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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10:00 a.m., 19th April 2023, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Councillors Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Tommy Reilly, and Emer Tóibín.

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Yemi Adenuga.

Absent/apologies: Councillor Alan Lawes

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 22nd March 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of March 2023 were proposed by Councillor Francis Deane and seconded by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons

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 Annemarie Blake, Navan.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Corporate Services

- 4.1.1 To note details of recipients for the MD Awards night Thursday, May 11th, 2023.

The members noted the nominations and agreed to remove the Navan Arch Club as it was premature at this time.

4.2 Transportation

- 4.2.1 To update the Members on progression of 'Safe Routes to School' programme for St Stephen's NS, Johnstown, Navan.

Paul McKeon, SE, Transportation provided an update on the **Safe Routes to School programme** as follows:

- An Taisce Green-Schools coordinates the Safe Routes to Schools programme working with schools and the local authorities.
- Schools apply to the Scheme for inclusion. The programme aims to support active travel to school (walking and cycling).
- The programme is funded by the Department of Transport through the National Transport Authority.
- St. Stephen's National School, Johnstown, Navan has been selected by An Taisce for this round.
- Jacobs have been appointed as the technical consultant and have completed the preliminary design and met with the schools in developing the proposed design.
- The proposed works will be progressed under Section 38 "Traffic calming



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measures” of the Roads Act 1994 which has a public consultation element, and possibly Part 8 will be required for some parts.

- Funding has been allocated by the NTA and it is expected construction works will commence over the summer months when the schools are closed.

The members raised the following:

- Referred to Beechdrive and Millbrook estates and requested a gate to deter children from jumping the wall in the estate- advised that this will be reviewed as part of the overall scheme
- Roundabout needs to be tightened – advised that there will be modifications to the roundabout to link up north and south roads.
- Enquired if there is a budget for an awareness campaign to encourage pupils to cycle to school and in particular female pupils. - advised that An Taisce have a School Liaison Officer who will be liaising with the school to promote cycling.
- Ideal time to engage with the schools on an awareness campaign on cycling – advised that under the programme the schools are the lead on the project.
- Requested a copy of the map layout.

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

The report circulated in advance was noted with the members raising the following:

- Enquired if the footpath being replaced on Kilcarn bridge is concrete- to confirm this with the members.
- Commended on the re-instatement works completed outside the Ardboyne hotel and works at Kilcarn Bridge
- Enquired if the footpaths in Cairnhill estate be repaired as in a bad state.



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- Potholes on the Robinstown to Shanco road and the Rathholden Road To Randalstown.
- Dog fouling signs requested by residents' groups.
- Double yellow lines on left side in Aylesbury lodge require repainting.
- Tree has fallen in the green area of Aylesbury lodge estate and impacting the wall.
- Issue with drains and water lodging outside driveways in Abbeylands Crescent.
- Difficulty for buses turning the corner outside Tierney's shop/AIB due to the roadworks, could this be looked at to allow for more turning room.
- Can the street sweeper clean the Old Kilcarn road to Metges road.
- Update on when works will start on footpath behind St Olivers school – advised on works programme and due to start this year.
- Referred to the exit from the filling station at Blackcastle which is dangerous and confusing- advised reviewing the entire junction at this location.
- Enquired when the yellow box at Beechmount will be completed.
- Referred to the cutting of the green area in St Benildus Villas – advised that the council does not cut grass here.
- Enquired when the grass will be cut at Claremont – advised that grass cutting has just commenced.
- Referred to when works will start on footpath in St Mary's Park- advised contractor will start soon once they have completed works in other areas.
- Update on Garlow Cross park and ride- this is in the Ashbourne MD area.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive for a schedule of planned road resurfacing in estates during 2023".

Response:

Road resurfacing is planned to be carried out on areas in the following estates.

Athlumney Village,
St. Brigid's Villas,
Ashbrook,
Beechmount,



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Moatville

St. Columbus Crescent.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"What is the status of installation of a traffic calming ramp in Ferndale."

Response:

No ramps have been installed in Ferndale at this stage, and there are no immediate plans to do so.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"I call on the Executive to install safety barriers at each side of the pedestrian crossing, at the bus stop side of the roundabout outside Johnstown Shopping Centre, along Metges Road."

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

Metges Road as a whole project will be assessed for operational and functionality when a decision is finalised on the Dunville Rd and L-5050 Rd. Following this, a technical survey of the pedestrian crossings at Super Valu will be assessed for future works."

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

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy



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"I call on the Executive to carry out remedial resurface road works at the entrance of the Limekiln Wood Estate."

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

Limekiln Wood Estate is not currently in the charge of Meath County Council. Works on this development can't take place until the taking in charge process is complete.

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

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Meath County Council erect road safety awareness signage on R153 approach road to the viaduct bridge, Athlumney, in both directions, so as to inform HGV drivers of the height of the bridge. "

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

There are restricted headroom warning signs in advance of the bridge in both directions, and there is a regulatory height restriction sign fixed above the arch of the bridge on each side of the bridge. These signs indicate the height restriction (4.61m), and goalposts are also attached to the bridge to indicate the width over which the clearance height is available.

Approaching from the east (Johnstown), the warning sign is located near the entrance to Athlumney Close, and approaching from the west (Navan), there is a sign located at the junction with Boyne Road and another one approximately 20m after that. These signs are in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual and no further signs are required.

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



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7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3rd March 2023.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC of 24th March 2023.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

The members raised the following:

- Update on the safety crossing on the national road – advised that the equipment has been purchased and awaiting authorisation from the TII to install.
- Potholes on the Farganstown Road – will include in works programme.
- Enquired if sweeping brushes could be used where the street sweeper could not access – advised that new methods for cleansing streets is being looked at.
- Requested the path from Simonstown to Proudstown be included for repairs. - to include in works.
- Referred to the kerbing in St Finian's Cemetery and if it could be looked at – to look at and revert.
- Can the gates be closed into St Finian's Cemetery as there is anti-social behaviour with cars being used - gates have already been replaced several times, will liaise with environment section on the issue.
- Commend on the works carried out on the walls on the Athlumney road and Commons Road.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

An Meára