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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

11:00 a.m., 17th May 2023, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Councillors Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Alan Lawes, Emer Tóibín, and Yemi Adenuga

Councillors Present via Zoom: none.

Absent/apologies: Councillor Tommy Reilly

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Deputising Elaine Daly SEO

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: DoS Martin Murray

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19th April 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th of April 2023 were proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Martin Smith, Gerrardstown, Navan



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Robinstown soccer club on winning the junior leinster finals.
- Navan road club on bringing the Ras Na hEireann to Navan.
- Opening of the Greenway from Navan to Wilkinstown
- Get well wishes were extended to PJ Nolan, Navan Road Club

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Corporate Services

4.1.1 To approve the following resolution for Navan Sport and Leisure Company.

“Having been satisfied that there is no need for the continuation of the Company and having noted that all statutory Returns have been filed up to date on behalf of the Company and that the Company has no Assets or Liabilities we the Directors resolve to voluntarily Wind Up the Company and that all necessary steps are taken to do so”.

The resolution for Navan Sport and Leisure Company was proposed by Cllr Emer Toibin and seconded by Cllr Francis Deane.

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

The allocations submitted in advance were noted.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 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 Ratholdron Court.

James Kiernan, Executive Architect, gave a short presentation on the proposed development.



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The members raised the following queries:

- Block 3 is part of the existing green area, concerned that a green area is being built on.
- How high are the units in Block 3 as they may have a visual impact on existing residents.
- Not opposing housing, need to take residents' concerns into consideration for Block 3.
- The area being developed is zoned residential and scrub land which has never been used.
- Residents willing to work with council but have concerns.

The officials advised on the following:

- The area being developed is zoned residential and not a green space.
- Block 3 is two storey and in line with the surrounding units.
- Any amendments to the scheme will require a special meeting.
- Variations to the scheme will set it back by months as funding is from the Department and any variations will have to be re-submitted to the department for approval.
- The residents' concerns have been considered in accordance with the planning regulations.
- The 15% green area density is consistent with the current planning guidelines, the department are proposing to reduce this to 10%.
- The members were advised that if they wish to call a special meeting, it must be arranged in accordance with the Municipal District Standing Orders.

The members were invited to attend the launch of the Rás Na hEireann Cycle Race on Ludlow Street. The meeting was suspended at 11.20am on the proposal of **Cllr Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Cllr Yemi Adenuga**. The meeting resumed at 11.46am.

4.3 Transportation

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



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

- Commended the outdoor crew on their work and thanked them for the weeding in Johnstown.
- Referred to litter picking in Johnstown and suggested that the local group will do an alternative day to the council once they are known when litter picker coming.
- Verge cleaning required right hand side of Metges Road to Johnstown Village.
- Enquired if the weed spraying uses chemicals – advised that it's a no-mix chemical base for the streetscape.
- Referred to Kennedy Place and when the seating and shrubs will be installed – will find out.
- Referred to the tidy towns applying for a grant to purchase a foam machine to steam clean away weeds – advised similar one used in Kells MD, some issues around Health & Safety, traffic management, weeds grow back quicker.
- Referred to rubbish dumped in Metges Lane.
- Asked that the sweeper go to Bakery Lane – advised that a new electronic sweeper is currently on trial.
- Sweeper required in Old Johnstown village.
- Welcomed the upgrade of equipment in the Blackwater playground.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"What is current status of the rolling out of CCTV in the Navan area.?"

Response:

The preparation of the application to the Garda Commissioner is being finalised. A copy has been forwarded to the relevant person in Navan Station for review. It is hoped to formally submit the application to the Garda Commissioner in Q2 2023 for a decision.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion



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6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to install yellow box markings on R153 Kentstown Road at entrance to Orchard Estate and Athlumney Castle due to huge volumes of traffic currently resulting from closure of Convent Road."

