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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 18th January 2023, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, Councillor Edward Fennessy, presided.

Councillors Present: Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Francis Deane, Tommy Reilly and Emer Tóibín.

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillors Pdraig Fitzsimons and Alan Lawes.

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 14th December 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th December 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 Dan Murphy, Commons Road, Navan;



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- The family of the late P.J. Murray, Johnstown, Navan;
- The family of the late Sharon Fitzpatrick, Dunville Wood, Navan;
- The family of the late Johnny Brennan, Beechmount Avenue, Navan.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

4.1 Disposal of the freehold of property at Beechmount Home Park, Clougherboy, Navan, County Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

5.1.1 To adopt 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, Convent Road Filtered Permeability Scheme, Navan.

Paul O'Brien, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department provided an overview of the proposed scheme, including the proposed works, as well as the Part 8 process, including the three options in relation to the recommendation.

Councillor Edward Fennessy proposed that the scheme as recommended be adopted and this was seconded by Councillor Francis Deane. Councillors Tommy Reilly and Pádraig Fitzsimons opposed this, citing the concerns of residents in the area with regard to anti-social behaviour and safety and lighting issues.

Martin Murray referred to the discussion that took place at the December meeting, with the issues and concerns having been raised. He referred to the Navan 2030 scheme, which includes primary and secondary cycle routes



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throughout the town, with this route representing an important link within that network, and which, if rejected, will have a knock-on effect on other links. It was pointed out that the CCTV infrastructure in place had already had an effect on behaviour and referred to the separate Notice of Motion relating to the operation of the CCTV. Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner, outlined the options available to councillors as part of the Part 8 process, i.e. to accept, amend or reject. If an amendment is proposed by the deadline of 28th January, it cannot be a significant or this would require a new Part 8 process. It was confirmed that CCTV does not form part of this Part 8 process but rather was subject to a separate Part 8 process and the council has no control over the timeframe for it to become operational. Interventions were made by Councillors Emer Tóibín, Yemi Adenuga, Alan Lawes and Pádraig Fitzsimons. In response to a proposal made by Councillor Fitzsimons, i.e. to allow a combination of traffic, pedestrians and cyclists on a one-way system, it was pointed out that this had been assessed and did not comply with the relevant standards and would involve the removal of boundary walls.

The Mayor requested a show of hands vote to indicate those in favour of accepting the proposal as outlined – there were five councillors in favour and two against.

5.2 Transportation

5.2.1 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:

- Commended the outdoor staff on the winter gritting programme.
- Commended the works being undertaken on the drains at Simonstown.



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- Referred to damage being caused by trucks parking at Blackcastle – it was pointed out that this is outside the council's control and it is the management company's responsibility to resolve.
- Referred to the poor road condition in Limekiln – this estate is not taken in charge.
- Referred to potholes in St. Oliver's Cottages, Belcourt, Dan Shaw Road and Boyerstown – these will be added to the pothole register. Belcourt is on the three year roadworks programme.
- Referred to the poor condition of the car parking area at the Bridge of the Boyne at Stackallen.
- Requested that Robinstown be included on the winter gritting programme – councillors were asked to submit representations prior to the review by the Transportation SPC.
- Requested the provision of bins at the two bus stops on Metges Road, Johnstown.
- Requested an update on the provision of the second pedestrian crossing Metges Road, Johnstown – when the L550 to Dunville Road is open, consideration will be given to the optimal location for a pedestrian crossing.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive for an update on the Taking in Charge process and upgrade of the Clonmagadden Lane."

Response:



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The consultation period for the Taking in Charge process for Clonmagadden Lane commenced in June 2020 and, arising from the consultation process and discussions with the Municipal District Members, a number of issues were raised, including a submission that suggested that the taking in charge process was premature pending the adoption of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 -2027 (which was at public consultation stage at that time) and the potential cost to the Council to take the laneway in charge and carry out the necessary improvements to accommodate the zoning identified in the County Development Plan. It was considered, that prior to completion of the Taking in Charge process, the lands necessary to facilitate the Taking in Charge of the existing laneway, including those lands required to improve the road to a standard suitable to serve the zoned lands, would be transferred to the Council in order to defray the construction costs of the necessary transport infrastructure.

The Council have developed a preliminary road layout to bring the laneway up to a standard suitable to serve the zoned lands and are currently in discussions with the owners of the existing laneway and their adjacent lands, identified as being necessary to improve the road, to reach agreement on the transfer of those lands to the Council. These discussions are on-going.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“With reference to upgrade works to be carried out on the roundabout at Round O, are there any plans by Meath County Council to erect public lighting at the pedestrian crossing on Beaufort Road as vehicles approach from Navan town?”

Response:

Meath County Council has appointed Consultants to carry out preliminary design works on the Flowerhill Cycle/Pedestrian Scheme. As part of this scheme, the reconfiguration of the existing arrangements at the Round-O junction shall be examined and it is intended that facilities to cater for vulnerable road users, including improved levels of public lighting shall be incorporated into the overall design for all legs of the junction.

The response was noted.



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6.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask Meath County Council what number of public benches and picnic benches are installed across the town and if supplementary benches can be provided in appropriate spaces?"

Response:

There are a total of 42 benches and picnic tables in various locations throughout Navan. Four more were purchased before Christmas, with two to be installed in Blackwater Park. These are made from recycled plastic and are wheelchair accessible.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive and my fellow councillors to support the naming of the proposed road linking the Dublin Road and Trim Road via Limekiln after local IRA Volunteer Thomas Murray from nearby Kilcarn, who was executed during the Irish Civil War one hundred years ago this month."

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

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 Alan Lawes, was agreed.



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7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Navan Municipal District to write to the Meath JPC Chief Superintendent asking that he introduce a Garda foot patrol in Navan on Market Square and Ludlow Street from 11pm on Saturday nights until 4am on Sundays, in an effort to address the anti-social incidents which are happening too often while people are socialising."

Councillor Francis Deane introduced the motion by referring to recent incidents in the area referred to and the need for Garda foot patrols in that area. Councillors Edward Fennessy and Alan Lawes spoke in support of the motion whilst Councillors Pdraig Fitzsimons and Emer Tóibín suggested that a Garda presence is needed throughout the town. It was agreed to request a meeting with the Garda Chief Superintendent for Navan District.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Emer Tóibín, was agreed.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Meath County Council erect a safety overhead barrier at entrance to Ardmulchan cemetery similar to the one in place at Spicers carpark, Athlumney Road."

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

The Environment Department will examine the practicalities of providing such a barrier, noting that a barrier was previously in place at this location.

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

7.4 Submitted by Councillors Edward Fennessy and Emer Tóibín

"That the Convent Road Filtered Permeability Scheme, Navan does not enjoy permanent status until such time as the CCTV becomes operational."



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The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Edward Fennessy and seconded by Councillor Emer Tóibín, was agreed.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Alan Lawes raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Referred to the need to treat all refugees equally to avoid resentment and protests against any particular group.

9.2 Councillor Emer Tóibín raised the following issue:

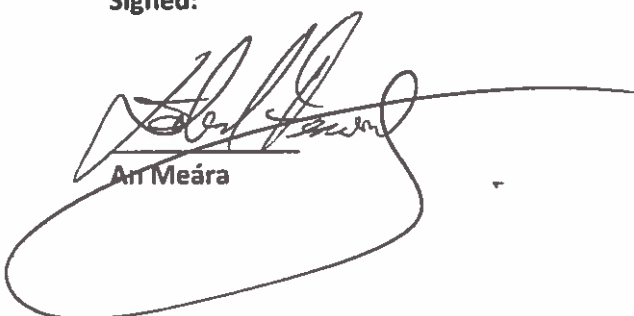
9.2.1 Requested an update on the N51 Park & Ride facility and referred to concerns by some in relation to the shared cycle path and footpath at the facility – the facility is due to be completed and operational by the end of the month, depending on the weather, and the shared cycleway and path is designed to compliant standards, similar to what was there before.

9.3 Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Requested that additional benches be provided at the bottom of the loop in Blackwater Park.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



An Meára