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Navan Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 22nd March 2023, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, presided.

Councillors Present: Councillors Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Tommy Reilly, and Alan Lawes.

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillors Yemi Adenuga and Emer Tóibín.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th February 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of February 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **CLr Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **CLr 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 late Richard Davis, Gerrardstown, Garlow Cross
- The family of the late Dr Imran Sharif, Navan
- The family of the late Anne Fox, Tara
- The family of the late Dessie Grattan, Balreask Village
- The family of the late Pauline Lavery, St Marys Park, Navan
- The family of the late Dan O'Leary, Athboy

Congratulations were extended to:

CLlr Padraig Fitzsimons and the Shamrock committee on the St Patricks Day parade.

CLlr Fitzsimons thanked the Council, fellow councillors and all involved in the organisation of the parade. He said it was well attended with over 35 floats participating. He advised that more volunteers are needed, and that community buy in can be very difficult. It is hoped to commence the organising for the event earlier and will advise when the next meeting is scheduled for.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Corporate Services

- 4.1.1 Municipal District Awards Night – Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7.00pm in Buvinda House.

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services advised that one awards night will be held for all 6 Municipal Districts. She said it's a celebration and acknowledgment of achievements by groups and/or individuals. She requested that the members submit their suggestions to her and will revert to them in April with the agreed nominations.

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

This list of allocations circulated in advance was noted.



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4.2 Transportation

- 4.2.1 To receive a briefing on Johnstown Village site redevelopment and public realm enhancement scheme.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner gave a presentation on the concept design plan to redevelop Johnstown village centre. She outlined the aims of the project which will include public realm enhancements, village plaza, active travel measures and redevelopment of a core area for mixed use. She said the next steps are to develop the plan further and a Part 8 application can then be prepared.

The members raised the following queries:

- The number of housing/ commercial units that will be available
- Very little room for a cycle lane
- Footpaths required as very busy road
- Upkeep and maintenance of area is important with good public lighting and CCTV following completion
- Welcome the plan as the site has been an eyesore for 20 years
- Like to see the Heritage building used as a community space
- Require double yellow lines outside the church
- An increase in heavy traffic going through the village
- What is the timeframe from concept to implementation.

The members were advised that the site is 1.7 acres in which the Council has acquired. The issues raised by the members will be considered. The



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site forms part of an application submitted under the URDF fund. Consultants will have a design completed and bring a proposal to the members in Quarter 3. The aim is to create a civic space incorporating the heritage building and mixed building uses.

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

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- **Cllr Alan Lawes** thanked the Council for their assistance in clearing debris from the Priory/ Johnstown Peoples Park, some debris remaining, if it could be removed. - will get removed.
- **Cllr Alan Lawes** referred to Boyne-view Estate where 2 large trees need assessment as they look dead and in danger of falling during a storm – will assess trees and decide if there is an issue and need removing.
- **Cllr Pádraig Fitzsimons** referred to potholes outside Woodlands and road deteriorating between Tabor House and Lidl- will repair potholes, contractor due in this year to complete works under the Active Travel project.
- **Cllr Pádraig Fitzsimons** enquired if the road could be resurfaced once the bridge is repaired at Tankardstown – Donaghpatrick village to Silver Tankard on the road works programme.
- **Cllr Pádraig Fitzsimons** requested the clearing of drains into Abbeylands Crescent and double yellow lines at Aylesbury Lodge need repainting- will look at these.
- **Cllr Francis Deane** requested the removal of trees in Silverlawns as roots destroying the footpath. Incorrect variety of trees being planted- will assess trees and decide if they need to be removed.



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- **Cllr Eddie Fennessy** referred to the yellow box to be repainted at Beechmount entrance on the Trim Road where the road was resurfaced.
- To snag with contractor and put in markings.
- **Cllr Fennessy** enquired on update for the footpath at St Mary's. – Works due to start at St Marys Park to Clonmaggadon Road.
- Referred to the potholes in the Abbey Road carpark – will patch up.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin

"To ask how much consultancy fees amounted to in 2022 for all projects specific to Navan Municipal District."

Response:

Project	Consultancy Fees
Transportation Projects to include all Active Travel Schemes	€1,731,757
Corporate / Assets Projects	€50,226
Navan CCTV Scheme Part VIII Application	€5,816
Construction of Changing Facilities and Toilets at Blackwater Park	€48,873

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive for an update on plans to upgrade the Blackwater Park and if any of the following are part of the council's long-term plan:

- A bandstand/outdoor auditorium;

- An off-leash dog walking section;



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- A skate park;

- The introduction of a bye-laws to permit the sale of coffee & foodstuffs?"