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

Yellow box will be re-applied as soon as contractor available. Road markings were removed /covered when the road was resurfaced.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Meath County Council resurface a section of Road at St Benilda's Villas where there are significant flooding problems, outside house numbers 33-37."

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

Meath County Council will survey and assess the section of road in St Belindus Villas and the drainage system to determine the scale of works required. Subject to the findings and if funding is available, it can then be added to the 3 yr. Housing Estate Programme.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"I call on MCC to review what rapid build solutions can be implemented to enable safe access to and from the BVLC Greenway as well as connecting it to local businesses in the town until the LDR4 road is opened."



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

Meath County Council's Active Travel Section are currently liaising with the LDR4 Project Team in an effort to expedite the delivery of the linkages from the Greenway to the Blackwater Park and the Navan cycle network.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

Cllr Adenuga commended the Active Travel team on the opening of the greenway. She asked that a review of the plan to connect Navan to the greenway be completed so that Schools and Businesses be connected which will reduce traffic and children could cycle to school. She requested that a review of rapid build initiatives be looked at, as a solution to connect the greenway to Navan.

Members requested that an engineer from the Active Travel team attend next meeting.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"I call on Meath County council to install benches and bicycle repair stations along the BVLC greenway to enhance the experience of users."

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

The provision of benches and bicycle repair stations along the BVLC greenway is currently being considered and will be delivered as part of future projects to enhance the greenway experience.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin



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"To ask Meath County Council to pilot the creation or reassignment of "neurodiversity" parking spaces across Navan town as a courtesy space for use by those with sensory disability (as done by Dublin City Council in Sandymount) to locate these spaces at key locations like Navan library and local schools, to install "neurodiversity friendly" signage in public spaces to increase awareness and acceptance of neurodivergent people and to support "neurodiversity Navan" in its campaign to make Navan a neurodiverse-friendly town, one that is inclusive and welcoming to all."

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

Meath County Council commend increasing awareness and displaying support for neurodiversity however the marking of parking spaces with a logo is not effective in facilitating access to parking on courtesy spaces.

Meath County Council contacted Dublin City Council's Parking Enforcement. Their advice was a local group in Sandymount initiated marking spaces with a logo design representing neurodiversity. Dublin City Council gave consent to use this space at Tesco and it is a pilot in the Sandymount area. This space continues to be used as a regular pay and display space and Parking Patrol Officers cannot prevent parking by all vehicles in this courtesy space.

Meath County Councils parking enforcement service cannot reserve any courtesy spaces for drivers or passengers with sensory disabilities. This would require voluntary co-operation from drivers. There are no national parking regulations to create an offence for use of courtesy spaces for neurodiversity. This neurodiversity symbol or logo is not recognised in any parking regulations. The current regulations prohibit parking in a disabled bay without displaying a valid permit which facilitates drivers and passengers with mobility disabilities. These permits are issued by Irish Wheelchair Association.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Emer Toibin** and seconded by **Yemi Adenuga** was noted.

Cllr Toibin enquired if parking spaces and signage were provided for people with neurodiversity, that this would increase a greater awareness of the condition. She suggested that the council could lead out on this campaign by providing some spaces within the town. It was suggested putting a space at Buvinda.



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Members were advised that the council will consider a space at Buvinda House and work with the Transport Section on the matter.

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 31st March 2023.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the Draft Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC Meeting Minutes of the 20th of April 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

7.3 To note the Draft Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC minutes of 25th April 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

Members raised the following queries:

- Update on the Flowerhill Regeneration scheme and Johnstown Community lands
- Reminder of the Diversity and Inclusion training for members on May 23rd
- Complemented on all the repair works to potholes and grass cutting.
- Mark Brady, Navan who has worked with the Tarrahumara Indian Tribe and recently retired would like to make a presentation as a thank you to the members.
- Residents welcomed the work to the wall at Millbrook and Birchill.
- Reminder on grass cutting with signs indicating “No Mow May”.
- Referred to the ESB poles in green area in Robinstown and await the ESB to install.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach