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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10:00am, 22nd May 2024, Navan Civic Offices

An Meára, **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, presided.

Councillors Present: Councillors Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Tommy Reilly, Emer Tóibín, Yemi Adenuga, Alan Lawes

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 17th April 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of April 2024 were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were none.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the families of :

- Victor Meally, Navan
- Breed Kelly, Navan
- Paddy Power, Navan
- Martin Sweeney, Navan.



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

There was none.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and the following raised:

- Commended the engineer and outdoor crew on all their work.
- Referred to a pothole at the shopping centre, Johnstown.
- Asked that more bins be provided along the Clonmagadden road.
- Pothole outside Bohermeen Community Centre.
- Flooding occurs under the bridge on the Kentstown road.
- Potholes on the road to St Olivers school, Navan
- Referred to Fr Flood estate, Dunderry, issues with the sewerage.
- Enquired if the ivy could be cut back in the old cemetery, Convent Road.
- Referred to the high wall along the lane beside the flatlets in St Brigid Villas which causes visibility issues for traffic using the lane.
- Referred to damage to the wall at the Old Graveyard, Convent Road.

The area engineer noted the issues and advised that these will be added to the ongoing maintenance works.

5.1.2 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Athlumney Village, Navan in the Navan Municipal District.

Paul Phelan SEE, Transportation, updated on the proposed measures. The members agreed on the measures on the proposal **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded **Councillor Francis Deane**.

5.1.3 To inform the Members of the commencement of an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Navan, as part of the Local Area Plan process.

Paul Phelan SEE, Transportation gave a presentation on the upcoming Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Navan. He said that the study forms



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part of the development of a new Local Area Plan for Navan and will include an assessment of transport demand and the impacts. The objective of the assessment is to ensure that movement and accessibility across all modes of transport are considered as a key component in the development of the local areas. He advised that the public could engage with the survey through an online portal where the data will be collated and will feed into the upcoming LAP for Navan. A separate consultation for the LAP is scheduled for Q3 2024.

The members welcomed the presentation and had a few queries which were responded to by the officials.

5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Toibin

How many schools in the Navan MD have requested the services for a school warden to assist school children crossing the road safely in the last 10 years, how many requests have been granted, and how many are awaiting approval?

Response:

A search was carried out on our customer services database with zero returned cases in Navan MD requesting school wardens. In general, where measures are required to control traffic where children cross the road at schools, this has been satisfied by the installation of engineering measures such as signage, road markings and pedestrian crossings.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

What are the plans by Meath County Council to provide extra off-street parking in the revision of the parking byelaws for Navan.

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Response:

A revision of the bye laws changes the confines and charging structure for on and off-street parking; however, the bye laws cannot change the number of spaces on or off street.

The Council recently added Moathill Carpark, with 180 additional off-street parking which is currently free to use.

The response was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

To ask the Executive to provide an update on the provision of filter Lights/Lanes at the Junction on the Commons Road/Dan Shaw Road in the town.

Response:

A review of the operation of this junction was undertaken. In order to provide right turn filters at this location, two solutions are possible:

1. Retain existing layout and provide separate phases to East and West bound approaches to the junction. This will provide unopposed right turn movements to vehicles; however, it will significantly reduce capacity within the junction.
2. Construction of right turn lanes to facilitate early cut off or separately signalled right-turn phases.

The Traffic Signals team are assessing the options for provision of the additional turning lanes, as well as improved pedestrian facilities, in order to develop concept designs to cost and seek funding for development of detailed design and delivery of same.

The response was noted.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

Can Meath County Council outline the status of the Emeri (milk formula processing plant) on the IDA site in Navan?

Response:

Meath County Council's Economic Section are presently in discussions with the owners to establish a commencement of operations date.

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The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

I propose that Meath County Council would install a new footpath at Abbeylands, Navan, where sections of the footpath have been crumbling in recent years. The area in question is adjacent to the proposed regeneration site.

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

We will conduct a thorough inspection of the area in question to assess the extent of the damage and the feasibility of installing a new footpath. This will involve evaluating the current condition of the footpath, the cost implications of the project, and the potential impact on the surrounding environment and the proposed regeneration site. Transportation will liaise with the Housing Department in regard to integrating the possible footpath and works into the regeneration plans.

The motion was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy**.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

To ask the Executive to provide additional car parking spaces on the Ratholdren Estate.

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

The Provision of car parking within housing estates is dealt with during the planning application process, the allocation of parking spaces is determined in accordance with the county development plan and the national planning regulations and guidelines.

The motion was noted on the proposal of **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

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To call on the Executive to remove the 'Parking Bay' and reinstate at a different location on the street, to cut back the protruding sections of footpath opposite DT Motor Factors on Cannon Row, and to remove parking on either side of the road at that point.

This is aimed at widening the road to improve traffic flow, particularly for the Town Bus Service which travels through Cannon Row every 15 minutes and is often impeded at that point by cars and vans parked poorly.

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

We understand the concerns raised, particularly the impact on the Town Bus Service due to poorly parked cars and vans.

The proposal to remove the 'Parking Bay' and relocate it elsewhere on the street is a significant one that requires careful consideration. We must balance the needs of local businesses, residents, and the efficient operation of public transport services.

Regarding the protruding sections of the footpath opposite DT Motor Factors, we will conduct a site inspection to assess the situation. If these sections are indeed causing obstruction, we will take necessary measures to rectify the issue, which may include cutting back the footpath.

The suggestion to remove parking on either side of the road at that point is also noted. However, this could potentially impact local businesses and residents who rely on these parking spaces. We will need to conduct a thorough review, including traffic flow studies and consultation with stakeholders, before making a decision.

Our primary goal is to ensure the safe and efficient movement of all road users, including the Town Bus Service. We appreciate your patience as we work through these issues and will keep you updated on our progress.

The motion was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

7.4 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

I call on Meath County Council to engage with the Department of Justice (INIS) application to provide a pedestrian bridge from Balmoral Industrial Park to Blackwater Park.

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

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Meath county Council are communicating with and fully supportive of the applicant (Fitzwilliam Group) / application in respect to the provision of this infrastructure under the INIS programme. MCC have no direct role or communication pathway to the funding authority as we are not the formal applicant. However our support is outlined within the application, and our objectives within our CDP clearly outline the need for the provision of this infrastructure.

The motion was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

7.5 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly

I call on Meath County Council to ensure the proposed Master Plan 13 land between Commons Road and the Trim Road make provision for at least 30 acres of community land.

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

MCC planning section are currently carrying out a Social Infrastructure Audit which will inform the preparation of the Navan LAP. The findings of this audit will also form part of the issues paper which will be published and open to public consultation as part of the LAP process.

The motion was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

ClIr Reilly introduced the motion and said that he wanted to see facilities and amenities available to children in all future developments.

Martin Murray, Director advised that all developments are built in accordance with the guidelines. He said also that the process for the LAP is due to commence in quarter 3 whereby a public consultation will be held on the LAP and that the members can give their feedback then.

8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting minutes of 05th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee meeting minutes of 05th April 2024.

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The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft Minutes of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC meeting of 01st May 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.4 To note the Draft Minutes of the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 24th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

The following matters were raised:

- Update on the 15 acres on the Kentstown Road.
- Requested details of the NTA allocations for active travel projects.
- Suggested that a tree be planted in Blackwater Park in recognition of all the persons who passed during covid.
- The members paid tribute to the mayor, officials and outdoor staff for their support and work over the past 5 years.
- The mayor thanked the members, officials and outdoor staff for their contributions and work during his time as Mayor and wished everyone luck in the forthcoming elections.
- Martin Murray, Director thanked the mayor, members and staff for their support and commitment and said a lot has been completed over the last five years. He wished the members success in the elections.

The meeting concluded at 11am

Signed:

An Meára