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

# *Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes*

## Ordinary Meeting

## Navan Municipal District

## 10.00am, 15th July 2026, Navan Civic Offices

An Mheára, **Councillor Francis Deane**, presided.

**Councillors Present**: Eddie Fennessy, John Duffy, Padraig Fitzsimons & Emer Tóibín.

**Councillors Present via Zoom**:

**Apologies**: Alan Lawes, Yemi Adenuga

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Services**: Martin Murray

**Senior Executive Engineers:** Shane Durcan, Cormac Ross,

**Executive Engineer:** Shane Casserley.

**Meetings Administrator**: Alison Condra

**Staff Officer:** Kate Lomza

**Administrative Officer:** Aisling Buchanan

**Observer:** Mr. Tom Wilson.

**1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 17th June 2026**

Proposed**: Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

Seconded**: Councillor John Duffy**

**2.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 17th June 2026**

Proposed: **Councillor John Duffy**

Seconded: **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

**3.0 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**4.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

The Members wished to express their sympathies to

- The Family of Nancy Smith, Beechmount
- The Family of Sean Keelan, Moatlands
- The Family of Martin Naughton, Stackallen

Congratulations were extended to Navan Tidy Towns and Meath County Council for their excellent performance in the IBAL League. Members gave special mention to Shane Durcan and his team for their good work.

**5.0 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

**5.1** Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0103Ha of land, part of Folio MH33636F, at Bailis, Navan, County Meath. The lands come within the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021 however the LDA has indicated that it does not to wish to acquire them.

Proposed: **Councillor John Duffy.**

Seconded: **Councillor Emer Tóibín.**

**5.2** Agreement in principle to disposal by way of Lease of 0.0020Ha of land in Folio MH18315 at Blackcastle, Navan, County Meath. The lands come within the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021 however the disposal will be subject to no objection from LDA.

Proposed: **Councillor Padraig Fitsimons**

Seconded**: Councillor John Duffy**

**6.0 Statutory Business**

**6.1 Transportation**

**6.1.1** To receive an update on the LDR2(a) road scheme in Navan, which proposes to complete the connection between the R161 Trim Road and the L-3414 Commons Road, and seek approval to put the drawings and associated reports on public display in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations

Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer provided details of the 1.13 km distributor road and active travel scheme. Martin Murray advised that once approved the road would be submitted as a future application for HIIF funding.

**6.1.2** To receive an update on the Proposed Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation Scheme

Consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson provided details of the updated design of the scheme.

Martin Murray outlined that the extent of pedestrian only section has reduced to facilitate entry into private Car parking behind buildings following initial stakeholder engagement. The plans align with Navan 2030 and Navan 2050 vision documents.

Following discussion by the Members concerns were raised regarding private car parks, entry & exit from St. Mary's, loss of parking spaces, funeral traffic and hours of access. All Members stressed the importance of continued engagement with the retailers on the matter.

Cormac Ross outlined the results of independent 3rd party surveys connected to the issues raised by the members.

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

Noted by the Members.

**6.2 Planning**

**6.2.1** To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2026, on the proposed development which will consist of: Extension to No. 5 Claremount Avenue, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 EF8C. Planning Reference (PT8MH352).

Proposed: **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

Seconded: **Councillor John Duffy**

**6.2.2** To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2026, on the proposed development which will consist of: Extension to No. 120 Townparks, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y0X3. Planning Reference (PT8MH353).

Proposed: **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

Seconded**: Councillor Emer Tóibín**

**6.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

**6.3.1** To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Navan Municipal District

Noted by the Members.

**7.0 Notice of Questions**

**7.1 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

*"To ask the Executive for an update on the proposed safety and traffic control measures at the Balreask junction on the Trim Road."*

**Response:**

Meath County Council is exploring a potential future cycle and pedestrian scheme to connect Balreask Manor to Balreask Cross. This project would include upgrading the junction at Balreask Cross. Consultants are working through preliminary design for the proposed scheme. A Part 8 application is to be submitted in Q4 of this year. The delivery of the scheme would be subject to statutory approval, funding availability and competing priorities.

**7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*"Does Meath County Council have any plans to install an outdoor calisthenics exercise area in Blackwater Park?"*

**Response:**

There are currently no plans to install an outdoor calisthenics exercise area in Blackwater Park. Any future proposal will be dependent on identifying a source of funding and assessment of a suitable location(s) with Blackwater Park."

**7.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin**

*"To ask Navan Town Council when we can expect to receive a detailed response to my motion submitted in November 2025 - That the Council undertake a full assessment of the impact and effectiveness of the January 2024 traffic direction changes on Ludlow Street and Bridge Street, including the reversal of traffic flow at the southern end of Market Square, where only buses, taxis, and bicycles are now permitted to travel from Ludlow Street. That this review should also include the rerouting of buses through the town centre, with all elements assessed against their impacts on congestion, pedestrian safety, commercial activity, and overall traffic flow."*

**Response:**

The Council's position remains as per the Supporting Information provided by the Council to the Notice of Motion at the December 2025 meeting. Meath County Council await the results of the ABTA to inform the measures necessary to cater for the

projected plan-led growth of the town

**8.0 Notice of Motions**

**8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*"I call on Meath County Council to erect bollards at Old Athlumney Manor, on the Old Road Athlumney, for a 6-month trial period, in an effort to ease the traffic and facilitate pedestrian usage. This area has experienced huge residential growth in recent years resulting in a significant increase in traffic in addition to a rise in pedestrian footfall."*

Proposed: **Councillor Francis Deane**

Seconded: **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

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

Meath County Council will undertake an assessment of the traffic and pedestrian movements in the vicinity of Old Athlumney Manor and the Old Road, Athlumney, having regard to the significant residential development that has taken place in the area in recent years and the resulting increase in vehicular and pedestrian activity.

As part of this assessment, the Council will examine the feasibility of introducing traffic management measures on a trial basis to address the concerns raised. The options to be considered may include:

1. A One-Way Traffic System
2. A Full Cul-de-Sac Arrangement
3. A Partial Cul-de-Sac Arrangement

The suitability and potential impacts of each option will be evaluated in terms of traffic circulation, road safety, accessibility for residents, emergency service access, and pedestrian amenity.

Given the potential implications for local residents and road users, a public consultation process may also be undertaken to gather stakeholder feedback on the preferred traffic management solution before any trial measures are implemented.

Following completion of the assessment and consultation process, if deemed appropriate, the Council will consider the introduction of a suitable traffic management trial, including the possible installation of bollards for a defined trial period, and will monitor its effectiveness in addressing traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in the area.

**8.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*"I propose that Meath County Council will install a pedestrian crossing from the entrance of Boyne View Estate to the Business Park, Athlumney, on Metges Road."*

Proposed: **Councillor Francis Deane**

Seconded: **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

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

This crossing is already on the list of requested works and will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Schedule of Municipal District Works**.**

**8.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*"That Navan Town Council supports the implementation of Turas Columbanus / Columban Way signage, way markers and interpretation panels along the Navan–Kingscourt Greenway, recognising the unique heritage of St Columbanus, Navan's twinning with Bobbio, and the opportunity to connect Meath to the wider European Columban pilgrimage network, while recognising that pilgrimage tourism remains a hugely underdeveloped and untapped tourism offering in Ireland with significant potential to attract domestic and international visitors seeking walking, heritage, cultural and spiritual experiences, thereby enhancing Meath's cultural profile and supporting sustainable tourism, local businesses and economic development."*

Proposed: **Councillor Emer Tóibín**

Seconded: **Councillor Eddie Fennessy and Francis Deane.**

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

Meath County Council are liaising with Failte Ireland on plans for the Columban Way project. Failte Ireland confirmed that Carlow County Council were the lead authority and that a Feasibility Study had been completed, funded through a Shared Island call. The Tourism team in Meath County Council will follow up with Carlow County Council to see what the intention is for the next stage of this initiative and update Members in due course.

**8.4 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

*"To ask the Executive to include a Pollinator Garden on the design of the new car park planned for installation next to the pedestrian foot-bridge at Bell Hill/Balmoral."*

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

The feasibility of incorporating a Pollinator Garden into the available landscaping areas associated with the proposed car park will be investigated during the design phase.

Proposed: **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

Seconded: **Councillor Francis Deane**

**8.5 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

*"To ask the Executive to assess and repair footpaths on the Leighsbridge Estate on the Commons Road."*

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

Meath County Council will arrange for an assessment of the footpaths within Leighsbridge Estate, Commons Road, to determine their current condition and identify any locations requiring repair or maintenance.

Any remedial works identified as necessary will be considered as part of the Council's ongoing footpath maintenance programme and will be prioritised having regard to the severity of defects, available funding, and resource availability.

Subject to the outcome of the assessment and the availability of budgetary and operational resources, suitable repair works will be scheduled accordingly.

Proposed: **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

Seconded: **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

**9.0 Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

**10.0 Any Other Business**

Matters raised by Councillor Emer Tóibín and Councillor Eddie Fennessy included graffiti on the Convent Road and Parking Plans at the Blackwater Bridge. Members were advised a car park at the south side of the bridge is at detailed design stage while CCTV implementation is imminent**.**

The meeting concluded at 11.28 am

Signed:

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