Response:

Any further development within Blackwater Park will be dependent on the availability of funding.

The Transportation and Community departments are currently examining the operation of other off-leash dog walking areas and updates will be provided in due course. The casual trading byelaws are currently being reviewed with the potential to include other locations, including Blackwater Park, which would facilitate the sale of coffee/foodstuffs in the park.

The response was noted.

5.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"When will the double yellow lines be installed in Old Johnstown Village, outside Crew Barbers/High Maintenance, directly opposite the church (L5050); to improve safety of road users and pedestrians?"

Response:

Subject to approval from An Garda Síochána, new road markings will be installed at the time of the road resurfacing works due to take place this summer.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy



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"To ask the Executive to include the resurfacing of roads and the provision of speed ramps on the Belcourt Estate on the three-year roads programme or other such scheme."

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

Belcourt Estate will be assessed for the requirement for re-surfacing works and traffic control measures. Subject to the findings of the technical reports, it can be added to the Housing Estate Programme of works. The implementing of any measures will be subject to suitability and the available resources and funding.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **CLlr Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **CLlr Pádraig Fitzsimons**.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to relocate the pedestrian crossing from L5050 Old Johnstown Village to Kilcarne Road, directly opposite the village veterinary clinic. This will blend in with the regeneration of the derelict site. Local residents have flagged concerns about its present location."

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

Work will be done to develop the conceptual design previously undertaken which will look at, inter alia, permeability and Active Travel Links to Johnstown Village as well as improving the public realm around the village centre. In relation to Active Travel Links the NTA allocated €50,000 in 2023 to start looking at a cycle scheme to connect the wider area to Johnstown Village. In addition, work to examine the public realm in the village will consider the needs of road users, and particularly the needs of pedestrians, including the optimum locations for pedestrian crossing facilities. The Transportation section is of the view that the existing crossing is on a desire line for residents of Cill Foireann and the Oldtown Road wishing to access shops, take-aways and services and that moving the crossing at this moment would be premature pending the design of the public realm scheme and a more pedestrian friendly layout for the junction of the Oldtown Road and the L5050.



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The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Cllr Francis Deane** and seconded by **Cllr Padraig Fitzsimons**.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I propose that Meath County Council reinstate the (previously much used) goal posts and soccer nets on the green area in Woodlands estate which were removed to facilitate construction work. Woodlands estate in the charge of the local authority.”

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

The reinstatement of the goalposts will be assessed in relation to suitability and available funding.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Cllr Francis Deane** and seconded by **Cllr Padraig Fitzsimons**.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

“I call on the Local Authority to convene with all necessary Departments to carry out all necessary works to include roadworks, repairing walls, fencing, cutting back of scrub and car parking facilities at the Bridge of the Boyne, Stackallen in order to bring it back to its former glory.”

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

Pothole repairs have taken place during the last week of February. The road resurfacing will be addressed under future roadworks programmes. Replacement road signs have recently been put in place also.

There are allocated parking spaces at the bridge which could be extended if suitable funding is identified. The stone wall will be assessed, and any possible repair works could be considered under the Boyne Blueway/Greenway works.



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Cllr Reilly introduced the motion and acknowledged that some work has taken place. He said he'd like to see a plan in place to bring the area back to its former glory.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Cllr Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Cllr Padraig Fitzsimons**.

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 27th January 2023.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting minutes of the 7th of February 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

The following issues were raised:

- **Cllr Deane** asked for an update on the Parklets within the Town- advised will correspond with applicants informing of the regulations, should they wish to retain the parklet a S254 licence and fee will be required.
- **Cllr Fitzsimons** enquired when the greenway to Navan will be completed and where does it commence from – advised the entire Greenway from Navan to Nobber is due to be completed August 2023 which will link into Blackwater Park.
- **Cllr Fitzsimons** stated that there is no bus service up Flowerhill due to no bus stops. Suggested a bus stop at Fox's.
- He referred to pedestrians walking along the Borallion to bus stops which is unsafe.
- **Cllr Lawes** commended Cllr Fitzsimons on the St Patricks day parade and to Cultur on the launch of their Anti-racism plan.



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- **Cllr Fennessy** stated that the GAA need to provide stewards on match days to direct traffic to car parks – advised that GAA is involved and working well regarding traffic management and where parking is available.
- **Cllr Fennessy** encouraged the members to attend the Navan Men's Shed open day on Friday in Claremont

The members were updated on structural works required to Kilcarn Bridge. The works are scheduled to commence from 27th March for 2 weeks, with the road closed during this time which may cause traffic delays.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára