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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 10th November 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

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Special Meeting held on 12th October 2021.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12th October 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 13th October 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th October 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.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Harry Rogers, Trim and formerly Emmet Terrace, Navan;
- The family of the late Joe Finnegan, Parnell Park, Navan;
- The family of the late Des Ferguson, Kells;
- The family of the late John O'Grady, former employee of Meath County Council;
- The family of the late Finian and Ronan McKenna, Beechmount Gardens.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The organisers of the Save Navan Hospital Campaign on their recent successful march;
- The organisers of the recent successful Féile na bPáistí;
- Navan O'Mahony's Ladies team on winning the Intermediate final;
- Councillor Edward Fennessy on his recent wedding;
- Wolfe Tones on winning the Meath Senior Football Championship.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To consider a report on the proposal for the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way on the footway between Nos. 142-143 Ferndale Estate, Navan, Co. Meath.

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This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

- 4.1.2 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws statutory process.

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the documentation circulated in advance and sought approval to present the bye-laws to the December full council meeting. If ratified, the signage will be erected and the bye-laws will take effect in early 2022.

A query was raised as to who how other estates can be included in the review – the current process, once finalised, will be followed by the countywide speed limit review, which will take place over 2022/2023. Once this is concluded, the next housing estate speed limit review will commence and other estates can be added to the review list.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes** to proceed as outlined.

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

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

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested that the flooding at the lights at the Ardboyne be investigated – gully cleaning will commence next week and the drain at the bridge will be cleared as part of this work programme.
- Queried whether the road marking at Athlumney Wood can be renewed.



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- Queried whether a solar compacting bin will be provided at Johnstown Shopping Centre – a compacting bin is to be provided in Old Johnstown Village but not at the shopping centre, as this is private property. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes** to write to the Manager of Johnstown Shopping Centre requesting that additional bins be provided at this location.
- Requested that road markings be added to the raised pedestrian crossing at the Round O, queried when the pedestrian crossing would be provided on the Slane Road and whether one was planned for Flower Hill – funding has been secured for the crossing on the Proudstown Road only with Flower Hill part of the larger scheme. There is a pedestrian crossing further out on the Slane Road, with the existing crossings allowing access to the town. It is noted that further improvements could be made and this will be taken account of in terms of the longer term plans for the area.
- Requested an update on the green area at Claremont – the area was left as agreed, i.e. levelled and seeded.
- Referred to the ongoing issues at the entrance/exit of the filling station at Blackcastle – discussions have taken place with the owners/operators, who are to submit a draft traffic management plan, which is to be agreed with the council. The primary issue at this location remains poor driver behaviour.
- Requested an update on the pathway behind St. Oliver's N.S. – it is hoped that funding will be secured next year and this will form part of the NTA cycleways project.
- Referred to the level of illegal dumping on Convent Road and queried who is responsible for clearing this – reference was made to the response under Item 5.1
- Queried whether consideration has been given to using recycled plastic for road repairs and surfacing – a new tendering system, including a

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green procurement methodology, awards marks for carbon neutral proposals including reuse of materials.

- Requested that consideration be given to providing a filter light to alleviate traffic congestion on the Proudstown Road.
- Referred to the damaged graveyard walls on the Boyne Road and queried if these are privately owned – it was agreed to check this.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“How soon will CCTV be up and running on Convent Road?”

Response:

A Part VIII planning application is being prepared for the Navan CCTV scheme which includes camera locations throughout Navan town and Johnstown, a number of which are located in the vicinity of Convent Lane. The documents required for the Part VIII planning application are currently being finalised and it is hoped that the planning process will commence before the end of this year. Subject to approval of the planning process, an application will be submitted to An Garda Síochána for approval of the scheme. On completion of this process, the procurement process can commence with construction to follow. It is hoped that the CCTV scheme will be completed during 2022.

The response was noted.

