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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10.25a.m., 21st June 2023, Navan Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: none.

Absent/apologies: Councillor Alan Lawes and Yemi Adenuga

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 17th May 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of May 2023 were proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**.

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 David McAteer who died tragically in a farming accident.

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The family of the late Tommie Coleman, Clogherboy, Navan.

Congratulations was extended to:

- Ellen Vaughan, Kilberry, overall winner at the Teagasc/FBD student of the year young farmers, awards
- Fiona Brady, Navan Arch Club, representing Team Ireland in the Special Olympics.
- Leaving Cert Students on completing their exams.

4 Presentation from Mark Brady (Tarahumara) to Navan MD members.

Mark Brady thanked the members for all their support over the last 30 years whilst working in Mexico. The members commended him on his work with the tribe where he put Navan on the map. Mark presented the members with gifts from the Tarahumara tribe and a copy of his book, "Living on the Edge".

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

- 5.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of total land 0.0006Ha zoned A1 Existing Residential.

On the proposal of **Cllr Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Cllr Francis Deane**, the members agreed in principle to the disposal.

- 5.2 Agreement in principle for the disposal of total land 0.0020Ha and is zoned A2 New Residential

On the proposal of **Cllr Emer Toibin** and seconded by **Cllr Francis Deane**, the members agreed in principle to the disposal.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Planning

- 6.1.1 To consider taking in charge of the following estates and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and the Planning and Development Act 2000-2022.

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- **Boyne View, Navan**

On the proposal of **Cllr Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Cllr Emer Toibin** the members agreed to the taking in charge of **Boyne View**, Navan and the making of a declaration that the roads within this development shall be public roads.

- **Gort Fionnbarra, Navan**

On the proposal of **Cllr Francis Deane** and seconded by **Cllr Tommy Reilly** the members agreed to the taking in charge of **Gort Fionnbarra**, Navan and the making of a declaration that the roads within this development shall be public roads.

- **Millbrook, Navan**

On the proposal of **Cllr Emer Toibin** and seconded by **Cllr Francis Deane** the members agreed to the taking in charge of **Millbrook**, Navan and the making of a declaration that the roads within this development shall be public roads.

The members welcomed the taking in charge of these estates and requested an update on the Priory and Carnhill and progression on other estates for the July meeting.

6.2 Corporate Services

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

The allocations circulated in advance were noted.

6.3 Transportation

6.3.1 To receive an update on the Flowerhill Regeneration Scheme.

Nicolas Whyatt SE, Transportation gave an update on the proposed Road scheme at Flowerhill Abbeylands,. He said consultants have been engaged to prepare details for proposed options with the emerging preferred option now being finalised. He advised that the final option can be presented to the members in September/October and said that construction will take 18 months once the works commence.



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Martin Murray, DoS gave an update on the entire Flowerhill regeneration scheme where it is proposed to develop the triangle site recently acquired by the council between Flowerhill and Abbeylands. He advised that expressions of interest will be sought to deliver proposed elements of the overall objectives as identified in the current action plan. He said that he would update the members at a later date on progress.

6.3.2 To receive a presentation on the Navan Bike Rental Scheme.

Peadar Golden, Manager Tier Ireland provided an overview of TIER as a Global micro-mobility leader. TIER is now live in Ireland since last year in Fingal County Council, Limerick and Dublin City University. TIER will now launch a 12-month trial in Navan which will include 25 pedal bikes, 25 e-bikes and 2 e-cargo bikes within a designated operating area.

The members had the following queries:

- If battery runs out, how heavy will e-bike be to pedal – 40 kilos and heavy to pedal.
- What is the max speed an e-bike can do – it is capped at 25km/h with progressive electric assistance.
- Is there an option for an annual pass or pay by usage – one can pay per use and looking at a monthly pass.
- What are the charges for each bike - €1.50 for 30 minutes on the e-bikes and €1 for a pedal bike, a day pass for users for longer periods.
- How many KM's will battery stayed charged for – up-to 36kms.
- Can you cycle outside the designated areas - fined if you go outside the designated area, looking at spaces to locate bikes in residential areas.
- How are bikes maintained – contract to maintain 24/7.
- Are e-scooters allowed on footpaths – no, will be able to detect by sensors if on footpaths. E-scooters are being made legal through legalisation. No regulations in place to wearing a helmet.
- Members advised that as this is a pilot project, will be trying to understand the market and demand for cycling into town centre from housing estates. Can expand the designated areas if demand is there.

6.3.3 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 the following raised:

- Commended on works in removing the recent graffiti.
- Update on pedestrian crossing for St Pat's School – advised awaiting formal permission from the TII to install, it will be in prior to schools re-opening.
- Update on speed monitoring in Robinstown and can a copy be circulated – report complete and can circulate this.
- When can sweeper go to Johnstown village – new sweeper arriving next week so on the list, will have an electric pedestrian sweeper on trial for a month.
- Tarmac lifted around bollard at Credit Union end of Kennedy place plaza- will look at this.
- Potholes on the Rathholden and Ardraccon roads- to put on list of works.
- How will the new surface be cleaned on Kennedy plaza- looking at sourcing a specialised machine to clean countywide plazas.
- Some of the trees in Kennedy Plaza are dropping a sticky resin onto cars and surface area – older trees located here so will review these.

7 Notice of Question

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“What is the current status of proposed works to build a footpath on the Boyne Road linking the new Rowleys Lock Estate with the end of the footpath at Glenveigh Estate, to accommodate safe pedestrian access to Navan Town?”

