



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Navan Municipal District***

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***10:00 a.m., 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, Navan Civic Offices***

An Meára, **Councillor Joe Reilly**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Sinéad Burke, Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Wayne Forde, Jim Holloway, Tommy Reilly.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Kevin Stewart

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Fiona Beers

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Claire King, Meetings Administrator and Noel Finnegan, Executive Engineer.

Councillor Joe Reilly welcomed Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons to the meeting. He also thanked all involved in the St Patrick's Day Parade.

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

#### **2 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **2.1 Confirmation of minutes of Special Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.



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### **3 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **4 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:-

- The family of the late Tommy Grimes, former Member of Kells Town Council.
- Those who were killed in the recent attacks in Brussels.
- The family of the members of the McGrotty and Daniels families, who died tragically in Donegal.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Corporate Services**

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation on Event Management Guidelines.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation on the event management guidelines, which included information on procedures, event categories, pre-planning, risk management and requirements.

Councillors thanked Dara for his presentation and felt it would be of great benefit to groups organising events.

- 5.1.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Navan Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

- 5.1.3 Appointment of one Councillor to Navan Enterprise Centre Company Ltd. to fill



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the vacancy created following the election of former Councillor Shane Cassells, to Dáil Éireann.

**Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Tommy Reilly and seconded by Councillor Francis Deane. As there were no other nominations Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons was appointed to the Board of Navan Enterprise Centre Company Ltd.

### **5.2 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance and was noted.

## **6 Notice of Question**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke**

“Can the Executive clarify the roles and responsibilities of both the Council and the Department of Education & Skills when granting planning permission for schools, specifically around suitable and safe traffic management plans for these developments?”

#### **Response:**

*In the first instance, the Department of Education & Skills (D.E.S.) will consult with the planning authority in respect of any proposal they may have for a new school or for a school extension. The D.E.S is formally advised of the issues which may need to be addressed at pre planning stage in the context of any future planning application.*

*The Planning Authority remains as the decision maker in relation planning applications for schools, in exactly the same way as it would for all other types of development.*

*Where additional traffic management infrastructure or signals are required, they may be provided within or close to the school grounds or more likely on the surrounding road*



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*network. The general rule of thumb is that traffic management improvements required to enable a school will be delivered on foot of the development proposal or as a condition of planning permission.*

*The cost of those works are either directly funded by the school body, where the works are within the school development boundary, or are provided by the Local Authority in the wider area and funded by a special development contribution imposed under the terms of the planning consent.*

The response was noted.

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

“Does Meath County Council plan to carry out a feasibility study with a view to the construction of a public walkover across the N3 for public access and safety from north Navan to and from the town centre onto Abbey Road?”

**Response:**

*It is presumed that reference is being made in this Notice of Question to the old N3 (R147). Regardless of this, there are no plans to look at the construction of a public walkway at this location.*

The response was noted. Councillor Wayne Forde asked that the Transportation Department be asked if they would reconsider.

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“What is the up-to-date situation with regard to the taking in charge process for the Millbrook Estate in Johnstown?”

**Response:**

*The Council can confirm that a list of outstanding remedial works for the satisfactory completion of the development has issued to the receiver appointed to Hollioake Limited (in Receivership) requesting a timeframe for completion of these works. To date The*



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*Council has not received a response from the Receiver indicating a timeframe for the completion of these works. The Council will continue its efforts to engage with the receiver.*

The response was noted.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

#### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

“Can I call on my fellow Councillors to fully support my motion of creating a memorial garden within Blackwater Park dedicated to the memory of the many young people of the town of Navan who have died tragically over the years and before their time.”

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

*The spirit of the Motion is fully acknowledged, but has to be considered in the context of the need to develop a memorial policy and protocol regarding same, so as to ensure that such current, and future proposals, are developed in line with an overall framework that has been agreed by Meath County Council, which will also guarantee that the amenity of our public parks are duly maintained.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**. A short discussion followed and it was agreed that the erection of a stone/sculpture would be looked at in the overall context of developing the park.

The motion was adopted.

#### **7.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

“Can I call on the support of my fellow Councillors to support my motion of closing off an alleyway in Ferndale between house numbers 142 and 143?”

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



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*The closing of the walkway would result in an increased walking distance out of the estate for 32 houses, the longest distance being 0.43km. This would be at variance with the connectivity and permeability principles of sustainable residential environments and the objectives of the Navan Transport Plan 2014 - 2019. The closing of the walkway would also result in a “no man’s land”, which may become littered and overgrown and may still attract anti-social behaviour. Any decision to consider the closing of the walkway would require consultation with the residents.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Jim Holloway**. A short discussion followed with regard to connectivity and permeability and Kevin Stewart advised that the Navan and County Development Plans will be coming up for review and it would be worthwhile looking at such policies as part of this review.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sinéad Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde** to initiate the legal process involved in the extinguishment of the public right of way.

The motion was noted.

### **7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“That Navan Municipal District work along with local community groups on the town's litter black spots and strive towards improving our position on the litter league.”

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

*A Working Group has been established to look at litter related issues affecting Navan and to come up with measures to eradicate litter black spots from the town. The Council recognises and appreciates the very key role that Community Groups play in litter eradication from our towns and villages and will work and support such groups in whatever way possible in achieving this goal.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**.

The motion was adopted.



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### **7.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

“That our town hall in Watergate Street will remain in the charge of Navan Municipal District, holding on to the present counter services.”

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

*The town hall in Watergate Street will remain in the ownership of Meath County Council, however all the staff will be based in Buvinda House. All the services currently provided at the counter in Watergate Street will be provided in Buvinda House, as well as many other services that are currently not available in Watergate Street.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

Councillor Joe Reilly enquired as to the future use of the building and asked it remain functional and iconic. It was agreed that the matter would be referred to Corporate Services.

The motion was noted.

## **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1** Correspondence received from Marie Broderick, An Garda Síochána in response to Notice of Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion as adopted at February ordinary meeting re full time Garda station in Johnstown.

The correspondence was noted.

## **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1** Councillor Sinéad Burke raised the following issues:

- 9.1.1 The relationship between the Superintendent or Probation Officer and Meath County Council with regard to Community Service or Return to the Community



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Scheme – it was pointed out that Meath County Council had been asked if there were schemes that could be undertaken and that they did undertake a trial of pavement deep cleaning; however, there is no formal plan of work in place. Core duties could not be carried out as part of these schemes and the work would have to be that which could be done safely and with no interference to traffic. It was agreed that the Community Department would be asked to talk to the Probation Officer to discuss what would be feasible and possible.

9.1.2 The need for road repairs outside No. 1, Ashbrook, Clogherboy.

**9.2** Councillor Jim Holloway raised the following:

9.2.1 The need for a handrail on the flight of steps in St. Finian's Cemetery.

9.2.2 The need to have the area at the rear of Kilcarn Court, in particular No. 93, cleaned out as it was flooded during the wet weather.

**9.3** Councillor Wayne Forde raised the following:

9.3.1 Sewage overflowing at McDermot's Villas – it was pointed out that this is an issue for Irish Water.

**9.4** Councillor Francis Deane raised the following:

9.4.1 The need for repairs on the watermain on the Proudstown Road – it was confirmed that Irish Water are responsible for road repair at the burst watermain and they are trying to arrange it's repair.

**9.5** Councillor Tommy Reilly raised the following:

9.5.1 The need to have some works carried out around the bull on Market Street.

**9.6** Councillor Joe Reilly raised the following:

9.6.1 A number of roads in rural areas without green bollards indicating the road – it was pointed out that these are only provided on Regional and National Roads.



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**9.7** Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons raised the following:

9.7.1 A wall obstructing visibility exiting the Windtown Road onto the Ratholdron Road – it was confirmed that this belongs to Irish Rail and they have been written to regarding same.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**An Meára**