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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 18th May 2022, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Martin Murray, Director of Service

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 13th April 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th April 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 later former councillor, Patsy O'Neill, to whom tributes were paid;
- Councillor Niamh Souhan on the death of her father, Garry;
- The family of the late County Engineer, Oliver Perkins;
- The family of the late Zak Moran, Silverlawns, Navan;
- The family of the late David Craughan, Silverbrook, Trim Road and Dean Cogan, Navan.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Emily O'Beirne, Navan Tennis Club who recently competed in the playoffs for the Irish Junior Tennis Olympian team;
- Keith Russell, endurance athlete and Irish Champion, on coming second in the Backyard Masters, Race of Champions in Germany.
- Best wishes were extended to the Meath Ladies team on their upcoming game against Dublin and the Under 16s Intermediate Ladies Camogie team in their upcoming fixture.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 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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- Queried whether the planned road resurfacing works in estates would include Blackcastle and Belcourt, as there are a number of potholes, and also whether other locations can be submitted for inclusion – Blackcastle and Belcourt are on the list for the estate roadwork scheme and councillors were asked to make contact regarding other locations.
- Referred to the need to implement immediate measures to improve road safety at Balreask Cross on the Trim Road, queried the longer term measures planned and whether the road survey had been carried out. A report was requested for the June meeting – a preliminary design has been done for LDR1B road. It was agreed to bring a report to the June meeting.
- Requested that high-vis reflectors be put on the steps at Kennedy Road/Plaza – the bollards are being trialled first and efforts are being made to source reflectors that do not create a trip hazard.
- Referred to traffic obstructions on Market Square on Friday and Saturday nights, which is preventing the Navan town bus service from accessing Ludlow Street and resulting in the bus stop on Brews Hill being omitted.
- Requested an update on the alleyway between St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S. and OMP – this is being managed centrally and is on the programme of footpath works, due to go to tender by the end of this month.
- Requested an update on road markings in Athlumney Wood – the technical team will assess roads listed and all road markings required will be done during the summer months.
- Requested an update on the traffic survey at Casey's Cross.
- Queried whether the traffic lights on the Metges Road would be in place by September.
- Requested that bins be provided at all bus stops in Johnstown – this will be assessed but these can be used for the disposal of domestic refuse.



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- Requested that grass cutting be undertaken at junctions – the contractor is due to start in the coming days, with Casey's Cross to be done first.

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 Francis Deane

"With reference to the Boyne Greenway, Navan to Stackallen plan, what is the present status of the taking-in-charge process for the road which connects the Fisherman's Carpark to the Boyne Road?"

Response:

The Transportation Department is investigating the progress in relation to works required for the Taking in Charge process for this section of roadway and will provide an update directly to the Members at the May Meeting of Navan Municipal District.

As this is a private road, it needs to be either taken in charge and will come under LIS. No application to be taken in charge has been received. Funding is not available for works on a private road. As an alternative to the taking in charge process, and if certain conditions are met, it can be declared a public road, which is a reserved function. Consideration would have to be given to the existence of public utilities and the financial implications. It would have to be costed and the proposal advanced, including public consultation. A report, including any objections received, would then be brought to the municipal district.

The response was noted.



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5.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive for a social housing delivery update on the following developments in Navan: Mullaghboy, Beaufort Place and Ruxton Oaks. The update should include commencement dates for phased and final allocations."

Response:

The table below shows the expected delivery date for each scheme.

With regard to Ruxton Oaks, Navan, this scheme was completed in Q4 2021, and all properties allocated within 5 weeks via Choice Based Lettings.

A similar turnaround time is expected for both Applewood Court, Beaufort Place and Mullaghboy.

Project Name	No. of Units	AHB	Estimated Completion
Applewood Court, Beaufort Place, Navan	21	Tuath Housing	Q2/2022
Mullaghboy, Athboy Road, Navan	63	Respond	Q4/2022
Ruxton Oaks, Navan	20	Cluid Housing	Completed. All units allocated.

The response was noted. Councillor Edward Fennessy sought clarification on the number of units in Ruxton Oaks and it was agreed to refer this to the Housing Department.

5.3 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"Can you provide a date as to when the dressing rooms and toilet facilities will be completed at Blackwater Park?"



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Response:

Construction of the toilets/changing facilities commenced in February 2022 and works are progressing well. The availability of building materials and Covid have had minor impacts on the programme however it is hoped to have works completed in early December 2022.

The response was noted.

5.4 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"What is Meath County Council's plan and detailed timeline for providing safe access for families with children and tourists, to cycle through Ratholdren Road to the business centre of Navan and the BVLC Greenway trailhead?"

Response:

At the March Meeting of the Transportation SPC, it was agreed that the Transportation Department would look at compiling a Meath County Cycle Network Plan, which will combine all current and future cycleway schemes into one overall plan.

In Navan, this will include all new cycleways, Greenways, LDR4 cycle lanes etc. Once this exercise is complete, a timeline for delivery can then be provided.

The response was noted. Councillor Yemi Adenuga sought clarification on whether the cycle network plan had commenced and how long it would take to deliver. It was confirmed that the plan, as referred to in the response and to consolidate all available information, will take a number of months to prepare. Meath County Council and the NTA are looking at the next five years, in terms of cycle lanes and tracks. Consideration will be given to include the Ratholdren Road.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane



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"I propose that Meath County Council install clear and substantial allocations/markings on the Fairgreen, Navan, for traders who do business at the weekly Friday market, as presently there are not sufficient boundaries or agreements for those who rent spaces. This could have a negative impact on the issue of public health and safety."

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

The Fairgreen, Navan requires resurfacing works prior to any line marking taking place. There are future planned works to rejuvenate the Fairgreen as part of the Navan 2030 Project to incorporate the re-surfacing, and line marking can then be addressed.

Councillor Francis Deane introduced the motion by querying whether the issues at the Fairgreen can be addressed, including markings, as part of the Navan 2030 Scheme, and also referred to new byelaws being introduced for traders in Kildare. Councillors expressed their support for the motion and the need to address the issues, particularly those relating to health and safety. It was pointed out that, whilst the trading byelaws are to be reviewed, the outcome of a court case is awaited in relation to the legal right of traders linked to historic market rights. The rights of traders currently supersede the local authority's parking rights and the council has no control or authority over the traders on the Fairgreen. In the interim, it was agreed that council would liaise with the traders in relation to health and safety issues.

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

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to contemplate extending the footpath from the former shop (Mrs Butterly's), Old Johnstown Village as far as Carne Hill, Oldtown Road, opposite St Mary's Special School. When St Mary's Special School is vacated, it may become a village community hall and a pedestrian footpath would be needed."

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



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Meath County Council will assess the viability of the requested footpath works and, following this technical review, the locations could be proposed for a future programme of works.

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

"Following extensive consultation with the residents of the Emmett Terrace Estate, who are blighted by illegal parking outside their homes, I call on the Executive to introduce a Parking Bye Law on the estate that will allow for:

1. The installation of double yellow lines on the two short sides of the green area on the estate;
2. The introduction of paid parking with meters and signage on the two long sides of the green area on the estate."

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

The Council notes the parking related issue at this location as outlined. The Parking Bye-Laws for Navan are currently under review with a view to updating same in line with current parking related requirements in the town. Options to address the issue of illegal parking will be considered as part of this process.

Councillor Edward Fennessy introduced the motion by referring to the issues being experienced by residents, some of whom are elderly, for example concerns about access by emergency services and queried when the parking byelaws are due to be reviewed. Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons expressed his support for the motion, with reference to the particular issues experienced during matches, the proximity of the area to the town with free parking and the number of children and elderly people living there. He suggested that the traffic flow be reviewed. It was confirmed that the parking byelaws, which are being standardised, are nearly ready to be brought to the Transportation SPC. They will then be brought to the relevant municipal districts and then go on public display.



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

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"Part of the Flowerhill and Abbeylands Urban Design Plan proposes to develop a riverside park on the banks of the River Blackwater opposite Mill Lane. I ask the Executive to recognise the growing demand for an amenity that allows dog owners to exercise their pets free from the constraints of a leash by considering the installation of a dog run/park on that riverside park."

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

The Councils Park Bye Laws 2014 make provision for the control of dogs in parks under the control of the Council. These provisions cover responsibilities placed on dog owners. While the Council is involved in regular education and awareness initiatives promoting responsible dog ownership, our limited resources are devoted to ensuring compliance with these provisions. In this regard, the Council is not in a position to enforce any additional provisions at this time. In relation to future public park developments the Council will consider the financial, compliance, education and enforcement requirements of designed dog areas in the context of funding and resourcing of such schemes and initiatives.

