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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10.30 am, 13th November 2024, Navan Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Linda Nelson Murray, Alan Lawes, Emer Tóibín

Councillors Present via Zoom: Yemi Adenuga

Absent/apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Meetings Administrator: Aine Bird & Francis Regan

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

Clerical Officer: Kathryn Fox

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

Clr Tobin asked for a follow up with regards to the opening of changing rooms Blackwater Park.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

The family and friends of Kevin Fennessy, Claremount Estate, Navan

The family and friends of Phylis Larkin, Balreask Village, Trim Road, Navan

The family and friends of Cheryl Downey, Navan

Congratulations were extended to:

Drogheda United on their FAI cup win and Navan O'Mahony's Camogie reaching the Leinster final.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1** To receive an update on the progression of the 'Safe Routes to School' programme for St Stephen's NS, Johnstown, Navan.

Executive Engineer Paul McKown, Active Travel gave an outline of the above proposal using a map to illustrate where the new footpaths, safety improvements and entrance will be leading to the school.

There were queries and interventions from Councillors Alan Lawes, Emer Tobin, Linda Nelson Murray, Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Edward Fennessy and Yemi Adenuga.

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Martin Murray and Paul McKown.

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

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Mr. Shane Durcan, Executive Engineer, outlined the salient details of the Navan District Report on Operations.

There were queries from Councillors, Linda Nelson-Murray, Yemi Adenuga, Francis Deane, Alan Lawes, Emer Tóibín and Eddie Fennessy.

- Commended the works of the outdoor crew.
- Falling leaves, pruning and foliage.
- Slab loose in Kennedy square, can it be replaced?
- Silverbrook, Trim Road can a concrete block be removed?
- Referred to watering system used for the plants in Trim to be replicated for the Navan MD?
- Enquired if drains and gulleys could be cleared?
- Anti-social behavior at a site in Blackcastle.

4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

Noted by the members

5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“With regard to the current regeneration works on the Fairgreen may I ask if Meath County Council have any plans, under the 2030 scheme, for the erection of barriers at the entrances which would stop motorhomes gaining access?”

Response:

The provision of overhead height restrictors was considered as part of the current upgrade works to the Fairgreen carpark however it was noted that, due to the existing access route to the Old Infirmary site (in private ownership), it would not be possible to provide such a restriction at the main access point from the Fairgreen public road. To provide such restriction to prevent access to the carparks (Bedford and Fairgreen) by vehicles such as ‘motorhomes’ would involve the installation of 4 No. individual overhead barriers to access and egress points.

It was considered that the inclusion of such overhead restrictors would be incompatible with the efforts and investment associated with the current Navan 2030 upgrade works to the Fairgreen, including the lowering/removal of overhead cables, new paving and landscaping measures. In addition, the provision of such barriers would impede access for delivery vehicles to various commercial premises in Navan that use the Fairgreen and Bedford carparks and would also require weekly attendances by Council staff to facilitate the Friday market activity in the Fairgreen car park. In consideration of the foregoing, and given the established protocol whereby Meath County Council can request assistance from An Garda Síochána in relation to the removal of temporary dwellings (such as ‘motorhomes’) from public lands, Meath County Council does not currently propose to install barriers at the entrance/exit points to the carparks which would prevent ‘motorhomes’ from gaining access.

The response was noted.

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6.0 Notice of Motions

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“Following meetings with residents of Old Johnstown Village, I call on Meath County Council to ban all HGVs from driving through the old village as soon as the redevelopment of Mrs. Butterly’s site is complete.”

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

Due to the nature of the roads and the traffic destinations of the L5050 and L5055 through Old Johnstown Village it is currently not considered appropriate to introduce a HGV ban on these roads through Old Johnstown Village. However, the Council will carry out traffic counts prior to and again after the redevelopment of Mrs. Butterly’s site is complete at the junction of the L5050 & L5055 in Old Johnstown Village to ascertain the volumes of traffic using these roads before and after the development.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** was agreed.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“I call on Meath County Council to erect a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Baker Hall from Academy Street due to health and safety concerns for pedestrians, many of whom walk this route to and from schools, with young children.”

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

Meath County Council acknowledge this request for a pedestrian crossing on Academy Street, Navan which will be considered for the 2025 works programme. It should be noted that the number of requests for new pedestrian crossings within Navan and across the whole county exceeds the currently available resources.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** was agreed.

7.0 Correspondence

The correspondence from the OPW was noted.

8.0 Any Other Business

The members raised the following issues:

- Can the configuration of traffic lights at the Windtown Road be reviewed.
- Can we get a welcome sign at the bridge at the Willows,
- