



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Navan Municipal District***

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***10:00 a.m., 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, Navan Civic Offices***

An Meára, Councillor Edward Fennessy, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Yemi Adenuga, Padraig Fitzsimons, Alan Lawes, Tommy Reilly, Emer Tóibín.

**Apologies:** Councillor Francis Deane.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Yemi Adenuga.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Yemi Adenuga and seconded by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**



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There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Thomas Fitzsimons, Mellows Terrace, Navan;
- The family of the late Ethna Cantwell, Windtown, Navan;
- The family and former colleagues of George Mulvey, former employee;
- The family of the late Neil McFadden, Gibbstown, Navan.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Under 13s B O'Mahony's team on winning the Championship.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Planning**

- 4.1.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report (Reference P822013) in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2021 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2022 in relation to the proposed development of 6nr. residential units at Swan Lane (Eircode C15 RD82), Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.

Claire Hughes, Executive Engineer, Housing Department outlined the Chief Executive's Report, circulated in advance, including the recommendations. The Part 8 process was outlined, including the six week period for councillors to consider the report from the date of its receipt.

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Matters raised by councillors included querying the impact on the privacy of nearby residents – the existing trees and vegetation forming the boundary will be retained and are considered acceptable screening and the separation distance is acceptable. The development was welcomed.

- 4.1.2 To receive the Chief Executive's Report (Reference P822015) in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2021 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2022 in relation to the proposed development of 12nr. residential units on lands at No. 43 & No. 44 Brews Hill, Navan, Co. Meath.

Claire Hughes, Executive Engineer, Housing Department outlined the Chief Executive's Report, circulated in advance, including the recommendations. The Part 8 process was outlined, including the six week period for councillors to consider the report from the date of its receipt.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcome the development and the design, which is important for town centre regeneration.
- Queried where parking will be provided and if permits will be required – parking has been allocated on Brews Hill, with permits required, and nine spaces to the rear.
- Queried if the area to the rear will have adequate lighting and will be secured - public lighting will be provided as part of the scheme and traffic movements have been checked. The preference expressed by local residents is that the space be gated and this is being considered as part of the scheme.
- Queried the size of the existing buildings and how many more will be accommodated as a result of the new development – the existing buildings have been vacant and derelict for some time and more accommodation will be provided as part of this scheme.

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- Queried if all ground floor units will be one-bed units – the ground floor units will be one-bed units and age friendly suitable.
- Referred to the concerns of residents on Emmet Terrace regarding construction traffic and whether a traffic management plan will be prepared – it is envisaged that back lane access will be provided and the demolition works will open up front access for construction traffic. The detailed approach will form part of a later stage.

4.1.3 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2022 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2022 on the proposed development, Navan Cycle Scheme - R147 Martha's Bridge to Circular Road Scheme, which will be carried out within existing roadway boundaries, with some minor relocation/setting back of some private boundaries. Construction works along the route will involve the following elements: Construction of new kerb lines for new footpaths and cycle lanes/tracks, provision of new footpaths and/or upgrading of existing surfaces on footpaths, provision of controlled crossings points for pedestrians and cyclists, provision of segregated cycling facilities, provision for shared road space for cycling, signalising of the existing R147/Academy Street junction, upgrading of existing signalised junctions, removal of the existing right-turn-lane to the Riverside Filling Station, the provision of additional open space at the junction of R147 with Academy Street including additional landscaping such as trees, shrubbery etc, earthworks/excavations of existing roadways and verges of existing roadway/footpaths for service ducts and road crossings, etc and all associated civil works with the above i.e., ducting, drainage, concreting, macadam works, tree felling, hedge removal etc. Development Location: Limekilnhill, Dillonsland, Townparks & Balreask Old, Navan, Co Meath. (P822011).

Paul O'Brien, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department outlined the report circulated on 9<sup>th</sup> November, including reference to the submissions, all of which were in support of the proposal. The Part 8 process was outlined, including the six week period for councillors to consider the report from the date of its receipt.

Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Welcomed the scheme and the progress made, including the proposed use of space.
- Queried if secure bike parking and repair stations are planned – these are outside the scope of this development but will be provided in appropriate central locations as part of the Navan 2030 scheme, e.g. service stations, Andy Brennan Park and the town centre. On this route, bike stands will be provided at the bus stop and this is at detailed design stage.
- Queried if it would be possible to provide a connection from Swan Lane to the tennis club and between the tennis club, rugby club and school – the current focus is on the main routes with consideration to be given to possible future extensions.

It was agreed to proceed on the proposal of **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**.

### **4.2 Transportation**

- 4.2.1 To advise the members of the Municipal District that Meath County Council Transportation Department propose to put the draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (30km/h Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2022 on public display as required by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Acts, 2004 (No.44 of 2004)

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department outlined the contents of the letter circulated in advance.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried when signs would be installed in estates that were included in the previous review – once the byelaw is adopted, the signage is ordered and then erected at the same time as the byelaw comes into effect.
- Queried how estates are selected for inclusion – these are based on representations made by councillors and the members of the public.

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- Queried how many estates in Navan Municipal District are now included – it was agreed to check this.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** to proceed as outlined.

### **4.2.2 To receive an update on Navan Pedestrian and Cycling Schemes.**

Cormac Ross, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation Department provided an overview of the cycle network for Navan, including those routes previously constructed, those currently at planning stage and future schemes currently proposed, including Martha's Bridge, R147/N51 linking Woodies to the Poolboy Bridge, the Flower Hill Scheme which links Poolboy Bridge to the New Bridge (Athlumney Road). The proposed cycle network was outlined as providing strategic primary links the town centre, the Greenways and the N51 Park & Ride facility and major population catchments.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried how the R147 by the petrol station is to be connected – It was outlined that the connection to the filling station will be at the nearest traffic junctions (Circular Road and Academy Street) and that the detailed design will take account of previous and future schemes, with the designs for each section being complementary and complying with NTA Cycle Design Guidance to ensure coherence in the design of the facilities.
- Referred to the narrow streets in the town centre and how this would work – cycle parking facilities will be strategically placed for those who do not wish to share the road with traffic.
- Queried if there are plans for the Rathaldron Road – all gaps will be assessed in terms of future applications, with the initial focus on the delivery of the LDR4 into the town centre, with this route being considered at a later stage, including the constraints along the route.



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- Welcomed the amount of work being undertaken and the progress being made.

### **4.2.3 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:

- Queried whether private property owners can be encouraged to deal with graffiti.
- Requested an update on the Kells Road crossing – final approval is required from TII before this can proceed, as it is a national road.
- Queried whether the parklet in Cornmarket can be removed as the business it served has closed –the parklet on Watergate Street has been removed and it is planned to undertake a review of the remaining parklets to be undertaken in January/February with a formal proposal on these to follow. This parklet can be removed at the appropriate time if councillors agree.
- Welcome the works undertake in location such as Parnell Park, St. Brigid's Villas and Abbeygrove.
- Requested an update on the various playgrounds in the town – following a report from consultants, the smaller replacement parts have been ordered with contractors to undertake more substantial works.
- Requested that the road sweeper be sent out to deal with leaves on footpaths – in addition to the council's sweeper, another sweeper is on hire and an electric sweeper being demoed. The large sweeper is sent out as often as possible.

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### **5 Notice of Question**

#### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy**

"To ask the Executive, what plans are in place to deliver the following:

- Reinstatement of a bus stop at the junction of the L8008 (Quarry Road) and the R147 (Kells Road).
- The provision of a bus shelter to serve the 109 bus stop at the junction of the St. Martha's Bridge and the R147 (Dublin Road)."

#### **Response:**

In relation to the bus stop at the junction of the L8008 (Quarry Road) and the R147 (Kells Road), Meath County Council has undertaken a review of this location and has determined that additional lands will be required in order to deliver an offline bus stop, adjacent to the southbound carriageway. The Council has written to the registered landowner in order to ascertain if the necessary adjustment of the existing field boundary can be achieved by agreement (Deed of Dedication).

In relation to the provision of a bus shelter to serve the 109 bus stop at the junction of the St. Martha's Bridge and the R147 (Dublin Road), Meath County Council has undertaken an initial assessment of this location and note that there is currently insufficient space to provide a shelter at this time. However, this location, including the bus stop element, forms part of the Part 8 Planning Application for the Martha's Bridge to Circular Road Scheme, and consideration has been given in the overall design for the provision of a cantilevered bus shelter in the upgrade of this area.

In the meantime, please note that a bus shelter was installed in 2022 at the next bus stop on the network, approximately 180m northeast of this location.

The response was noted.

#### **5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**



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“Has Meath County Council any intention or plans to upgrade the markings on faded disabled parking bays throughout Navan, for example, the disabled parking bay at Blackcastle Shopping Centre?”

**Response:**

*Meath County Council will assess and re-line, if required, any disabled parking bays in the Navan Town Centre Area. Blackcastle Shopping Centre and carpark is on a long term lease from Meath County Council, and the maintenance of the parking area is the responsibility of the Lease holder.*

The question was deferred to the December meeting.

### **5.3 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga**

“Can Meath County Council please provide an update on the progress so far on the taking in charge of Milbrook Estate, Johnstown, Navan?”

**Response:**

*The Transportation Department will carry out remedial works in Millbrook in the coming months. Once these works are completed to bring the development up to a standard acceptable to Meath County Council for the purpose for Taking In Charge, we will commence the formal TIC process.*

The response was noted.

## **6 Notice of Motion**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy**

“To help alleviate some of the traffic congestion in the future at the Johnstown school campus, we propose leaving the back entrances from the L5050 road at the rear of the school open for Bus access, especially with the future opening of St Mary’s special school. The buses for St Mary’s require quick and easy access for their students, with many

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travelling long distances and with complex needs. Currently the back entrances are open for construction traffic coming from the Kentstown Road only. Buses could be required to come from the Kentstown Road side, preventing excess traffic through Johnstown Village."

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

*Meath County Council does not support the creation of an exit onto the L5050 from the Education Campus in Johnstown, due to the potential for traffic hazards on the L5050 as a result of the increased volumes.*

*Meath County Council would support the opening of the road provided, as part of the grant of permission to Grandbrind Merchants Ltd., through the Dunville Estate, which would help to alleviate the traffic issues referred.*

Councillor Edward Fennessy introduced the motion by referencing the current number of pupils, which will increase as a result of the new school. He asked that additional measures be undertaken in the future.

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

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy**

"Noting the number of towns and villages across the state who have facilitated the creation of murals in their area, and the aesthetic benefits thereof, I ask the Executive to engage in a process that will deliver a similar initiative at strategic locations in Navan."

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

*The community grants scheme is reviewed on an annual basis and the provision of murals within housing estates or at suitable agreed locations within towns and villages can be included as eligible works. If community groups wish to apply for funding for a mural in their area, they can do so under the community grants scheme. There are no other*

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*funding streams available for the installation of murals in larger towns. The Streetscape Enhancement Scheme allows for the installation of murals however the scheme is only applicable to towns/villages of populations less than 15,000.*

Councillor Edward Fennessy introduced the motion by referring to the benefits of murals in locations such as Waterford, Carrickmacross and Slane. There were a number of local individuals that could be suitable for such murals, e.g. Francis Beaufort. He queried whether planning permission is required if murals are placed on private properties and privately funded.

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

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

"I call on Meath County Council to install yellow box markings at the entrance to the Canterbrook Estate on the Trim Road where local residents experience difficulties exiting the estate."

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

*The Transportation Department can confirm that Line Marking is programmed on the Trim Road in the coming weeks, to include a Yellow Box area outside Canterbrook Estate.*

This was deferred to the December meeting.

### **6.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

"I propose that Meath County Council install a traffic calming ramp in addition to a pedestrian crossing at St Mary's Cemetery carpark, so as it can be a link to the footpath leading to Glenveigh Housing Estate, Boyne Road."

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



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*Meath County Council will need to undertake a full review of the site suggested regarding access, visibility, lighting and speed limits before a decision could be made on the requirement of a pedestrian crossing or traffic calming measures. A further update can be provided when the review is complete.*

This was deferred to the December meeting.

### **6.5 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly**

"I call on Meath County Council to install traffic calming measures at Watters Lane, Commons Road, Navan."

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

*A traffic assessment was carried out earlier in the year on Watters Lane and it was found to be well within the speed limits and traffic counts therefore not requiring speed ramps or similar traffic calming measures.*

Councillor Tommy Reilly introduced the motion by expressing disappointment at the supporting information provided and requested that this be reconsidered and that Leighsbrook estate be included in the speed limit review. Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons expressed his support and, whilst welcoming the speed signs, queried their effectiveness.

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

### **6.6 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga**

"I call on Meath County Council to provide traffic calming measures in the Dunville Avenue area of Dunville housing estate, Johnstown, Navan for the safety of children in the estate."

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

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*Dunville housing estate is not taken in charge.*

*All permissions granted with respect to multi-residential development must be carried out in accordance with the standards set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). These standards provide measures to achieve;*

- *Highly connected streets which allow people to walk and cycle to key destinations in a direct and easy-to find manner.*
- *A safe and comfortable street environment for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages.*
- *Streets that contribute to the creation of attractive and lively communities.*
- *Streets that calm traffic via a range of design measures that make drivers more aware of their environment.*

*Any additional measures proposed can only be done once the estate is taken-in-charge.*

Councillor Yemi Adenuga introduced the motion by querying if residents can apply to have the estate taken in charge. It was pointed out that there are different phases to this development and there is a waiting list for estates to be taken in charge. There are mechanisms by which the developer or residents can apply but this is outside the council's control.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Yemi Adenuga 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The minutes were noted.

**7.2** To note the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC Meeting Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



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The minutes were noted.

7.3 To note the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The minutes were noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Requested an update on the delivery of the houses at Rathaldron and Mullaghboy, to include the reasons for the delay in their delivery.

9.2 Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Queried if Limekiln Wood is taken in charge – an update was provided on the roads.

9.3 Councillor Edward Fennessy raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Requested an update on safety measures and traffic management at Andy Connolly roundabout.

9.3.2 Requested an update on the taking in charge of Mill Lane – there are legal issues related to this.

9.4 Martin Murray raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Referred to the scheduled February 2023 meeting date and requested that that it be moved to 15<sup>th</sup> February from 22<sup>nd</sup> February – this was agreed.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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An Meára *Pádraig VFA*

