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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10:00 a.m., 12th July 2023, Navan Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Emer Tóibín

Absent/apologies:

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 Annual Meeting held on 21st June 2023.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 21st June **2023** were proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21st June 2023.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st June 2023 were proposed by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Michael Moriarty, Bohermeen.

Congratulations were extended to the Special Olympics team on their achievements.

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

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.2095Ha at Macetown. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of 10.1852 Ha. of lands at Liscartan. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

- 5.1.1 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.

- Athlumney Close, Navan

This was agreed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To consider the draft Meath Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).



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Fiona Fallon SEO gave a presentation on the LECP and outlined the objectives and actions that will support the economic development and the local and community development of County Meath over the next six years. She said that the economic elements will guide and support the economic development role of the local authority and is developed by the Economic Development SPC with the Community elements developed by the LCDC. She advised that the next steps are the consideration of the draft LECP by each MD and the Eastern Midland Regional Assembly with the integrated LECP to be adopted by Full Council in Quarter 4.

The members raised the following:

- What groups participated in the consultation- advised that consultation took place on the high-level goals between October and December last year. Engaged with groups online, by Instagram, met with focus groups i.e migrants, Cultur, FRC's, LGBTI, youth groups including consulting with a local National School.
- Would like a copy of the draft plan- draft copy was circulated in June.
- What's the process for the review of the LECP – Department to provide guidelines. We will assess how actions are delivered, if successful and their benefits. The new census data will feed into the review and may need consultation with agencies and the public on the review.
- How will we know if successful- there are metrics set out on how actions are delivered.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** to proceed to the next stage of the process.

5.3 Housing

- 5.3.1 To receive details on the process to be followed for social housing developments carried out under the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023, and the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Act 2022

Corrina Elder SE Housing gave an update on the amendments to planning legislation that came into effect on 8th March 2023. Legislation is inserted under section 179A of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2022 to provide a temporary exemption for local authorities from the 'Part 8' "own development" approval process to construct housing developments on both local authority and designated State-owned lands which are zoned residential use.



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She advised there is no public consultation process but there is a notification process by way of a site and newspaper notice to inform interested parties of the intention to undertake the development. This process is mandatory for local authorities and all development works must commence no later than 31st December 2024.

The members referred to the new process as it will speed up the delivery of housing units.

- 5.3.2 To receive a report in accordance with the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023, and the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Act 2022, giving notice of Meath County Council's intention to construct a social housing development on local authority owned land at **New Lane, Abbeylands, Navan**

Paul Barrell SEE, Housing updated the members on the proposed housing development at New Lane. He said that the development will consist of five, one bed bungalows for older persons with mobility issues with the derelict house at the front which is a protected structure will be a 2-bedroom house for a family.

The members welcomed the scheme and raised the following:

- Residents may have concerns regarding the access from Abbeylands Crescent - advised not aware of any issues and the planning section is satisfied with this access route. The pedestrian access route will be from the new lane.
- Is there a communal area for the residents – advised that the green areas will be communal.
- Will need to be gated to prevent any anti-social behaviour.
- Need good lighting within the estate to deter any anti-social behaviour.
- Improvement scheme needed for Abbeylands crescent to lift the entire area.

Members were advised that permeability is encouraged and can be gated should the need arise. The regeneration of Flowerhill will uplift the entire area.

- 5.3.3 To receive a report in accordance with the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023, and the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Act 2022, giving notice of Meath County Council's intention to construct a social housing development on local authority owned land at **Nangle Court, Clonmaggaden Road, Navan**

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Paul Barrell SEE, Housing updated the members on the proposed housing development at Nangle Court. He said that the development will consist of 12 No. residential own-door two storey duplex apartment units arranged in two blocks with a new landscaped space and access road from the Clonmaggadan Road. The development consists of 4 one bed, 4 two bed and 4 three bed units with good road frontage and open space.

The members welcomed the scheme and raised the following:

- Enquired why the 3 bed units are not downstairs – advised that the criteria are 3 bed roomed upstairs due to a larger floor area. The two beds are designed for persons with limited mobility and need to be on ground floor level.
- Do not agree with pedestrian access into Nangle Court- advised can have access now or at a future date.
- Enquired if the fence should be higher – will check this out and review.
- Referred to the large open space to maintain at Reask estate, a need to look at this for housing - can revert separately on this issue.
- Is there a communal area provided- 15% public open space available and can landscape this area.
- Development very close to the road – take on board proximity to road, a need to retain area for the widening of the road. Units will be away from road with a verge area.
- What is the timeframe for development – hope to be on site by year end.

5.4 Transportation

5.4.1 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws statutory process.

Paul Phelan SEE gave an update on the proposed Special Speed Limit for Housing estates byelaws which were on public display until 7th June 2023. He advised that no objections were received in relation to the proposed byelaws and therefore will proceed to full council for approval.

On the proposal of **Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Cllr Tommy Reilly** the members agreed to proceed as outlined.

5.4.2 To receive update on the next phases of the Navan 2030 project.

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Nicholas Whyatt SE, Transportation gave an update and outlined the scheme overview and the various stages of the contracts.

- Contract 1: Railway Street - complete
- Contract 2: Bridge Street, Ludlow Street, Abbey Road roundabouts - comp
- Contract 3: Kennedy Plaza & Market Square – ongoing to October 2023
- Contract 4: N51 Park and Ride – substantially complete
- Contract 5A: Cornmarket – Autumn 2023
- Contract 5B: Fairgreen, Preston Place & Bakery Lane – Mid 2024
- Contract 6: Trimgate Street – Mid 2025.

The members raised the following with responses:

- Commended the works taking place.
- Referred to some traffic issues during the works.
- Enquired about putting in temporary disability parking spaces as some were removed. - advised will review locations for these.
- Date when buses will use Kennedy Road- buses will use the road from July.
- Enquired about the take up on the park and ride on the N51.- advised that the take up is slow, NTA to review the services for this area.
- Will the left turn onto Circular Road remain- yes, with traffic lights in place.
- Can all buses and taxis travel up Academy Street/ Bridge Street/Ludlow- yes.
- Can a roundabout be installed at the 5th Province/Academy Street junction- advised a signalised junction will operate here.
- Seek clarification when the part 8 for Trimgate street pedestrianisation will be brought to the members. – will start the process in September/ October.
- Referred to the two-way traffic on Railway Street which is working well.
- Will all buses be stopping at Kennedy Road Plaza. – advised yes, with the town bus service using the plaza from October.
- Timeframe for works to commence on Trimgate Street – middle of 2025.
- Timeframe for works to commence on Old Cornmarket, Bakery Lane, and Churchill lanes – advised Autumn 2023 for Cornmarket and mid 2024 Bakery Lane and Churchill Lane.
- Enquired about traffic calming measures on the Rathholden road at the start of the Greenway –A gated system to be installed to slow cyclists down on the greenway.
- Update when the greenway will link to Blackwater Park- advised a contractor to be appointed late summer to commence works on the new link road from the Rathholden road to Kells Road, where the greenway will link in then.

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- Welcome the pedestrianisation of Trimgate Street and works completed on Kennedy Road and Abbey Road.
- Members advised that the presentation will be circulated to them with the new bus routes.

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and the members commended the works taking place.

5.5 Corporate Services

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

The allocations circulated in advance were noted. The members were requested to submit their completed applications in before the end September, where they will be assessed and processed for payment.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Where is the proposed position on Kennedy Road for the relocation of the William Battersby bench?”

Response:

The bench is currently in storage and the intention is to put it back on Kennedy Road, however, the precise location has not yet been agreed. Meath County Council, the designer and the contractor will carry out a walkover survey of the site and agree a suitable location in due course.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

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7.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to install a 'yield and go' junction in Ferndale Estate between the house numbers 12 and 143, where residents have serious health and safety concerns for children who play in this area. Residents are also asking for yellow box markings to be installed at Ratholdron Road Ferndale exit.”

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

A technical assessment will be undertaken of the section of road in the Estate mentioned to determine if traffic calming is required. The Transportation Section will examine the need for a yellow box at the junction in question to determine the extent of queuing at the junction and any lining requirements will be added to future signing and lining programme of works.

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

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Dene

“I propose that, as part of the Flowerhill Regeneration Plan, that Meath County Council erect a mural to commemorate Sir Francis Beaufort, in a suitable location on Flowerhill, the birthplace of Beaufort in 1774.”

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

The Flowerhill Abbeylands Urban Design Plan proposes as part of the plan's placemaking initiatives to recognise Sir Francis Beaufort and his associations to the area through appropriate artworks. It is intended that the frontage improvement scheme project and the streetscape enhancement project will provide same subject to consultation with Meath Arts office and appropriate consents being in place.

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

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 9th June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee minutes of 9th June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 15th June 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

- Members were referred to the nominations being sought for an Economic Forum and advised that the representatives should be highly influential businesspersons. They were advised that the CPG is meeting next week to agree the membership, and this will be reported to the full council meeting.
- The members were advised that a formal invite to Broccostella is to issue inviting the members to visit from 7th to 10th September.
- The members requested that a letter of support from Navan MD issue to the Tara Mines workers who have been temporarily laid off.
- A letter to issue to Minister Humphries requesting that a support package be put in place to assist the Tara Mines workers and their families who have been laid off work.

Meeting concluded at 12.08pm.

Signed:

An Meára



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