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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 14th September 2022, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, Councillor Edward Fennessy, presided.

Councillors Present: Francis Deane, Padraig Fitzsimons, Alan Lawes, Tommy Reilly, Emer Tóibín.

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Yemi Adenuga.

Apologies: Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons.

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 13th July 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th July 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Tommy Reilly.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Connie Doody, Dundrum, Dublin, who co-founded Lir Chocolates and brought the company to Navan, where it provided significant local employment;
- The family of the late Michael McInerney, Beechmount, Navan;
- The family of the late Rose Nelson, Parnell Park, Navan;
- The family of the late Martin Carpenter, Woodview, Navan;
- The family of the late Louise McKenna, Dean Cogan Place, Navan;
- The family of the late Peadar Newman, Duffslane, Commons Lane, Navan;
- The family of the late Joe Darcy, O'Growney Terrace, Navan.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant of the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0173Ha of Land at Bailis, Athlumney, Navan, Co Meath.

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

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0142Ha of Land at Mullaghboy, Navan Co. Meath.

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

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- 5.1.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2021 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2022 on the proposed development which will consist of - 58no additional CCTV camera's mounted on steel pole structures measuring 7.3 metres and 10 metres in height situated in Navan town and surrounds, Navan, Co Meath together with all associated site works in relation to this development. A number of these proposed structures will be located within the Navan Town Centre Architectural Conservation Area as identified in the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027. Development Location: Navan town and surrounds, Navan, Co Meath (P822009).

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department outlined the Chief Executive's Report, which is to be considered for six weeks by councillors from 6th September to 17th October. The three options were outlined. Councillors were advised that if additional cameras were requested, this would require a new planning process. Therefore, the only permissible amendment would be the removal of cameras. This was noted.

- 5.1.2 To receive a briefing on the strategic planning document 'Navan 2050'.

Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner delivered a presentation on the Navan 2050 Vision, which has been shortlisted in the 2022 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards in the Category 'Enhancing the Urban Environment'. He outlined the purpose of the vision, an overview of Navan, the principles, actions and deliverables, Navan core areas, planned outcomes and next steps.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried how achievement would be measured – this is a high level strategic plan, outlining the ambitions and visions for the town, and, whilst the deliverables would expect to be achieved over 10-15 years, plans such as the County Development Plan are implemented over a shorter timeframe.
- Requested that a requirement be included to provide new community amenities and facilities for a quantified number of new homes delivered – whilst there is a reference to a cultural quarter and area, there is no

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specific mention of facilities. The County Development Plan identifies the facilities required and the Navan LAP, to be developed in 2023, will provide greater detail. There are triggers in the County Development Plan for the provision of facilities, such as schools, and these are generally associated with larger planning applications.

- Queried how this impacts on the provision of facilities in areas such as Johnstown – S28 guidelines have evolved over the years and the County Development Plan is in compliance with the department standards. Whilst different standards will apply to future schemes, areas, such as Johnstown, do have to be retrofitted.
- Queried in which phase the railway station would be delivered – Consultants will work on the plan for MP6 and MP9 and the phasing will then be highlighted.
- Queried the timeframe for the release of the SDZ lands in Clonmagadden – the council is in communication with the landowners. There may be a need for the current SDZ scheme to be reviewed, following which the lands can be released.

5.1.3 To receive an update on the Conservation Management Plan for Navan Town Walls.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer, and Mary McCarthy, Staff Officer, Heritage attended the meeting, with Fergal McNamara, 7L Architects, who delivered a presentation on the location of the town walls, planned works and next steps.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the planned physical works.
- Suggested that consideration be given to linking the walking routes to the Points of Pride route launched a number of years ago.

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- Queried the extent of wall located on private property – further enquiries are needed and consideration is to be given to the next phase, e.g. whether this will be determined by the sections in poorest condition.

Community

- 5.1.4 To receive details of the proposed grant allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2022 and, if deemed appropriate, forward to the Full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department outlined the assessment criteria, the number of applications received and eligible, and the requirement that the funding be drawn down by 31st December 2023. The recommended grant allocations, totalling the available €100,000 budget, and the rationale for these, were outlined. The recommended grant allocations, once agreed, will be brought to the October meeting of Meath County Council for approval.

The recommended grant allocations, below, were unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Edward Fennessy:

- Bohermeen Celtic FC - €20,000
- Irish Wheelchair Association - €8,400
- Meath & District League - €10,000
- Meath Springboard - €50,000
- Parkvilla - €11,600

5.2 Transportation

- 5.2.1 To consider a proposal, pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, that Meath County Council makes a declaration that the road at Limekiln Hill, Navan be a Public Road.

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Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Transportation Department outlined the contents of the report circulated, including submissions received.

A full discussion took place and responses were provided to all queries raised in relation to the process. Following the discussion, and on the proposal of **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**, it was resolved to declare the road public.

5.2.2 To receive an update on the current status of the Concept Identification/ Selection Process for the Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation Scheme.

Cormac Ross, Resident Engineer, and Paul O'Brien, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department attended the meeting with Marcus Clifford, Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates, who delivered a presentation which included information on considerations/constraints, the options considered and emerging preferred option, ongoing consultation including the sentiment survey, the preliminary design for the public realm, and next steps.

Martin Murray confirmed that account had been taken of all factors and full pedestrianisation was not considered feasible. It is intended to bring the Part 8 to the October meeting.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried whether the underground works will be completed first – as part of the Part 8 process, full discussions will take place with utility providers. A moratorium will be put in place for a period of time.
- Queried whether there would be access from Brews Hill/Railway Street – this is not yet finalised. It is intended to liaise with the church authorities to facilitate funeral access.
- Queried the number of spaces available in the private car parks – there are approximately 35 spaces.

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- Queried whether the proposal was intended to be on a temporary basis – the consultation and engagement, and the Part 8 process, will determine the best option and a temporary/permanent proposal will be brought back to the municipal district.
- Requested that consultation and engagement with businesses continue as the process progresses – consultation with traders is ongoing.
- Queried the timeframe for its introduction assuming the Part 8 process goes smoothly – the Part 8 process will commence in October and, once permission is secured, the detailed design will follow in addition to securing funding, and taking into account the other works being undertaken in the town. It is possible that construction could commence in early 2024.

5.2.3 To receive an update on the proposals for alterations to the previously permitted Kiosk Building on Kennedy Plaza.

Marcus Clifford delivered a presentation which included information on the location, the amended building proposed layout and facilities and next steps, which include the commencement of the Part 8 process before the October municipal district meeting and its delivery in Q2 2023.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried whether the bench was to be relocated – the bench is currently in storage and an alternative location will be identified.
- Queried whether tourism information will be provided – this can be facilitated.
- Queried whether there will be public toilet facilities provided – toilet facilities shall be provided in the kiosk building for customer use. Additional restroom/toilet facilities shall also be incorporated in the proposed kiosk building for exclusive use by bus drivers. The operation and maintenance of the kiosk building including all toilet and restroom



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facilities shall be the responsibility of the concessionaire company tasked with operating the facility.

- 5.2.4 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 a query as to whether the level of graffiti had decreased or was still an issue – whilst there may have been a small decrease, once it is cleared, it tends to re-emerge. Contact had been made with the Garda Liaison Officer with a view to increasing patrols.

5.3 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.3.1 To consider the motion below, as referred by the Protocol Committee:

"That Navan Municipal Council name the new road being built from the intersection of the R153 Navan Kentstown Road and Metges Road to Farganstown, Bóthar Hodgett in memory of Thomas Hodgett."

This was unanimously agreed.

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, were noted and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed application and deferral forms.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy



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"Given the growing number of commuters using the Abbey Road Bus Stop every day, can the Executive make us aware of any measures planned by the council, to make the bus stop safer."

Response:

Meath County Council has undertaken a review of the pedestrian hard standing area associated with the Abbey Road bus stop and is proposing to increase this standing area by adding a temporary built out section to the rear of the bus shelter, within the car park. This proprietary item is currently being sourced and will be installed as soon as received.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

"Calling on Meath County Council to allow an exit onto the L5050 from St Stephen's Primary School and Colaiste na Mi Secondary School owing to construction on the new school for St. Mary's and Colaiste na Mi's extension works and traffic chaos in Johnstown at present."

The motion was withdrawn by Councillor Tommy Reilly.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"The 8th of December of this year marks the centenary of the execution during the Irish Civil War of Deputy Liam Mellows, TD for the Meath North constituency. In recognition of his contribution to the struggle for Irish Independence, this Council, on that date, agrees to place a commemorative plaque at Mellows Terrace in Navan, an estate that was named in his honour."

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

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In accordance with the Meath County Council Protocol on Civic Commemorations, this motion, if agreed, will be referred to the Civic Commemoration Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Protocol Committee.

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

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"This council agrees to assess for closure to members of the public, the alley/lane linking the Tara Glen and Tara Court estates in Clonmagadden."

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

The NTA Permeability Best Practice Guide supports filtered permeability in neighbourhoods with an overall objective to provide pedestrian and cycle connectivity between new and existing developments. Meath County Council apply these guidelines and believe that the loss of connectivity between the estates in question, which would result from the proposed extinguishment, would be in contravention of MCC policies developed in this regard.

If there is a particular issue with the alley/lane, it can brought to the attention of the Municipal District Engineer, who will investigate further.

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

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to install traffic calming ramps on the Ratholdron Road, adjacent to the Ferndale and Silverlawn entrances, where cars presently drive at high speed in a highly populated area."

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



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The Transportation Section proposes to carry out a survey to ascertain the extent of speeding and driver behaviour, in the area. There is no provision of funding in this year's programme of works, for traffic calming at this location, but any traffic management measures deemed necessary will be put forward for consideration in a future programme of works.

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

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Meath County Council would engage with residents of Abbeygrove in relation to the proposed development at Nangle Court with a view to erecting high security fencing and strong public lighting at the green area."

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

There is an existing 2m high palisade fence in place separating the Nangle Court site from Abbeygrove. It is proposed to keep this fence in place.

The Transportation Section can confirm that the two street lights adjacent to the green space in Nangle Court have already been upgraded to LED. These illuminate the road and footpaths in the area.

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

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

8.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC of 30th June 2022.

The report was noted

8.2 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 4th July 2022.



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The minutes were noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 13th July 2022.

The report was noted.

- 8.4 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 23rd August 2022.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Edward Fennessy raised the following issue:

- 10.1.1 Requested an update on the taking in charge of Mill Lane – this requires the consent of all landowners, is subject to assessment and costing and, if agreed, can be added to a future schedule. A report will be brought to the October or November meeting with the implications of the proposal.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:


An Meára