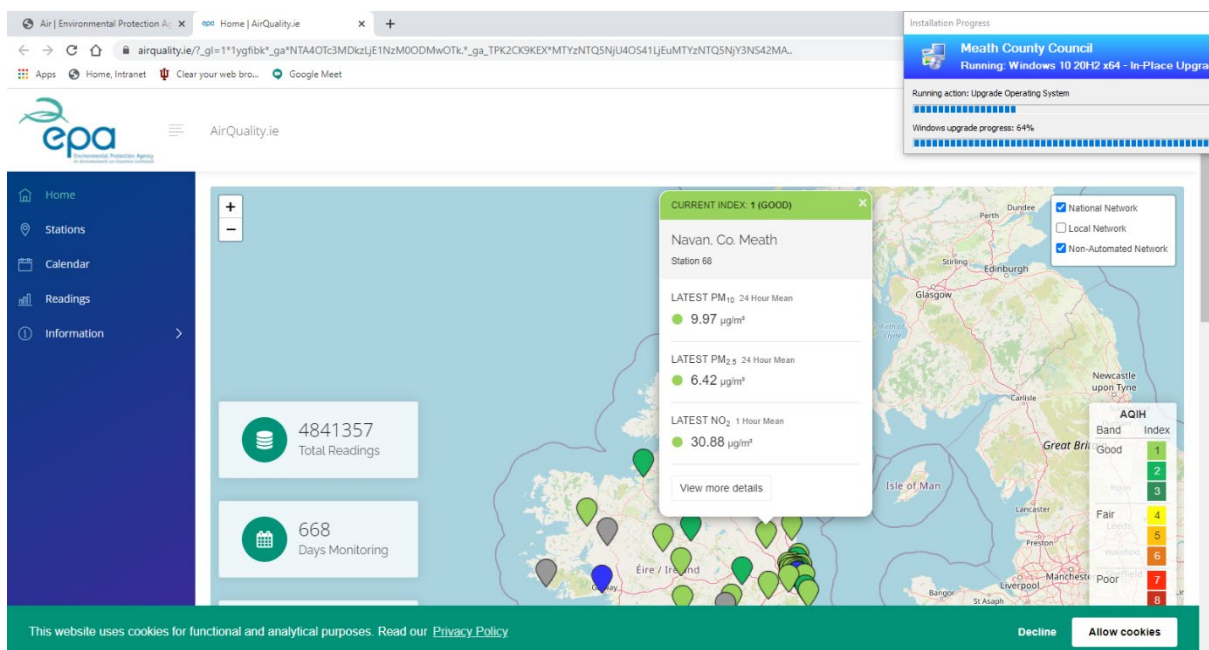
5.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“Having received numerous complaints from local residents on the Dean Cogan Estate highlighting poor air quality caused by passing trucks, can council advise how those residents can apply for the installation of an EPA Air Quality Monitoring Station on the Kells Road adjacent to the estate?”

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Response:

The EPA in 2017 published the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme 2017 - 2022 to provide an expanded national monitoring network of enhanced real time information on air quality to the public. The programme provided for an additional 38 new monitoring stations in all urban areas, the siting of which will be based on the criteria of population size, vulnerability to air quality issues and spatial distribution. The network of sites monitors a range of specified air quality parameters including particulates, heavy metals, inorganic and organic gases. A new monitoring station for Navan, in close proximity to the Fire Station, has been in place since November 2019 and providing enhanced real time information on air quality for the area. Members of the public can view the readings from their local monitoring station at www.airquality.ie



Air

The Environmental Protection Agency manages the national ambient air quality monitoring network. We also measure the levels of a number of atmospheric pollutants. The pollutants of most concern are those whose main source is traffic such as Particulate Matter and Nitrogen Dioxide.



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How does air pollution affect us?

Most healthy people do not feel any different if the air quality is worse than usual for a short time. However, some people do find that air pollution affects their health and wellbeing.

When air pollution is higher than usual, people who already have heart or lung problems are more likely to become unwell and need treatment. They should take their doctor's advice.

Older people are more likely to suffer from heart and lung problems than young people, so it makes good sense for them to be aware of the air quality.

Children (as long as they are well) usually need not stay away from school or avoid taking part in games, because of air pollution. Children with asthma should make sure they have their usual medicines with them on days when levels of air pollution are higher than usual.

If air pollution reaches "very high" levels, even some healthy people may get a sore or dry throat, sore eyes or perhaps a tickly cough.

However, different people are affected in different ways. Some people are very sensitive to air pollution and find that even low levels of pollution affect their wellbeing. So, anyone who has asthma or any other health problem that may make them sensitive to pollution should take the advice of their doctor.











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Air Quality Index for Health (AQIH)

The Air Quality Index for Health is derived as follows:






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Band	Index	Ozone (µg/m ³) 8 HOUR MEAN	Nitrogen Dioxide (µg/m ³) 1 HOUR MEAN	Sulphur Dioxide (µg/m ³) 1 HOUR MEAN	PM2.5 (µg/m ³) 24 HOUR MEAN	PM10 (µg/m ³) 24 HOUR MEAN
Good	 1	0 - 33	0 - 67	0 - 29	0 - 11	0 - 16
	 2	34 - 66	68 - 134	30 - 59	12 - 23	17 - 33
	 3	67 - 100	135 - 200	60 - 89	24 - 35	34 - 50
Fair	 4	101 - 120	201 - 267	90 - 119	36 - 41	51 - 58
	 5	121 - 140	268 - 334	120 - 149	42 - 47	59 - 66
	 6	141 - 160	335 - 400	150 - 179	48 - 53	67 - 75
	 7	161 - 187	401 - 467	180 - 236	54 - 58	76 - 83
Poor	 8	188 - 213	468 - 534	237 - 295	59 - 64	84 - 91
	 9	214 - 240	535 - 600	296 - 354	65 - 70	92 - 100
Very Poor	 10	241 or more	601 or more	355 or more	71 or more	101 or more

Health Advice

The health advice associated with the Air Quality Index For Health is as follows:

Band	Index	Health Advice for General Population	Health Advice for At-Risk Groups
Good	 1		
	 2	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.
	 3		

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Band	Index	Health Advice for General Population	Health Advice for At-Risk Groups
Fair	4		
	5	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, who experience symptoms, should consider reducing strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.
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Poor	7		Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, should reduce strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors, and particularly if they experience symptoms.
	8	Anyone experiencing discomfort such as sore eyes, cough or sore throat should consider reducing activity, particularly outdoors.	
	9		People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often. Older people should also reduce physical exertion.
Very Poor	10	Reduce physical exertion, particularly outdoors, especially if you experience symptoms such as cough or sore throat.	Adults and children with lung problems, adults with heart problems, and older people, should avoid strenuous physical activity. People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I propose that Meath County Council would look at the possibility of installing a pedestrian path and cycle lane at the back entrance of St Mary's Park to enhance safety levels for students accessing the rear entrance of St Oliver's NS.”

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



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Currently, funding has been secured from the NTA for Route NA7 on the proposed 'Cycle Network Plan for Navan. This is a proposal to deliver active-travel friendly infrastructure from the Cantilever Bridge – Poolboy Bridge – Round-O – Proudstown Rd/Clonmagadden Road. When this has been achieved, Meath County Council would be better placed to proceed with a proposal and funding application for a scheme linking the Proudstown Road to Blackcastle Shopping centre via the back gates to St Oliver's School.

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

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to erect traffic calming ramps on Ratholdron Road outside Abbeyville Estate, adjacent to Blackwater Park. Local residents in this area complain of speeding traffic in addition to concerns about pedestrian safety."

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

There is currently no provision of funding for traffic calming at this location. The area will be put forward for future consideration. Please note, there is a controlled Pedestrian Crossing in close proximity to the location.

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

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive to relieve the plight of residents from the St. Ultans Terrace Estate on Abbey Road by agreeing to carry out the following works:

- The provision of five resident only parking spaces on the triangular parking section outside numbers 6,7 & 8

- The resurfacing of the entire carpark area



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- The closing to public access, steps at the side of number 12.”

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

The provision of five resident only parking spaces on the triangular parking section outside numbers 6,7 & 8

The Parking Section provides residents permits to residents on streets or adjacent to public carparks, to allow parking without charges.

