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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10:00am, 11th October 2023, Navan Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Yemi Adenuga

Absent/apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Ann Monaghan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13th September 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of September 2023 were proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There was none.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

- Sympathy was extended to:

The family of the late Councillor Damien O'Reilly, Dunboyne

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- The family of the late Dr Francis (Fred) Kenny, Navan
- The family of the late Robin Kane, Emmet Terrace.
- The family of the late Lynsey Smith, Johnstown
- The family of the late David (Davy) Carolan, Beaufort Place.

Congratulations were extended to Dave Tyrrell on running 227km from Navan to Donegal to raise funds for SOSAD and Meath River Rescue.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and the following raised:

- Commended the works in Boyneview, when will it be Taken in Charge- advised that works are being completed to bring it up to a standard to take in charge.
- Update on the pedestrian crossing on the Kells Road- advised that the crossing is in place and line marking and signage to be completed shortly.
- Gullies need to be jetted in Clusker Park- this has been done but will look at it again.
- Stones in wall need to be replaced opposite the Graveyard on the Boyne Road- advised that it's difficult to get a stone mason to repair walls in several areas.
- Safety issues for pupils to Scoil Naomh Eoin with vans parking at the entrance
- Yellow box to Athlumney Hall needs updating- advised on the list.
- Drainage issues at O'Growney Terrace- advised on the list to do.
- Update on the installation of bike racks- advised that racks are being installed in high usage areas.
- Confusion with the app for the town bus service and where to pick up a bus - advised that routes are changing to include new areas.
- Update on pedestrian crossing on Metges Road- advised that this is part of another phase of works.
- A wall to repair in Kilcarn lane- to include on the repairs list.
- Road markings need to be updated at St Patricks Terrace – advised that this is on list.

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- Referred to graffiti on a bridge on the Kentstown road – advised that this is an Irish Rail bridge and they have been notified.
- Referred to a drain in Spireview way – advised that estate is not taken in charge.

4.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

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

The allocations circulated in advance were noted. Members were advised that applications submitted are being processed.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“To provide an update on the number of Social Housing applicants in the Navan Municipal District Area, to be broken down into the number of applicants on the 1,2,3 & 4 bed lists and the average wait time per list that an applicant must wait before they receive an allocation.

RESPONSE

The number of Social Housing applicants in the Navan Municipal District Area, is as follows:

Municipal District	Area	NO.OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM
Navan MD	Bohermeen	9	4	3	2	0
	Castletown	8	3	1	3	1
	Dunderry	5	2	3	0	0
	Navan	1294	630	505	100	59
	Robinstown	3	0	2	0	1
Navan MD Total		1319	639	514	105	61

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Applicants housed directly by Meath County Council in in the Navan area in 2023 had an average waiting time on the housing list as set out in the table below.

Bedroom Need	Years
One -bed	10
Two - bed	8
Three - bed	6

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Cllr Yemi Adenuga

Having logged Bohermeen in the public lighting scheme following my motion to do so in June 2022, what is the update on when this will be delivered to Bohermeen?

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

‘Meath County Council are part of the Eastern Regions Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Programme (ER PLEEP), a consortium of nine Local Authorities to undertake a design and retrofit of all non-LED public lighting lanterns in their administrative areas. The project is currently progressing in Counties Kilkenny and Carlow and are due to be delivered in Meath commencing in March 2024 with Q4 2024 completion. These works include the survey, design to public lighting standards and replacement of existing SOX and SON lanterns with new LED lanterns. The replaced lanterns should provide lighting to current public lighting standards. In relation to provision of additional public lighting in Bohermeen, the scheme has been added to the project list, however, as noted before, there is currently no capital funding allocated for public lighting schemes and all public lighting resources are committed to the essential ongoing maintenance and the ER PLEEP upgrade Scheme.’

The response was noted.

5.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

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With reference to the kiosk due to be relocated on Kennedy Rd on completion of the 20/30 plan of works, and following several questions from interested parties, may I ask if / when the kiosk will be available to rent for a potential local business venture.

REPONSE

The proposed kiosk building (Planning Reference P8/22023) is currently at tender stage for the appointment of design team to undertake the detailed design, tender and construction stage supervision etc. of the proposed kiosk building. It is envisaged that, subject to a successful tender process and funding availability, to commence construction on the kiosk building in Q2/Q3 of 2024. It is noted that a separate tender process would be required for the construction contract, and this has been provided for in the estimated timeline outlined herein. It is currently anticipated that the building would be substantially complete at the latter part of Q4 2024/Q1 2025.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Cllr. Edward Fennessy

"In the interest of providing safe access to a national monument, namely Navan's Medieval Town Walls. I call on the Executive to Prepare a Public Realm Plan for Abbey Road that will make the roads and footpaths around the Medieval Town Walls safe and accessible by constructing wheelchair accessible footpaths, a pedestrian crossing and improved street lighting."

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

'The Navan Town Walls Conservation and Management Plan was published in 2022. The development of a pocket park to present the conserved section of Navan Town Walls in the Council yard is a potential future project identified in the plan. The provision of suitable means of safe public access to the site will form part of the future implementation of the Conservation Management Plan. As the

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yard is currently utilised for operational purposes by Navan MD an alternative suitable site would have to be secured before any project could be advanced. Meath County Council are committed to exploring the feasibility of alternative site locations.'

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

6.2 Submitted by Cllr. Edward Fennessy

"To call on the Executive to approve the provision of a lollipop man/woman at Brews Hill in Navan to enhance the safety of children attending school at the Mercy Convent."

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

Meath County Council do not have the required trained personnel available or any additional resources for this location. There is a designed controlled Pedestrian crossing in place at the location which needs to be adhered by both road users and pedestrians. This is a short-term issue due to the school closing another entrance for construction purposes, the school were conditioned to submit a mobility management to deal with car, cycle parking and pedestrian access as part of their planning approval. This condition was inserted to ensure the safety of their pupils leaving the school grounds."

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

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

I call on Meath County Council, to install Big SLOW signs and BIG 60KM signs on the road stretch along Bohermeen school and the Community Centre, in order help address the issue of over-speeding in the area and to ensure safety of children walking to and from the school and the Community Centre.

RESPONSE

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These road markings have been added to the programme of works for Line Marking 2023

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

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

I call on Meath County Council to install traffic calming ramps on L30409 Ratholdron Road adjacent to Ferndale/Silverlawn entrances and at the Blackwater Abbey entrance.

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

‘Meath Co Council have fitted bollards, yellow boxes, and extra speed warning road markings in the last 12 months on Ratholdren Rd. Additional speed bumps are not an option on this route.

Speed cushions may be an option, but this would need a design review which would need to facilitate the bus type used on this route. Transportation technical team will assess the design specifications and will recommend if this is a viable option in the future. Also, the advancement of the LDR4 Road Project will reduce traffic volumes and speed on the Ratholdren Rd.’

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

Martin Murray advised that the development of the LDR4 road in Q1 next year, will reduce the traffic and speeding on this road. He said that under active travel that the roads and footpaths in this area will be assessed.

6.5 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

I propose that Meath County Council would erect public lighting in St Finian's cemetery to enable people to visit graves during the winter months when daylight hours are limited.

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

The proposal to light graveyards would not be consistent with the Council's energy conservation goals under our Climate Action Strategy or national carbon emission policies. The Meath County Council Public Lighting Section are also conscious of the proliferation of public lighting, and its impact on Biodiversity. Furthermore, it would not be an efficient use of the limited public lighting budgets for capital works.

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

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

- To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st September 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was none.

9 Any Other Business

- Referred to bins required between Preston Place and Dunnes Stores- advised that locations to be identified for these.
- Enquired to who owns the land at St Olivers Church/school as public lighting is required – advised that the parish own this land.
- Requirement for more buses in the early mornings leaving Navan- advised that the council meet with Bus Eireann regularly and can raise these concerns.
- Enquired when the new bus routes will change over – advised that the new routes will take effect from November 5th, 2023, with a campaign in place.



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- Enquired about the speed audit at Robinstown – advised that this is completed and putting in signage and safety bollards outside the school along with road markings.
- Referred to the continuous antisocial behaviour at Millbrook apartments- advised that it can be raised at a JPC meeting to deal with.
- Bins needed from Johnstown to the School campus due to littering.

The meeting concluded at 10.50am

Signed:

An Meára