Response:

The Developer is required to make a contribution towards the provision of footpaths and cycle paths to facilitate the development. The Council intend utilising the levy the developer is conditioned to pay to provide same.'

The response was noted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

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"To ask the Executive if the introduction of a clamping system is under consideration in Navan, to deal with illegal parking on Taxi, disability and public transport spaces in the town."

Response:

Currently Meath County Council is not considering the introduction of clamping in Navan or any of the paid parking towns in the County. We have a contract in situ for the operation & maintenance of our paid parking which includes traffic warden services. The Traffic wardens are vigilant on observing and issuing fines for illegal parking on taxi disability and bus bays during patrol hours.

Members of the public can report illegal parking in taxi ranks, disabled parking and bus bays by contracting Meath County Council's Customer services or Parking@meathcoco.ie

Illegal Parking outside hours of paid parking patrol is responsibility of An Garda Síochána.

The response was noted.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin

"Can Meath County Council outline improved safety measures that will address the safety concerns of residents of Emmet Terrace, Navan including the option of one way vehicular traffic through the estate exiting from the Brews Hill side?"

Response:

The District Engineer will review this issue and will meet with the Resident Association to discuss their concerns.

The response was noted.

8 Notice of Motion

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin

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“That Meath County Council recognises the major traffic congestion crisis in Navan town; that there is a cost to the economic and social life of the people of the town because of the traffic congestion, that a comprehensive analysis be carried out to resolve this traffic congestion and the necessary solutions be put in place.”

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

Traffic in Navan is continuously monitored. It is acknowledged that from time-to-time faults occur at the signalised junctions, but these are relatively rare and are typically responded to within a few hours. Significant time is provided to the observation and management of traffic in the town, including the employment of the traffic management system, SCATS to manage traffic. Meath County Council continue to monitor the traffic control in Navan and make small changes, however the capacity of the road network at peak times is the limiting factor as opposed to the traffic management system.

As the town works are completed and traffic patterns are bedded in, the entire traffic control system of Navan will be monitored and adjusted to improve efficiency within its capacity.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Eimear Toibin and seconded by Francis Deane. The other members did not support the motion.

Martin Murray DOS suggested updating the members on the implementation of Navan 2030 project at a later date.

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to make safe the pedestrian walkway at Ashling Place, in the vicinity of Blackcastle S.C, which links to the Clusker Park laneway. I would suggest a raised pedestrian crossing together with warning signage. Many elderly residents use this walkway on a daily basis to do their shopping and visit the local church, Post office etc.”

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

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Meath County Council will undertake an assessment of the area for pedestrian crossings, footpath conditions and the best use of available infrastructure in the locality. Please note part of the area is under the care of a management company.

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

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I propose that Meath County Council erect bollards on the footpath outside of the Silverlawn Estate where motorists exit onto the Ratholdron Road, Navan side, as vision is obstructed due to cars parked on the corner of the roadside."

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

This junction has been assessed and a plan of works is in place for erecting flexi hi-visibility bollards on the Town side of the junction to help with the sightlines for exiting the Silverlawns Estate.

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

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To propose the installation of filter lights on the traffic lights at the Commons Road junction with Clogherboy and the Dan Shaw Road."

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

A review will be carried out on the subject junction to determine if additional filter lanes required to facilitate the provision of filter lights can be accommodated within the existing junction geometry.

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

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To propose the completion of the speed ramp installation on the Tuberciaire Meadows Estate and the installation of footpaths with pedestrian crossings on the Old Athlumney Road used to access the Tuberciaire Meadows Estate".

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

Tuberciaire Meadows is not in charge. The Active Travel section will review the footpath and crossings on the Old Athlumney Road and revert to the Councillors.

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

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

"I propose that Meath County Council discuss disability parking in the town centre area and where we can improve on it whilst works on Navan 2030 are ongoing."

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

The Parking Section have reviewed the disability parking spaces in the Town Centre in context of the current Navan 2030 works. Meath County Council will discuss options with the design team for improvements to the signage and access to disability parking spaces whilst the works are ongoing.

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

Cllr Fitzsimons said that a review of the disability spaces available is required. There's a need to look at where the services are and to designate the spaces outside and/or close

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to this service. He said that the spaces should be identified with signage and colour coded to make the public more aware of them.

8.7 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

“I propose that Meath County Council discuss the increased levels of graffiti on public and private property in the town, taking in the cleaning or erasing of it and any assistance we can give to property owners to help them with same.”

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

Navan MD Operations and maintenance are planning a programme of works for cleaning and removal of graffiti on public property in the coming weeks.

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

Cllr Fitzsimons suggested having a paint scheme for shop or commercial owners to paint over graffiti. He referred to having a street or lane designated for murals similar to Metges lane.

8.8 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin

“To ask the Council to consider providing a designated area within Navan town centre where appropriate graffiti activity can take place after the current spate of illegal activity through collaboration with Gardaí is brought to an end.”

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

Meath County Council will review and revert back with suggested locations that might be suitable for painting of murals/graffiti.

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

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

9.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 5th May 2023.

The minutes were noted.

9.2 To note the Protocol Committee minutes of 31st March 2023.

The minutes were noted.

10 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11 Any Other Business

- Works and the traffic management on the Kilcarn bridge were commended.
- Part 8 procedures were raised.
- Loose stones on the Boyne Road near the cemetery.
- Issue with the Eircom cover on the Ratholden road.
- Hoarding at a site on Metges Lane has fallen, could a derelict site notice be issued.
- Repair to sections of the footpath on the Clonmagadden road required.

This concluded the business at 12.20pm

Signed:

An Meára