Councillor Edward Fennessy introduced the motion by referring to the need to provide dog friendly spaces, with the regeneration plans providing an opportunity to do this. Councillors expressed their support for the motion. It was suggested that visits to similar facilities be arranged but it was stressed that resources are limited.

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

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to complete the remainder of road surfacing on roads 43 to 54, 55 to 114 and 115 to 145 at Abbeygrove Estate, Navan."



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

Funding has been allocated and works are scheduled in Abbeygrove as part of the Housing Estate Programme 2022. This will be managed by the Central Roadworks Team.

It was confirmed that Abbeygrove was prioritised as part of the three year estate programme of works and it was agreed to circulate this programme to councillors.

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

6.6 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to install public lighting at Preston Place, Navan that links Kennedy Place to Trimgate Street."

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

The request for public lighting at Preston Place has been logged and added to the list of potential capital public lighting schemes.

Please note that at this time all public lighting resources are being committed to upgrading the existing lighting network to LED, under the PLEEP Project. This contract will commence in 2022 and is envisaged to involve a 30 month programme, with a 24 month maintenance period. This will ensure all 19,000 street lights in County Meath are upgraded to LED.

Councillor Tommy Reilly introduced the motion by underlining the urgent need for public lighting to deter anti-social behaviour and queried if the council owns the lights at this location, which is the main link to the shopping centre. Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons referred to similar safety issues in all laneways, e.g. Metges Lane, Bakery Lane, etc. As part of the planned upgrade works for Preston Place (laneway), it is intended that public lighting will be included in the detailed design and installed as part of the Navan Town Scheme. In the meantime, work will be undertaken, e.g. determining ownership and



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cooperation, and it may be approached as a stand alone project. Architecturally sympathetic lighting will form part of the design process arising from the Public Realm Plan.

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

6.7 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask Meath County Council to carry out a review of the Bull monument on the Square in terms of its attractability in the centre of the town and to install measures to deter anti-social behaviour, dumping of litter and cigarette butts so that it can be transformed into a more welcoming focal point for young and old in the town."

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

Market Square is currently serviced with adequate bins and Meath County Council has invested recently in new cleaning equipment for the cigarette butts issue. A cleaning of this particular area is planned in the coming weeks.

As part of Navan 2030, there are plans for new public lighting, zebra crossings and paving around Market Square, which should all add to the attractiveness of the area.

Councillor Emer Tóibín introduced the motion by requesting that improvements be made to make the area a more attractive focal point, e.g. by cleaning the pavement, painting the benches and posts and increasing the seating and landscaping. Interventions were made by Councillors Tommy Reilly, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Alan Lawes, Edward Fennessy and Yemi Adenuga with reference to the need to issue more litter fines and tackle illegal parking, which also obstructs traffic in the area, particularly buses.

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



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6.8 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"Millbrook Estate, Johnstown, is currently on the list of Developments to be taken in charge by the Council.

I call on Meath County Council to expedite action in the taking in charge of Mill of Millbrook Estate, to help progress the work that is currently being done around 'the wall' with residents of Millbrook and Beech estate."

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

The 2022 works programme has already been determined in line with the budget for taking-in-charge. It is intended that this will form part of the 2023 works programme.

It was agreed to take Item 6.10 at this time.

Councillor Yemi Adenuga introduced the motion by acknowledging the progress made in relation to addressing the issue of the wall and that the alternative course of action is to have the estate taken in charge to progress the matter. Interventions were made by Councillors Alan Lawes and Tommy Reilly with reference to the safety concerns of residents and the possible means of addressing these. It was agreed to provide an update at the June meeting.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Yemi Adengua and seconded by Councillor Alan Lawes, was agreed.

6.9 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"I call on Meath County Council to upgrade the old public lighting outside the Bohermeen school and to extend the public lighting to the community centre in Bohermeen, in order to ensure safety of children walking to and from the school and the community centre especially in the winter months and to facilitate drivers' visibility at night."

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



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Meath County Council are engaged in a Regional Programme (with 8 other counties) to upgrade all existing street lighting to LED. This contract will commence in 2022 and is a 30 month programme for the Region. This will ensure all 19,000 street lights in the county are LED, including the existing lighting at Bohermeen.

In relation to the request for additional lights at Bohermeen, the scheme has been logged and added to the list of potential future capital public lighting schemes. However, at this time all lighting resources are being committed to the above contract and upgrading all existing lighting to LED.

Councillor Yemi Adenuga introduced the motion by referring to the concerns of residents regarding speeding and requested that the extension of the public lighting be prioritised. Reference was made in response to the supporting information provided.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Yemi Adenuga and seconded by Councillor Edward Fennessy, was agreed.

6.10 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"I have been asked by the residents of Beech Drive to call on Meath County Council to install a gate barrier and light as promised as a matter of urgency on their side of the gap between Beech and Millbrook for health and safety reasons. With motorcycles and bicycles speeding through the gap continuously there have been many near accidents with residents pulling out of their driveways. The Beech side of the gap has already being taken over by the council so there is no reason for a delay and they were also told that funds were available to do this work last year."

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

In order to complete the full extent of the works, access is required to both developments, Beech Drive and Millbrook. Millbrook has yet to be taken into charge, and the Receiver for the Millbrook development has not given MCC consent to carry out the necessary works within their development.



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Meath County Council is progressing with the Taking in Charge process for the Millbrook Development. This Taking in Charge will be prioritized, and once Millbrook is in the charge of the Council, the pedestrian link will be delivered.

In the meantime, contact will be made with the Receiver again, to seek their consent to carry out the necessary works.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Alan Lawes and seconded by Councillor Tommy Reilly, was agreed.

6.11 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"I am calling on Meath County Council to provide a small number of mobile phone charging points in the town for emergencies."

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

Meath County Council does not have funding or resources allocated for such facilities, at present, but will research further the viability and costs of placing Mobile Phone Charging points in Navan Town.

Councillor Alan Lawes introduced the motion by referring the withdrawal of telephone boxes from public areas and requested that two charging points be provided to start with. Councillor Tommy Reilly agreed, pointing out that businesses are often approached to charge phones.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Alan Lawes and seconded by Councillor Francis Deane, was agreed.

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

7.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC of 31st March 2022.

The report was noted.



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- 7.2 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st April 2022.

The minutes were noted.

- 7.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 11th April 2022.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Des O'Flynn, Chief Officer, Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation in response to the Notice of Item 9.2.1 from the April meeting re recent decision to withdraw Speech and Language Therapy from St. Mary's Special School.

The response was noted and the decision welcomed.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Requested an update on the provision of CCTV on Convent Road following recent incidences of graffiti and anti-social behaviour – it was agreed to refer this to Community. It was also confirmed that the trial is due to end at the beginning of October, with surveys being carried out, e.g. usage. These will be evaluated to determine if it is to continue or not. If it is to continue, a Part 8 process is required to formalise the layout and consideration will be given as to whether these issues may arise due to no passive security.

9.1.2 Requested that the park at Boreen Keel be tidied up and secured.

- 9.2 Councillor Alan Lawes raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Queried whether the council had recently used pesticides in Johnstown, as being



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pesticide-free forms part of the Tidy Towns application – it was agreed to check this.

9.3 Councillor Francis Deane raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Referred to the issues caused by the planters on Convent Road.

9.3.2 Requested an update on Phase II of the N51 Dunmoe scheme – the scheme is on target, with the surfacing of the Slane end due to start today.

9.4 Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Queried when CIS works will commence – this is being managed centrally and has gone to tender, with works due to take place over the summer.

9.4.2 Requested an update on the timeframe for the LDR4 – the detailed design is being prepared, with the aim of going to tender in September/October. Construction is due to commence in early 2023, with an estimated duration of 12-18 months. The construction of the bridge over the Blackwater requires consideration of when works can take place.

9.5 Councillor Emer Tóibín raised the following issue:

9.5.1 Requested an update on St. Patrick's Classical School – this is subject to a Part 8 process, detailed design and tender process.

9.6 Nicholas Whyatt raised the following issue:

9.6.1 Confirmed that the notice to declare the road from the old N3 to Springfield Glen a public road had been issued with submissions due by 6th July.

9.7 It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons and seconded by Councillor Francis Deane that the Annual Meeting of Navan Municipal District would take place at 12.00pm on Monday 13th June in Navan Civic Offices and the June monthly meeting would take place on Wednesday 22nd June, as scheduled.



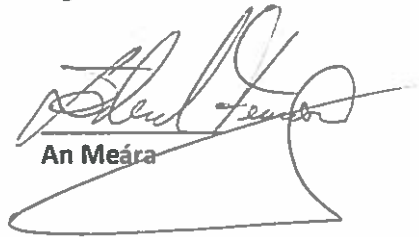
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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:


An Meára

