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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 11th November 2020, Solstice Arts Centre, Navan

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

Councillors Present: Yemi Adenuga, Edward Fennessy, Pdraig 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

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14th October 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th October 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Alan Lawes sought confirmation that a letter had issued to the HSE regarding their advice to those without private transport to attend COVID-19 test centres using public transport – it was confirmed that a letter had issued.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late Paul Husband, Reask Green, Navan who was involved with Navan's Men's Shed;
- The family of the late Roger McDyer, Donaghmore Lane, Navan.

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 43 properties at Claremont Estate, Navan, Co. Meath.

These were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín**.

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Limekilnhill, Navan, Co. Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

- 5.1.1 To review the proposal to extinguish the Public Rights of Way on the road highlighted in red on the attached map.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation provided background information and sought approval to proceed to public consultation, following which it is proposed to return to the February municipal district meeting.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín**.

- 5.1.2 To receive an update on the Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) works.

Cormac Ross, Transportation Department provided an overview of works planned for November, Bridge Street, the Circular Road/Academy Street



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junction, the roundabout at the Garda Station and Kennedy Road. It is intended that two-way traffic between the two roundabouts will be reinstated by the end of November, with traffic management to be lifted in December, unless emergency works are required, and localised works to continue. Full traffic movements will be facilitated in December. A temporary diversion will be in place this evening due to excavation works taking place on Bridge Street and these will be completed in the morning.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested a timeframe for the completion of works between the two roundabouts – the works are likely to be completed in April as substantial works remain, including landscaping, public lighting, ESB works, etc.
 - Queried whether the footpath would be in place on Bridge Street- the focus is on completing these as soon as possible, with underground cabling still required.
 - Queried the commencement of the next phase of works – a contractor will be appointed to expedite the commencement of the next phase. The design work is ongoing.
 - Queried the impact on traffic due to the planned footpath and paving works at the post office – works on the post office side will commence in the new year. Traffic disruption will be minimised during December.
 - Queried whether the one-way traffic system will be reintroduced in January – short term restrictions may be required to facilitate specific works.
- 5.1.3 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Navan Municipal District.

The report had been circulated in advance and a further update was provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Welcomed works to alleviate flooding at Windtown, the pedestrian crossing at Beechmount and the Beaufort Kilcarn walk.
- Queried plans, including locations, for tree maintenance – councillors were requested to submit locations and these will be checked against the report.
- The need for anti-dumping signs at Beechmount.
- Referred to the request by residents in Robinstown for speed signs on the approach roads.
- Requested a traffic management survey at St. Paul's and Windtown to assist in addressing the congestion issues. – the main issue relates to works on the Proudstown Road, where traffic is being diverted, and this may be contributing to backlogs at the school.
- Queried whether a safety audit was planned for the roundabout at Solstice, particularly after school, following reports of a recent incident – it was pointed out that no such reports had been received.
- Queried the timeframe to commence and complete works at the Ramparts and the estimated cost – the tender process will be completed this month with the contractor to be appointed in the new year. The timeframe and cost are difficult to estimate due to the width and length of the path.
- Queried the plans to install ramps in Johnstown village – talks are underway to see if funding is available and this will form part of a bigger scheme for the village.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane (Deferred from the October meeting)



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“What plans/incentives are under consideration for our Navan shop Local Christmas campaign and will retailers in the town be invited to participate in the planning with our local authority and the chamber of commerce?”

Response:

Meath County Council are currently considering options available to promote retail in Co. Meath in the run up to Christmas. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions regarding the organising of events, there will be less emphasis on events in 2020 and there may be a greater level of marketing used.

The response was noted. Reference was made to a number of initiatives planned and posters and advertisements will be used to promote the one hour paid, one hour free parking.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

“What will it cost for Meath County Council to erect bollards from Circular Road up to Buvinda House as a measure to create and ensure safe cycling along that area, and can the required funds be sourced through any available funding stream by the Transportation Section?”

Response:

Meath County Council, Transportation Department are looking into the costs being sought for providing bollards along the R147.

The response was noted. Councillor Yemi Adenuga sought clarification as to whether Circular Road can be included in the costing exercise being undertaken.

7 Notice of Motion

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

“With reference to the Old Athlumney Road, which has been operating as a cul de sac over the past year, I propose the present arrangement becomes permanent given the



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huge future proposed development at Farganstown and the traffic implications which will affect local residents.”

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

The existing width of the Old Athlumney Road will restrict access between LDR6 and the Old Road once construction is finished. When LDR6 is completed, there will only be sufficient space for one way access on to LDR6 from the east and west sides of the Old Road i.e. it will not be possible to access the Old Road from LDR6 and the traffic management system that will be put in place when the new LDR6 road is open to traffic will not allow access onto the Old Road.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, was agreed.

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

“I call on Navan Municipal District to engage with the directors of Navan Racecourse and Navan Historical Society to plan a suitable way to commemorate the 100 years of service by Navan Racecourse in May 2021.”

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

The Council is open to engaging with the directors of Navan Racecourse and Navan Historical Society to discuss a suitable means of commemorating the racecourse 100 years’ service. However, in doing so, the Council will have to adhere to the latest public health guidance and will adopt a cautious approach to making a commitment for 2021.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, was agreed.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"That Navan Municipal District agrees to carry out a traffic safety assessment of the Beechmount Vale Estate with a view to installing speed ramps to protect vulnerable children in the area."



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

Meath County Council will review the speed in this area to identify if speed controls are required in this area.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**, was agreed.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"That Navan Municipal District, in recognition of all those who tragically lost their lives in the rivers that flow through the town, agree to the placing of a plaque at "New Bridge" in their honour."

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

If this Motion is agreed, then careful consideration would need to be given to the exact location and wording of the plaque, in order to be mindful of the loss and grieving of families impacted by this. In light of this, it may be appropriate to refer the matter to the Protocol Committee for consideration on such matters.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**, was agreed.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"I call on Meath County Council to provide safe cycling and pedestrian facilities at Convent Road, Navan."

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

Meath County Council's Transportation Department will review the previously prepared options for the provision of cycle facilities and improved pedestrian facilities on Convent Road, with a view to delivering a scheme in 2021.



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Councillor Yemi Adenuga sought clarification on whether funding was in place for these facilities and also requested a map of existing cycle lanes to see how these are connected.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**, was agreed.

7.6 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

“I call on Meath County Council to provide segregated cycling facilities along R147/Dublin Road, Navan.”

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

Subject to funding from the NTA, MCC intend to progress the design of this project in 2021 with a view to bringing forward a scheme for that can be considered for planning approval.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**, was agreed.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Emer Tóibín raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Referred to a memo circulated to councillors regarding an enquiry into alleged planning irregularities and a possible conflict of interest by a sitting Navan Municipal District Councillor and a related media article. It was pointed out that councillors, who are answerable to the public, had not been made aware of the enquiry and requested that a letter issue to the Chief Executive requesting information relating to the enquiry, including its terms of reference, what was the legislative background and what were the outcomes.



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9.1.2 Queried whether measures are in place to deal with issues arising from councillors being unable to attend the forthcoming planning meetings – every effort has been made to facilitate the attendance of as many councillors as possible, whether through physical or remote attendance.

9.2 Councillor Yemi Adenuga raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Queried whether online paid parking is now operational and, if so, at what locations.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára