 underground services. It should also be pointed out that the land on the laneway is located is already in the registered ownership of the owners of No. 142 Ferndale.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy



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"Navan Municipal District Council, in the interest of preserving local heritage sites and developing local tourism initiatives agrees to include the site known as the "Moathill" to the Navan Points of Pride Town Walk.

And, given its historical significance, elevation and panoramic view over the Boyne Valley, Navan municipal District Council commits to engage in a process of consultation with Meath County Council, Meath County Heritage Forum and the Meath Historical Society to assist with the development of the site for public use.

Further to this and recognising it's tourism potential, when developed, the site should comprise of, signage detailing its historical significance and a maintained green area with park benches at the base of the hill with a stepped pathway to its summit."

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

Navan Motte is an extremely important site in the context of the historical development of Navan. It is a recorded monument on the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) ME025-023001 protected under the National Monuments Acts 1930-2014. Navan Motte is also on the Record of Protected Structures NT025-166, and was classified as having national importance in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) Reg. No. 14008044 undertaken by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The Motte itself is in private ownership and has constraints from a public access/heritage point of view. Notwithstanding that in order to highlight its historical and heritage significance a brochure could be produced which would detail its history and importance in the context of the development of the town. Such a publication would serve to raise awareness and understanding of this key heritage asset.

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

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy



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"Navan Municipal District Council, in order to accommodate the safe entry and exit to the Athlumney Wood Estate by motorists, commits to assessing congestion problems at this junction, with a view to installing a Yellow Box to alleviate problems caused by traffic congestion during peak school times."

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

Meath County Council will assess the traffic movement situation at the junction to Athlumney Wood Estate in order to inform any future decision with regard to a requirement for additional road markings.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

The motion was adopted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Meath County Council will erect three recycled rest benches along the Ramparts Walkway from the Salmon of Knowledge stretch to Rowley's Lock. The Ramparts Walkway has proved to be a hugely popular facility for outdoor exercise during the recent lockdown and was used by thousands of local people."

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

Navan Municipal District does not have any funding for the installation of benches or other public conveniences at this location. Any upgrade or improvements along this public right of way would be subject to the realisation of special funding and the co-operation of all interested and associated parties attached to The Ramparts Boyne Walkway.

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

The motion was adopted.



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6.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to properly make secure buildings and properties in their charge as part of Navan's Regeneration Plan, for example the derelict site at Flowerhill (following a recent fire) and Athlumney Newbridge properties.”

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

As sales of properties acquired by the Council in these or other locations close and keys are handed over it is the policy to secure the property as expeditiously as possible and to prevent unauthorised access. For other properties where close of sale is pending the Council will engage with the vendors to ensure that they take all the necessary steps to ensure the property is secured prior to handover and this is the approach in respect of the Navan properties.

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

The motion was adopted.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issue:

8.1.1 Proposed that a letter issue to the Department of Education & Skills requesting an update on St. Mary's Special School in Johnstown where students and teachers are accommodated in poor conditions despite the site being available.

8.2 Councillor Edward Fennessy raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Requested that an event be organised at a suitable date to acknowledge and recognise the contribution of community groups during COVID-19, e.g. Order of



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Malta.

- 8.2.2 Referred to the need for additional traffic control measures at Bective Cross, following a recent accident – it was agreed to refer this to Trim Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára