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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10.00a.m., 18th June 2025, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, **Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons**, presided.

Councillors Present: Francis Deane, Alan Lawes, Pádraig Fitzsimons, John Duffy, Yemi Adenuga

Councillors Present via Zoom: Emer Tóibín

Absent/apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 21st May 2025

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st May 2025 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathies were extended to:

- To the Lanney family on the passing of Marie.
- To the O'Connor family on the passing of Christy.
- To the Power family on the passing of Bernard.
- To the Lynch family on the passing of Peter.
- To the Fagan family on the passing of Jack.
- To the Brennan family on the passing of Mary.

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4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Matters raised by the Members were answered directly by the Executive Engineer.

A general discussion ensued regarding litter issues in the town of Navan. It was noted that Navan had moved from 40th to 28th in the recently published Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) report. Whilst the table is heading in the right direction, Members felt this was not a true reflection of how clean Navan can be at different times of the day.

It was recognised by all Members that the outdoor staff are doing a tremendous job in keeping Navan clean and bins being promptly emptied. However, it was recognised that litter in the town is due to human behaviour. Suggestions on how to combat this issue included:

- Can we contact Naas to find how they do such a good job in this area?
- Can the Council work on a litter campaign to better educate the public?
- Supermac's and McDonalds are litter black spots. Can a letter be written to them on the behalf of the MD outlining our concerns.
- In the coming weeks Members agreed to meet between themselves for the purpose of reinvigorating Navan Tidy Towns. After the meeting Members will contact Meath Partnership, Tus, Irish Learning Network and others to help deal with the issue of littering.

Director, Martin Murray fully supported the Members suggestion and said the council will do their part and mentioned that he has already reached out to Naas. The Meeting Administration team will contact the Environmental Education Officer, to keep her abreast of the above intentions.

4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

This was noted.

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5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"When will the road from the roundabout at Smiths SuperValu Johnstown up to the school campus be renamed Johnstown Wood Avenue (Ascaill Coil Bhaile Eoin), as proposed in a motion last year and in 2013?"

Response:

This motion will be considered by the Commemorative Committee, who will revert to the CPG with their recommendation.

Whilst the question was noted, **Cllr Lawes** would like to know who is on the committee and will it be meeting next?

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"Are there plans in place for Meath County Council to release the SDZ lands on the Proudstown Road, Navan, for new builds?"

Response:

A planning scheme was approved in 2004 for the Clonmagadden SDZ. The current planning scheme remains in place however, having regard to the length of time which has passed since the scheme was approved and changes to planning policy in the interim, it is the intention of Meath County Council together with the current landowner to replace the current planning scheme under the original SDZ Order in order to be consistent with the NPF, RSES, Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 and all relevant Directives and Guidelines. A new SDZ scheme is currently being drafted and shall be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for consideration and approval in Q4 2025.

This was noted

5.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask the council what is the current use of the former Council Chamber on Railway Street, Navan and are there any short or long term plans for the future use or redevelopment of this space?"

Response:

Currently, the building is being utilised by both Meath County Council Staff and under licence to a third party. Any future developments will be in accordance with the development plan.

This was noted

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6.0 Notice of Motions

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council, under the regeneration plan for Old Johnstown Village, to ban all HGVs from driving through the old village."

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

The application of a HGV ban through Old Johnstown Village will be considered as part of the design process for the current village regeneration plan.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes** was agreed.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath County Council to install a pedestrian crossing, complete with Amber Lights, on Metges Road, to be located between the entrance to Boyne View Estate, and the IDA Business Park."

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

The request is noted and will be added to the list of requested works. Given the development proposals on the west side of Metges Road, opposite Prior Park extending south towards the entrance to the IDA Business Park, the Council intend to examine and optimise the number of controlled crossings required to serve pedestrian movements in the area, including passengers using the bus services. The requested crossing will be considered as part of this exercise.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** was agreed.

7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

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8.0 Any Other Business

- Cllr Tóibín asked if there was any correspondence back from the Department in regarding funding the R161 Pathfinder project 2025, to which there was not.
- All Members agreed that not having a Community Centre on the proposed Dunville Community site will be a missed opportunity and it is hoped that their views will be noted when presented back to them for Part VIII consideration.
- Martin Murray confirmed that the Members' concerns and all submissions from the public consultation process will be considered in parallel and any modifications will be brought back before Members via the Part VIII process.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

Signed:

An Méara