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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 13th October 2021, County Hall, Navan

An Meára, **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**, presided.

Councillors Present: Yemi Adenuga, Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Alan Lawes, Tommy Reilly and Emer Tóibín.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

Apologies: Claire King, Meetings Administrator

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th September 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th September, 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

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 Paddy Gibney, Benildus Villas, Navan
- John & Moira O'Donoghue on the death of their daughter Deirdre.
- The Maooyeka family on the death of the father of the household.
- The family of the late John Smyth, Ardsallagh, Navan.
- The family of the late Larry Boyle, Gainstown, Navan.
- Claire King on the death of her mother, Bernie King.
- Alan Rogers on the death of his mother Eileen Rogers.

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 2.4593 Ha at Limekiln Hill, Navan, Co Meath.

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

- 5.1.1 To receive a report on the recent statutory public consultation on the draft Navan Town Taxi Byelaws (2021).

Cormac Ross, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation advised that a public consultation was held in relation to the Draft Taxi Byelaws for Navan. There were six submissions received for which he provided a brief synopsis of the submissions and Transportation's responses to these.

Matters raised by Councillors and responses provided included: -

- Asked if loading bays for emergency vehicles is enforceable 24 hours. – It was confirmed that loading bays could be made enforceable with regard to commercial vehicles parking on a 24-hour basis, and that signage would be reviewed with a view to implementing this change at locations in Navan. It was stated there was no provision in the Navan Parking



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Bylaws nor the Traffic Signs Manual with respect to parking spaces for emergency vehicles only, however it was reviewed that 24-hour loading bays would likely result in an increased availability for such vehicles to park out of hours in emergency circumstances.

- Asked how many car parking spaces were proposed in the night rank on the Fair Green as part of the Navan Town Scheme – It was advised that there were 6 spaces planned with an out of hours facility as part of the proposed development works.
- Requested a summary of the report.
- Asked if the existing rank would be remaining on The Square – It was confirmed that there would be two spaces outside the Old St Laurence Hotel and also two out of hours spaces at the Bank of Ireland and two out of hours spaces adjacent to Loughran's pub on Trimgate Street.
- Referred to the need for Ranks in Trim and Kells.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane** to adopt the draft Navan Town Taxi Byelaws (2021).

It was also agreed to write to the regulator and inform them of the opinions of the Navan Municipal District councillors.

5.1.2 To note the three year Roadworks Programme 2022-2024.

Martin Murray, Area Manager informed the members that he hopes the three year Roadworks Programme reflects representations from Councillors throughout the last year.

Shane Durcan, Executive Engineer advised that they tried to bring in as many roads as possible and surveyed them with the PSCI Survey rating the worst condition roads and also tied it in with the Navan 2030 works.

The three year Roadworks Programme 2022-2024 was noted.



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

The report was circulated in advance with further updates provided.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- During heavy rain the road is flooding near the traffic lights at the Ardboyne. – Contractors are expected in the coming weeks to clean out the gullies at this location.
- Requested that the gates at St Finian's Cemetery be locked at night time.
- The need to cut back thorn bushes which are sticking out at Boyne View.
- Requested an update on a second set of traffic lights for Metges Road.
- Requested that Irish Water be notified of strong sewage smell outside Mace which could be related to the Culvert in Johnstown.
- Asked if both roads on approach road to Johnstown Village will be closed during Johnstown Culvert replacement – A map with alternative routes will be forwarded to councillors.
- Reported illegal dumping in Canterbrook.
- Referred to illegal dumping at the old cemetery at St Michaels which was cleaned up and asked if it was the Council who cleaned it.
- Requested a start time for this years housing estates roads in Navan Municipal District
- Requested bushes be cut back at the dividing wall between Balreask Village and Reask.



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- Referred to the condition of the footpaths at Millbrook and Priory estates and asked about the duration of the taking in charge process. – It was confirmed that a report would be sought from Planning as to what estates are taken in charge and those on the waiting list and a timeframe for their taking in charge and bond money held for housing estates in Navan.
- Requested pothole repairs be carried out on the Kells Road beside Boliden offices.
- Asked if growth could be cut back at Lawless Cross as visibility is very poor – It was confirmed that this is a national road and a Contractor is making his way across the county.
- Requested pothole repairs at Churchtown Lane, Dunderry.
- Queried blocked gullies – It was confirmed there is a four week programme starting shortly.
- Queried faded road markings - It was advised to submit the locations and they would be added to the list.

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.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“At what stage is the taking in charge process regarding Clonmagadden Lane, Simonstown, Navan?”



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Response:

The process of advancing the necessary land transfers associated to the development of the road is ongoing, including lands necessary for drainage outfalls. Following the completion of the transfers and the completion of the road construction a declaration as public road will be presented to the members for adoption.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons

“Are there any plans to erect a Wall of Remembrance or a Wall for Cremation Urns in St. Finian’s Cemetery?”

Response:

The Council are looking at the possibility of providing Columbarium walls in each of the 5 Cemeteries which are directly under our control in the County including St Finians . Plans are advanced for such a facility as part of the extension works currently being carried out at the Rooske road Cemetery in Dunboyne and which may serve as a template for the other 4 locations.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“To enhance the safety of residents from St. Patrick's Terrace, Dean Cogan Place, O'Growney Terrace and Emmett Terrace, this council agrees to install CCTV at the Playground and speed ramps on the road that encircles the playground at Boreen Keel in Navan.”

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



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As agreed at the September meeting of the Navan MD, a member of the community Section is to meet with the Community Garda to discuss the issue of antisocial behaviour in this area and how CCTV could act as a deterrent. In line with the Community CCTV Policy, the proposal for the installation of additional CCTV cameras in the area can be brought to the CCTV Steering Committee for discussion and decision.

There is currently no provision of funding in this year's programme of works for traffic calming at this location. The Transportation Section proposes to carry out a survey to ascertain the extent of speeding, and driver behaviour in the area. Any traffic management measures deemed necessary by the Transportation Section will be put forward for consideration in a future programme of works.

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

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to install yellow box markings on the public road in order that buses may gain access to Railway Street from the old bus station."

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

This section of Railway Street is to be upgraded as part of the Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme, which is expected to be tendered for construction next year. It will include road markings at the entrance to the old bus station.

It is important to note that yellow boxes are not for the purpose of letting vehicles out of an entrance/minor junction but are primarily for keeping the centre of a junction clear to allow for right-turning traffic leaving a major road to access a minor road, where there is no dedicated right-turning lane, as per the Traffic Signs Manual.

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

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane



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“I propose that Meath County Council will consider allowing for a safe school bus set down area outside Mercy school campus at Benildus Villas where there exists seven (seldom used) car parking bays.”

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

A survey and safety audit of the proposed location would need to be undertaken prior to any decision could be taken on the re-purposing of the Parking bays outside Benildus Villas. Transportation Department can have a look at the options but ideally a set down zone should be made available on the same side of the road as the school, as it is a safer option.

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

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons

“I propose the motion to allow for a Discount Week at Navan Recycling Centre in the lead up to Halloween to help in the Halloween Bonfire Campaign. This motion will help to prevent the burning of household materials, etc. thereby reducing the size and scale of bonfires, and possibly preventing some, in the Navan area.”

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

The Environment and Fire Services Department are currently involved in a Halloween Bonfire campaign and particularly through social media reminding householders and businesses to protect their property and materials from bonfires at Halloween.

Any measures which promote greater usage of our 3 Recycling Centres and prevents a reduction in waste materials being dumped or ending up in bonfires will be given due consideration.

It is pointed out that under the 2021 anti-dumping initiative that the Council held free events for couches and mattresses in September collecting nearly 3000 items in our 3



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centres at a cost of over 50K and some of which would otherwise have ended up being dumped.

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

It was also agreed to raise the issue with the Environment Department in respect of next years programme.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

"If Mill Lane, Flower Hill has not yet been taken in the Council's charge, I propose that we proceed to do so bearing in mind there are three sets of apartments on the lane and plans for the development of a major nursing home with self contained apartments in place."

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

In accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, the declaration of a road over which a public right of way exists to be a public road is a reserved function, so ultimately decided by the Members.

If the Navan MD Members agree to progress this process, the following are the steps to be carried out:

1. Transportation Department /MD Engineer must be satisfied that the road is of general public utility and investigate the financial implications of the proposed declaration, regarding any necessary upgrade works, for the authority.
2. Publish in one or more newspaper the details, and invite reps/objections
3. Consider any objections and submissions
4. Report back to MD Meeting with a full report and recommendation and the Members make the final decision.



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Martin Murray area manger outlined to commence the process consent of all owners of the road must be received.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**, was agreed.

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

- 8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3rd September 2021.

The minutes were noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 29th September 2021.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Mr Roberto Pasquali, Major of Bobbio.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed to take it to the Protocol Committee for assessment.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues: -

10.1.1 The need for some pothole repairs on the Farganstown Road.

10.1.2 Reported a bad water cut on the Trim road at the MDL.

- 10.2 Councillor Edward Fennessy raised the following issue: -

10.2.1 Asked about the possibility of holding a Pride Parade in Navan next year.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach