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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 23rd March 2022, 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

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th February 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th February 2022 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 Brendan Boyle, Parnell Park;
- The family of the late Tom Duffy, Neilstown, Bohermeen, formerly of Duffy's Circus;
- The family of the late Angela Deane, Farganstown;
- The Ukrainian people and those killed and injured with acknowledgement of the support being provided by the Irish people.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath Ladies team on reaching the All Ireland League Final;
- Patsy Reel, Navan on his exhibition in Dublin Castle.

Councillor Tommy Reilly, Leas-Mheára, assumed the Chair.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To inform the Members of the commencement of a Review of Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye Laws and seek representations in relation to any roads or locations which the members feel should be included for review.

Phil Ward, Assistant Engineer, Transportation outlined the key points included in the letter, circulated in advance. Submissions are to be made by 29th April. All roads submitted will be subject to engineering, speed and traffic volume surveys, following the national guidelines. It is expected to be the end of the year before the initial draft revised bye-law will be available for discussion in advance of commencing the statutory process. He also referred to the Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Byelaws, which will come into effect on 4th April.

Matters raised by councillors included:

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- Queried whether a percentage of locations submitted are granted a speed limit review – each location is assessed individually and is considered within the guidelines.
- Referred to some housing estates where the speed limit was not reduced – an estate must first be taken in charge and, if not included in a previous review, will be added to the next review.
- Queried whether the review could apply to roads within an urban environment – this was confirmed.
- Queried whether housing estates can request a specific speed limit be applied – standard assessments of all roads are carried out within the guidelines.

It was also pointed out that, since late 2021, appeals can be made to the Regional Review Group following the decision by the local authority.

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

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

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried the number of Safe Cycling signs to be erected – 10 signs are being provided in Navan Municipal District.
- Requested an update on the provision of a second set of traffic lights on the Metges Road – a commitment was given to undertake a full assessment on Metges Road, looking at the entire network, to determine the appropriate measures required.



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- Requested an update on the provision of CCTV on Convent Road – it was agreed to request an update from the Community Department but the scheme is well advanced.
- Requested road markings at Athlumney Wood – this will be added to the list.

4.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

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

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

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive for an update on a motion I tabled in September 2019 requesting the installation of yellow boxes at two locations on the Metges Road in Johnstown. The Council committed to assessing the entrances to the Athlumney Hall and Bailis Downs Estate and to report the findings to the members."

Response:

Transportation Technical Section will assess the traffic volumes on Metges Road between Kentstown Road and SuperValu Roundabout.

Note the function of a yellow box is to help the flow of traffic off the Primary Road (Metges Road) into the Minor Road so full yellow boxes will not be recommended across the full width of Metges Road as per Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 7.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane



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"What is the present status of the taking in charge process for Blackcastle Lodge Estate? Residents have concerns about the right of way to the River Boyne walkway."

Response:

As the Council does not hold any monies on Blackcastle Lodge it will need to be funded from its own resources. At the end of the year the Council will determine what funding is available to complete such estates and have them taken-in-charge. It is hoped that Blackcastle Lodge may form part of this bundle.

The Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 does not identify any public right of way in the area and therefore this is not a registered right of way.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to reinstate the pathway from Woodlands to Academy Street"

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

Transportation operations will assess the repairs required and complete any works necessary in the coming weeks. A full reinstatement of the footpath would need to be scheduled and funded into a future Footpath Replacement Programme.

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

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons



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"I propose the motion to discuss the merits of the parklets on Trimgate Street, Market Square, Watergate Street, and Bridge Street to see where they work best, work least and whether they need to be seasonal structures."

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

In relation to this Notice of Motion, the Members' attention is drawn to the attached 'Outdoor Dining Summary Report', prepared by the Planning Department, which summarises the implementation of infrastructure and other measures to facilitate the return of hospitality businesses in Meath, post Covid.

The delivery of Parklets was grant funded by the N.T.A. and was seen as a major success in aiding the businesses to return in many towns throughout the County. The nature of the facilities that have been put in place means that removal and re-erection is not feasible from both an operational and financial point of view. Additionally, the N.T.A. have indicated that the funding that was made available in 2021 under the 'Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Grant' shall not be renewed in 2022.

The issue of which Parklets work best in Navan town and which are used in an efficient manner is one that is up for discussion, but could potentially be best determined by a full review in advance of any Section 254 licence renewal applications for 2022.

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"In the interest of providing equality of access to motorists with a hidden disability, I call on the Executive to change parking bye-laws on Cannon Row and introduce parking spaces for people with hidden disabilities."

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

Any vehicle displaying a disabled parking permit may park in a disabled parking bay or blue bay. The provision for disabled parking permits is outlined in [Section 35 of the Road](#)



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Traffic Act 1994 and SI 182/1997 Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997.
Disabled parking permits are administered by Irish Wheelchair Association and Disabled Drivers Association. The bye-laws provide that a permit holder is exempt from parking charges in a blue bay, or in any other parking bay if the blue bay is occupied or not convenient to the permit holder's requirements.

Traffic Wardens operating on behalf of the Council patrol disabled bays to ensure that a permit is displayed on the vehicle and Traffic Wardens and members of An Garda Síochána may request the identification of the permit holder which may be the driver or a passenger in a vehicle.

If there is a requirement to consider an increase in the number of disabled parking bays this may be reviewed.

Councillor Edward Fennessy introduced the motion by referring to the issues experienced by those with hidden disabilities accessing support services on Cannon Row. It was pointed out however that the law does not allow a local authority to recategorize parking spaces, as requested.

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

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"Having been contacted by numerous local residents and pedestrians who traverse the Watters Lane/Commons Road area daily, I call on the Executive to install speed ramps on Watters Lane and to assess the Watters lane/Commons Road junction for the installation of traffic calming measures on the main road before a serious accident occurs there."

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

The Transportation Technical Section proposes to carry out a survey to ascertain the extent of speeding and also driver behaviour in the area. Any traffic management measures deemed necessary following this survey will be put forward for consideration in a future programme of works.



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

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to look at putting restrictions in place to limit the numbers of HGVs driving through Old Johnstown Village."

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

The Transportation Technical team will carry out a survey to assess the volume of HGV traffic on the L-5050 road, through Old Johnstown Village, and make a decision based on the data received. If the decision is that the restriction of HGV traffic is necessary, the implementation of such restrictions will be investigated, which includes consultation with An Garda Síochána.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Tommy Reilly, was agreed.

6.6 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"That the alleyway exiting Silverlawn to the Ratholdron Road (L3409) be included in the footpath improvement scheme for Silverlawn, due to its crumbling condition and uneven surfaces which could result there being a trip hazard. This alleyway is used as a passage way for numerous pupils of St. Paul's school."

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

Navan Municipal District is currently developing a programme of footpath works to be funded from the centrally administered Footpath – Risk Mitigation Works capital allocation, as well as the new Revenue Budget allocation for Footpath Repairs. If resources allow, the alleyway in Silverlawns can be assessed for repairs under these headings. The list of schemes being progressed can be provided to the Members, once finalised.



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The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Francis Deane 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 4th February 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business


9.1 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Requested an update on the taking in charge of Abbeylands.

9.1.2 Queried if the council could cut the hedges outside properties on the Boyne Road for health and safety reasons.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:


An Meára

