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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 22nd June 2022, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, Councillor Edward Fennessy, presided.

Councillors Present: Yemi Adenuga, Francis Deane, Alan Lawes, Tommy Reilly.

Apologies: Councillors Pádraig Fitzsimons 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 18th May 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Tommy Reilly.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 13th June 2022.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13th June 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.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Doreen Caffrey, St. Finian's Terrace.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Planning

- 4.1.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2021

- Blackcastle Lodge, Navan, Co Meath

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

4.2 Transportation

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

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

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested that steps be taken to remove the moss between Blackcastle and Clusker Park.
- Requested that the grass be cut on the R152 Kentstown Road – this location is on the list.



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- Requested an update on the Priory, Johnstown following complaints regarding the footpaths – attempts are being made to resolve the issues raised.
- Requested an update on the provision of bollards at Clonmagadden – the bank has been cleared and bollards installed to prevent cars driving through.
- Requested an update on the roadworks planned for Clonmagadden – it is intended to follow up repairs planned for the Irish Water manhole and this location is on the list for resurfacing.
- Queried whether St. Finian's Terrace is included in the regularisation of parking byelaws and, if so, that it be included on the Traffic Warden route – it was agreed to check if it was included and confirmed that it is a matter of enforcement of double yellow lines.

4.3 Corporate Affairs and Governance

4.3.1 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

"When will restoration works commence at Babe's Bridge to reimpose the arch to its original state?"

Response:

Babe's bridge is in the ownership of An Taisce who are managing the project and funding secured through the Community Monuments Fund 2022. The Council spoke with Project



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Manager today who has informed me that the procurement process is in train to appoint a multi-disciplinary consultant team. Babe's bridge is a monument and within the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and An Taisce are currently liaising with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and National Monuments Services (NMS) and other relevant statutory agencies in relation to securing necessary consents for works.

It is envisaged that a contractor will be on-site to commence works in August/September.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive for an update on a motion I submitted in December 2021 requesting works on the St Mary's Park estate; can the update also include plans for the alley between the estate and St. Oliver's NS?"

Response:

St. Mary's Park estate is included in a footpath rehabilitation contract due to commence in early autumn. The specific additional works requested will be considered when this project is under way.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to improve and enhance the entrance to Mullaghboy Industrial Estate."

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



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It is agreed that improvement works are required at the entrance, for which some additional land may be required to create a footpath and cycleway. The design process will commence and the project advanced, subject to funding.

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 propose that Meath County Council would install double yellow lines in Old Johnstown Village, directly opposite the Church, outside High Maintenance and Crew Barbers. This is a health and safety issue as cars which park in the above area obstruct the traffic flow through the village."

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

The Transportation Section will assess the area in question and make a decision on feasibility and funding availability.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Yemi Adenuga, was agreed.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"Following the completion of a conservation plan on Navan's Medieval Town Wall's and the subsequent funding allocation through the Community Monument's Fund, I call on Meath County Council to make a formal application to have Navan included in the Irish Walled Town's Network and for the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the conservation plan."

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



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The Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) was formed by the Heritage Council in 2005 to help the walled towns of Ireland become better places in which to live, work and visit. Meath currently has two towns which are active members of the network – Trim and Kells.

The role of the network is to unite and co-ordinate the strategic efforts of local authorities involved in the management, conservation and enhancement of historic walled towns in Ireland, both North and South, helping to make Ireland's walled towns become great places in which to live, work and visit. Guidance and assistance is provided to member towns by providing grants for town wall conservation and for community festivals and heritage interpretation. Training is delivered to community groups on how best to use their town's heritage for the benefit of those who live there and we regularly research and publish user-friendly advisory documents.

Navan meets the eligibility criteria to join the Irish Walled Town Walled Network – (i.e. having physical remains of town walls).

*In order to be considered for membership by the Heritage Council **the application must be completed by a community group** (e.g., a local historical society or Tidy Towns Committee) and the Local Authority. This process of an application requires:*

- *Name and contact details of community group and examples of previous community projects by the group or key members – this would need to be identified for Navan*
- *Details of Local Authority and relevant personnel*
- *Information on extent, location and ownership (public or private) of town walls*

Please see link below for details

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/files/IWTN.pdf>

Councillor Edward Fennessy introduced the motion by thanking the council for the work undertaken to date and the funding received for preliminary works to commence. He



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urged that the conservation strategy be implemented and suggested that the membership of the community group is the logical next step, given the importance of this local heritage and its economic and tourist potential.

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

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive to consider the following measures on the Emmett Terrace Estate, closure of the entrance at Boreen Keel to vehicles, installation of footpaths and speed ramps on the estate."

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

A meeting will be arranged with the Councillors and Area Engineer to assess the infrastructure of the Estate in question.

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

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 6th May 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business



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9.1 Councillor Yemi Adenuga raised the following issue:

- 9.1.1 Queried whether engagement with residents on Convent Road is taking place, whether a plan is in place to clean up the Convent Road area and remove graffiti and underlined the need to address residents concerns if the trial is to be made permanent, including regular monitoring, particularly until such time as the CCTV is in place – a maintenance schedule is in place, the Part 8 process for CCTV is progressing and the proposed permanent solution arising from the trial will be brought to the municipal district later in the year, following engagement with residents. Bollards have been replaced and the area is regularly checked and swept. The issue of graffiti is a widespread problem and will be raised with the Gardaí.

9.2 Councillor Alan Lawes raised the following issue:

- 9.2.1 Commended the council on the work being undertaken to support those coming from Ukraine and underlined the need to treat all those in need equally, including refugees from other countries and the local homeless population.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:


An Meára