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***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

# Ordinary Meeting

## Navan Municipal District

## 10.00 am, 16th September 2026, Navan Civic Offices

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

**Councillors Present**: Eddie Fennessy, John Duffy, Padraig Fitzsimons & Alan Lawes.

**Councillors Present via Zoom**: Emer Tóibín, Yemi Adenuga

**Apologies**:

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Services**: Martin Murray

**Senior Executive Engineers:** Shane Durcan

**Meetings Administrator**: Alison Condra

**Staff Officer:** Kate Lomza

### 1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 15th of July 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2026 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes.**

### 2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

### 3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

The Members wished to express their sympathies to the families of

- Dairina Byrne
- Conor Aherne
- Tommy Gorman
- Rory Carpenter
- Pamela Joseph
- Greta Fitzsimons
- Barry Meighan,
- Mairead O'Brien
- Marian Carpenter Boyle
- TJ McDonnell

- Johnny Govern
- Carina Coleman

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

**4.1** Agreement in principle to disposal of Land by Freehold Interest at Site 19 Mullaghboy Industrial Estate Navan.

In Folio MH4847L, part of Plot A is bounded in red. The total area is 0.9900 hectares. The lands are zoned E2 – General Enterprise and Employment.

The matter was proposed by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes.**

**5.0 Statutory Business**

**5.1 Transportation**

**5.1.1** To receive an update on Urban Special Speed Limits after completion of Public Consultation.

Stephen Shortall, Executive Engineer, presented an update to the Members following submissions made during the public consultation period in the Navan MD area. The recommendations will be implemented by 31 March 2027. Following a query from the Members regarding the addition and modification of speed limits at other schools, Martin Murray clarified that this can be reviewed at a later stage by the Roads Authority via special bye-laws.

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

The report was circulated in advance and noted by the Members. The Members raised the following queries with the Area Engineer:

- clearing works at Swan River, which are under the remit of the OPW;
- recruitment of staff at Blackwater Park
- an update requested on CCTV for the town.

**5.2 Planning**

**5.2.1** To receive the Chief Executive 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: Dunville Community Park & Café at Dunville, Alexander Reid Road, Navan, Co. Meath. Planning Reference (PT8MH317).

Pat Shore, Senior Executive Officer, presented the project, which was

sent to the Members for consideration in April. Submissions closed on 15 June 2026, with three submissions received. The CE Report recommends proceeding with the development.

The matter was proposed by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes.**

The scheme was welcomed by **Councillors Adenuga, Tóibín and Lawes.** Following queries regarding funding for the scheme, Martin Murray advised that it would proceed to detailed design stage. Following this, the project would be assessed to determine how best to apply for funding streams and grants to deliver the project.

**5.2.2** To agree time for the Consultation Workshop regarding the Variation No 7of the County Development Plan 2021-2027.

'The Forward Planning Team' will be hosting a workshop to include Land Use Proposals discussion on Wednesday 14 October, 12.00 pm–2.00 pm.

Noted by the Members.

**5.3 Corporate Services**

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

Noted by the Members.

**6.0 Notice of Questions**

**6.1 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

*"To ask the Executive to comment on the TII assessment of the Moat Road/Andy Connolly Roundabout area, improvement works recommended by the TII and a timeline for delivery of same."*

**Response:**

The Transportation Section is currently assessing options to provide additional and improved pedestrian facilities along this section of the N51. When the options have been assessed, a Feasibility and Options Report will be submitted to TII seeking approval. The Transportation Section proposes to update the Municipal District Members when a preferred solution has been approved by TII. Subject to TII approval, the availability of funding and any required statutory/non-statutory procedures, the preferred scheme will then progress to detailed design and subsequently to construction.

**6.2 Submitted by Councillor John Duffy**

*"I wish to ask Meath County Council if the planned footpath upgrades on Proudstown Road, from Clonmaggaden Road to Simonstown Lane, will be a shared path, similar to*

*the existing paths on Clonmaggaden Road, and when those proposed works are likely to be carried out."*

**Response:**

Meath County Council examined the provision of cycling facilities on the Proudstown Road in 2017, and at that time, a preferred design was identified. However, the scheme extended only as far as the Clonmagadden Road, did not include the section to Simonstown Lane, and was not progressed to Part 8 approval.

Given changes that have occurred since then, including significant updates to the Cycle Design Manual and the increased prospect of development going ahead on the lands between the Proudstown Road and Slane Road, the 2017 design and scheme extents require further review. Accordingly, it would be premature to confirm the type of facility that may be provided between Clonmagadden Road and Simonstown Lane at this stage.

The Active Travel Section intends to seek NTA funding to revisit the design work in 2027. Based on current funding projections, however, construction of the scheme is unlikely to commence before 2030.

**6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*"When will the Council proceed with the development project at Nangle Court, which was previously passed under a part 8 process?"*

Response:

The proposed development at Nangle Court has been significantly delayed due to design issues. A complete redesign of this development is required and will be carried out in due course.

**7.0 Notice of Motions**

**7.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin**

*"That Meath County Council engage with relevant stakeholders to examine opportunities to enhance the amenity and recreational value of the confluence of the Rivers Boyne and Blackwater, while ensuring compliance with environmental legislation, biodiversity objectives, and best-practice guidance on river management, and that a report outlining the opportunities identified, relevant considerations, and potential next steps be brought back to the Navan Municipal District Councillors within six months."*

**Councillor Tóibín** deferred the motion until the October meeting.

**7.2 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin**

*"To ask the Meath County Council to conduct a comprehensive audit of the location and number of disabled public parking bays in Navan, including an assessment of whether their*

*current locations are appropriately placed to best serve people with mobility impairments and provide convenient access to key public facilities and services and to assess the provision of disabled parking spaces against Meath County Council's own development standards, which provide for 5 mobility-impaired parking spaces per 100 parking spaces."*

**Councillor Tóibín** deferred the motion until the October meeting.

**7.3 Submitted by Councillor John Duffy**

"*I ask that Meath County Council arrange an assessment of the footpaths within Benildus Villas Estate, Navan, to determine their current condition, particularly the tarmacadam footpaths adjacent to the green area, and that the required works be included in the 2027 works programme."* The motion was submitted together with supporting information.

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

It is proposed to carry out some rehabilitation works on the footpath in Benildus Villas in this year's footpath programme in front house numbers 1-12. A contractor has been appointed to undertake these and other footpath works in the Navan MD.

**Councillor Duffy** was satisfied with the response and withdrew the motion.

**7.4 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

*"To ask the Executive to assess the Commons Road for streetscape upgrade from the junction with Brews Hill to the Clogherboy junction at Joe Duffy Motors."*

The motion together with supporting information was proposed by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded **by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons.**

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

The Council's current focus for Public Realm in Navan is to implement Public Realm Strategies for Navan 2030, Flowerhill, Johnstown and County Hall/St Pat's Classic School. Note that the streetscape on the Commons Road between Brew's Hill and the Clogherboy junction, is not part of Navan 2030.

Master Plans set out a vision for an area undergoing or due to undergo change and detail a strategy for implementing that vision. The Meath County Development Plan 2021–2027 (CDP) contains a total of 38 Master Plan areas. The only one which affects the Commons Road is MP 9 in relation to the Pairc Tailteann Lands which are currently being re-developed.

The Council is looking to improve the Commons Road/Dan Shaw Road junction, however,

having regard to the Council's existing commitments and priorities for public realm investment in Navan, investigation of a streetscape upgrade of the remainder of this section of the Commons Road would currently be considered a lower priority. The advancement of such a project would be more appropriately considered where it is underpinned by a specific policy objective or strategic planning rationale within an adopted plan.

**7.5 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy**

*"To ask the Executive to approve a road resurfacing scheme on the Emmet Terrace Estate, as previously agreed, but deferred until after the Sunnymount development on Brews Hill had been completed."*

The motion, together with supporting information, was proposed by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded **by Councillor Alan Lawes.**

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

As requested in previous Questions and Motions from Councillors, the through road in Emmet Terrace will be resurfaced pending the allocation of further funds for the Navan MD roadworks programme in 2026.

**7.6 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*"I call on Meath County Council to honour a former Fianna Fáil Councillor who served on Navan Town Council during the 1960s and 1970s, the late Tom Kennedy, who donated a large plot of land to the people of Navan Town. I propose that a memorial plaque in a suitable location would be appropriate."*

The motion, together with the supporting information was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded **by Councillor Eddie Fennessy.**

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

If the motion is agreed the matter will be referred to the Commemoration Committee for consideration.

**7.7 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*"I call on Meath County Council to erect additional pedestrian friendly crossways with amber lights, along the Clonmagadden Road, where there has been a huge growth in population and, taking into consideration the nearby school, and the new Tesco supermarket and other shops, surgeries, pharmacy etc. Footfall and traffic have increased significantly in this area of Northern Navan, over recent months."*

The motion, together with supporting information was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded **by Councillor Eddie Fennessy.**

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

The Council will review and consider the need for additional crossings on the Clonmagadden Road. The Council noted that there are existing pedestrian crossings on the Clonmagadden Road at the Cluain Adain junction (Tesco) and at the Tailteann Drive junction (Leisure Centre), as well as at either end of the Clonmagadden Road at the Proudstown Road and Ratholdron Road.

**8.0 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**9.0 Any Other Business**

**Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** raised the matter of the €7.2 million funding for Trimgate Street and questioned whether the decision was taken out of the Members' hands. Martin Murray clarified that the County Council made an application for funding and that one of the conditions of receiving the funding was that all successful proposals would progress through the various phases, one of which was planning permission. This function would be decided by the Elected Members via the Part 8 process.

Following interjections from **Councillors Lawes and Tóibín** regarding the cost of the works, Martin Murray said that a high-level Bill of Quantities guided the applications and that a report would be provided to the next meeting.

**Councillor Fitzsimons** welcomed the high level of investment and funding that had been announced for Navan and County Meath.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 am.

Signed:

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