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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 13th April 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 23rd March 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd March 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:

- The family of the late Paul Lalloway, McDermott Villas, Navan;



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- The family of the late Kevin Murtagh, St. Patrick's Terrace, Navan;
- The family of the late Bernard Gilbride, O'Growney Terrace, Navan;
- The Columban Missionaries of Dalgan Park on the recent loss of members of their community.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Oliver Carey on his recent retirement from Meath County Council;
- The Meath Senior Ladies football team on their recent Division Final win.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To receive an update from the Transportation Department on the next phase of construction works scheduled for the Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030).

Cormac Ross, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation provided an update on Contract 3, which is due to commence on 3rd May, with works on Kennedy Road, Abbey Road and the junction of Paddy O'Brien Street to start shortly afterwards. A newsletter outlining the programme of works will be circulated next week. Contract 2 is mostly finished, with some snagging to be completed.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried the timeframe for completion of Contract 3 – it is estimated to take 18-22 months.
- Queried when works are due to start on the taxi ranks and if a rank is planned for Abbey Road – a new rank will be created first at the rear entrance to the shopping centre. Consultation has taken place with the



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shopping centre and extensive engagement with the commercial and retail sectors and taxi representative group.

- Queried if the new taxi rank will be longer in length – the rank towards Paddy O'Brien Street/Abbey Road will be longer, with smaller ranks on Kennedy Road.
- Queried if traffic management formed part of the plan – the planned temporary traffic management measures during the phases of work will form part of the communications process. On completion of works, permanent traffic management changes will be implemented.
- Queried when works will take place on Trimgate Street – engagement has taken place with consultants regarding a Part 8 for the potential pedestrianisation of Trimgate Street, including the statutory public consultation. If this is adopted, it will be incorporated into the design plan.
- Queried when the Circular Road to Trim Road works would commence – it was pointed out that there were a number of contracts ongoing or planned, including the active travel programme, N51 Park & Ride, etc. Separate NTA funding is available for the radial/arterial routes. The N51 Park & Ride is Contract 4, due to commence on 25th April, whilst Contract 5 includes Trimgate Street, laneways, the Fairgreen and Church Hill. These have been organised around maintaining traffic flows and business operations. The Trim Road scheme is at detailed design stage.

It was agreed that a separate meeting would be arranged to provide an overview of all the different projects ongoing and planned in May/June.

- 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.

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Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried when works are due to start in Silverlawns – it was agreed to check this.
- Queried whether Silverlawns would be included in the next footpath scheme – each municipal district submits a list of proposed plans to the central team and these are then prioritised.
- Queried how the remedial works in estates were being funded – the GMA allocation and the additional capital allocation for each municipal district will be used to prioritise works in each MD and is being centrally procured to ensure value for money. Works may be done on sections or full estates depending on what is required. Unbonded estates are also included.
- Queried whether pothole repairs were planned for the Old Johnstown Road – this location is on the list.
- Queried if the arborist report had been completed – the report and contract works have been completed, with the arborist due back in the autumn. Trees of concern are assessed and included in the report. Works are completed for this year, with the list for the next assessment being compiled.
- Referred to difficulties being experienced by trucks accessing Parnell Park due to overhanging tree branches and asked if they could be pruned – trimming can be undertaken if it is a health and safety issue.

4.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

4.2.1 To agree date for the Navan Municipal District Awards Night and list of recipients.

The protocol for the Municipal District Awards Night was outlined and responses were provided to queries raised. Councillors were asked to submit the names of



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suitable recipient groups and individuals and the decision regarding the final list and date can be made at a later meeting.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"When will the social housing at Mullaghboy be available for allocation?"

Response:

Respond Housing have confirmed that the development will be fully complete by mid November 2022; they have committed to exploring if the site can lend itself to phasing.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons

"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

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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.

Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons introduced the motion by acknowledging how well the parklets had worked, particularly during the summer months, and queried if those that were not used could be removed or relocated. Councillor Emer Táibín agreed and queried whether there was a significant cost variation in providing a temporary parklet. Councillor Edward Fennessy requested that businesses be included in any review process. Councillor Yemi Adenuga suggested that the Chamber of Commerce also be involved in the review and consideration given as to whether the parklets could be used during the winter, e.g. Christmas market. It was agreed to undertake a review and consult with the Chamber of Commerce, with a report to be brought back to the municipal district.

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

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"Calling on Meath County Council to remove the dangerous trees at the rear of houses at Ard na Greine, Ratholdron Road, Navan."

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

The Transportation Department can confirm that the trees in question were assessed by an Arborist, as part of the 2021/22 Tree Maintenance Programme and Meath County Council were advised to prune back any lateral branches overgrowing the gardens.

These works were completed in February 2022.



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Councillor Tommy Reilly referred to the issues being experienced by residents due to the trees and Councillor Yemi Adenuga requested that regular checks be undertaken on trees on council property.

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

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"Calling on Meath County Council to make a slip road available at The Willows Restaurant, Kilcarn exiting from the Cannistown Road."

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

The junction in question, exiting from the Cannistown Road, is not suitable at present for an extra lane due to the proximity of the L-34148 and also the R-147 slip road onto the M3.

A request has been forwarded to the Transportation Design Team to assess the junction for other options, which we can report back on at a later date.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Edward Fennessy, 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 March 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from Mr Richard Kelly on behalf of Oireachtas Liaison National Transport Authority in response to the Notice of Item 7.3 – Notice of Motion as adopted



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at February meeting in relation to the bus stop for the 109.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Edward Fennessy raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Requested that consideration be given to providing an area in the park on the town side of the river for dog off the leash.

9.2 Councillor Alan Lawes raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Expressed disappointment at the loss of a Speech and Language Therapist from St. Mary's Special School and requested that a letter issue to the HSE and Enable Ireland, on behalf of the municipal district, requesting that this decision be reversed.

9.3 Councillor Emer Tóibín raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Referred to the delays in providing community facilities in Johnstown.

9.4 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Referred to flooding in Cornmarket.

9.4.2 Referred to potholes in a number of locations including Ferndale and Gainstown.

9.4.3 Requested that the stop sign on the right hand side at Abbeygrove be replaced.

9.5 Councillor Yemi Adenuga raised the following issue:

9.5.1 Queried when the trial period on Convent Road was due to end.

9.6 Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons raised the following issues:



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- 9.6.1 Queried if the 50kmph speed limit on the Slane Road could be increased to 80kmph at weekends – the lower speed limit has to remain in place for the duration of works.
- 9.6.2 Queried if funding applications have been made for the provision of EV charging points in Navan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:


An Meáir