However, residential permits are not issued within core town centre areas. All town centre streets and carparks are for public use, which is essential to support retail services, businesses and employment and it is not feasible to cordon off spaces. The Parking Section has granted some residential permits for Abbey Street car already, in consideration of the small number of residential houses in this area and the fact that future residential development is unlikely. There are no spaces designated for residents in any town core retail or business areas, and this is not deemed to be feasible in Abbey Road car park.

The resurfacing of the entire carpark area

There is no provision of funding in this year’s programme of works for the resurfacing of the carpark area. This can be added to the list of schemes for consideration and possible sources of funding investigated.

The closing to public access, steps at the side of number 12.

In order to close off this walkway, it would be necessary for MCC to extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993. This would require a public consultation process.

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



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6.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"That the Navan Municipal District Council, list for consideration, roads on the Boyne Valley, Beechmount Lawns and Parnell Park Estates for the housing estate remedial works and that they be included on the 2022 Schedule of Municipal District Works."

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

The roads requested are on the proposed list of estates for re-surfacing works over the next 3 years, with the most damaged surfaces to be prioritised on the list, following technical surveys of all roads. There will be further opportunity to discuss the Housing Estates selected for the 2022 programme at the start of next year, when the Schedule of Municipal District Works is being finalised.

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

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"That Meath County Council names the new road which is planned to run from the Trim Rd and the M3 feeder road beside the Dublin Road "Bóthar Seán Boylan" in memory of War of Independence hero, Commanding Officer, General Seán Boylan. It's 50 years since the death of General Seán Boylan."

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

Consideration of the naming of this proposed road is premature given that the Transport Section is currently reviewing the priority distributor roads necessary to create a sustainable transport network in the town which will link all radial routes in Navan while allowing access to motorway interchanges without having to pass through the town centre. The indicative link LDR 1b is part of this review.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, was noted.

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6.6 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“That Meath County Council commends the work of the Save Navan Hospital Campaign and writes a letter to the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly urging him to commit in writing to:

- Overturning the HSE decision to close Navan A&E and ICU.
- Adding the necessary resources to Navan A&E and ICU to ensure that it functions at 100% capacity
- Deleting for good the policy to close Navan A&E and ICU in all government and HSE policy document.”

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

Following November’s Meath County Council full council meeting, the members resolved to write to the Minister on this matter.

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

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st October 2021.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Planning Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 8th October 2021.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services SPC of



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18th October 2021.

The report was noted.

7.4 To note the report from the Transportation SPC of 19th October 2021.

The report was noted.

7.5 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC of 20th October 2021.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the notice of item 5.1.2 from the October meeting re odour outside Mace shop in Johnstown.

The correspondence was noted.

8.2 Correspondence received from Stephen Ball, Chairman St Ultan's Historical Society.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed to commence the process by notifying TII of the request.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Sought clarification regarding external membership of the SPCs – it was agreed to refer this to Corporate Affairs & Governance.

9.2 Councillor Yemi Adenuga raised the following issues:



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9.2.1 Sought an update on plans to clear the refuse on Convent Road and referred to increasing anti-social behaviour – as previously discussed, the provision of CCTV is being progressed. In the interim, the municipal district staff will deal with the litter and will liaise with the Gardaí in relation to anti-social behaviour. Bins will be installed next week and these will be monitored.

9.2.2 Sought an update on Clonmagadden Lane and queried whether the council will indemnify the business owners if they repair the potholes on the lane – whilst the council is happy to progress the taking in charge of the road, until such time as that process is complete, the road is a private road and the council will not provide indemnification.

9.3 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Referred to ongoing issues with long-term parking at Emmet Terrace despite signage indicating Residents Only Parking – it was agreed to check this.

9.4 Councillor Alan Lawes raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Queried whether the council can take action regarding serious anti-social behaviour by RAS tenants- it was agreed to refer this to Housing on receipt of further information.

9.5 Councillor Emer Tóibín raised the following issue:

9.5.1 Requested an update on works on St. Patrick's Classical School – an update was provided.

9.6 Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons raised the following issue:

9.6.1 Queried whether any funding was remaining this year to progress smaller CIS projects – the list of schemes are approved in advance and do not progress only if the



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contributory funding is not available. Any schemes submitted will be included in future funding applications.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára