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Buvinda House, Dublin Rd., Navan, Co.Meath, C15 Y291

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Annual Meeting

Navan Municipal District

09.30am, 17th June 2026, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Francis Deane, Alan Lawes, Padraig Fitzsimons, John Duffy and Yemi Adenuga.

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/apologies: Emer Tóibín

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Vanessa Lima deputised for Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan, Alison Condra.

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

Assistant Staff Officer: Edita Asaciova

1.0 Election of An Meára

Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons thanked all Members for their hard work over the past twelve months and reflected on how enjoyable, albeit busy, his tenure as An Meára has been. He highlighted several key moments during his term, including the opening of the LDR4, progress and achievements in the Pride of Place competition, and the opening of the Blackwater River pedestrian and cycle bridge. He also noted the success of events such as Africa Day and the Pride Festival, as well as the opening of the Joshua Project. Other notable milestones included the announcement of the Navan Rail Line, Navan's continued success in IBAL and the outstanding ongoing efforts of the Tidy Towns groups and the outdoor staff of Meath County Council, among many others.

Cllr Fitzsimons also highlighted his anticipation for upcoming developments and enhancements, including the Ramparts, Navan Fire Station, Navan Cultural Centre, Fair Green, Páirc Tailteann, and the LDR1, among others.

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Cllr Fitzsimons closed by thanking the Director of Services Mr Martin Murray for his continued hard work and vision for Navan, Area Engineer Mr Shane Durcan and his team and all Administration staff who help in the meetings. Cllr Fitzsimons wished the very best to Cllr Francis Deane in the role of An Meára and complimented his fellow Members to the collaborative approach taken for the development of the MD.

Mr Martin Murray thanked Cllr Fitzsimons for all the work achieved together and welcomed the funding allocation announcement for the LDR1.

There were interventions for **Councillors Francis Deane, Alan Lawes, Padraig Fitzsimons, John Duffy and Yemi Adenuga** expressing their gratitude, appreciation, representation, approachability, commitment and proactiveness by Cllr Fitzsimon in his role of An Meára.

Councillor Francis Deane was proposed by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy.** There were no other proposals. Cllr Francis Deane was elected An Meára. Cllr Deane resumed the role of An Meára.

2.0 Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

An Meára, Cllr Deane thanked Members for their support to his new position. Cllr Deane outlined his priorities will remain focused on the 2030 regeneration plan, Boyne ramparts walkway from Spicers to Stackallen, the redevelopment of Old Johnstown and St. Patrick's old classical school.

Cllr Deane stated he will advocate for increased Garda presence, support for Navan retail to drive an increased footfall and to fast-track awaited community facilities in Johnstown.

Cllr Deane complimented the Director of Services and Area Engineer on all the work achieved and commented on how the infrastructure of Navan has been transformed in the past seven years.

Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy.**

Councillor Yemi Adenuga was proposed by **Councillor John Duffy** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons.**

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As there were two nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach, a roll call vote was taken with the following result:

Councillor	Vote
ADENUGA, Yemi	ADENUGA, Yemi
DEANE, Francis	FITZSIMONS, Padraig
FENNESSY, Eddie	FITZSIMONS, Padraig
FITZSIMONS, Padraig	FITZSIMONS, Padraig
LAWES, Alan	FITZSIMONS, Padraig
DUFFY, John	ADENUGA, Yemi
TÓIBÍN, Emer	Absent

RESULT:

ADENUGA, Yemi - 2 votes

FITZSIMONS, Padraig - 4 votes

Councillor Padrai Fitzsimons was declared elected. **Councillor Fitzsimons** thanked everyone who supported him and was looking forward to working with the Cathaoirleach.

3.0 To agree the 2026-2027 Schedule of Meetings

Municipal District: Navan
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Navan Civic Offices

Date	Meeting Type
Wednesday, 15th July 2026	Ordinary
Wednesday, 16th September 2026	Ordinary
Wednesday, 14th October 2026	Ordinary
Wednesday, 11th November 2026*	Ordinary
Wednesday, 16th December 2026	Ordinary
Wednesday, 20th January 2027	Ordinary
Wednesday, 10th February 2027	Ordinary

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Wednesday, 10th March 2027	Ordinary
Wednesday, 14th April 2027	Ordinary
Wednesday, 19th May 2027	Ordinary
Wednesday, 23rd June 2027	Annual
Wednesday, 23rd June 2027	Ordinary

**The Ordinary meeting on Wednesday, 11th November 2026 will take place at 10.30am to allow for a Pre-Budget meeting at 9.30am.*

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes.**

The meeting concluded at 09.55am

Signed:

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An Méara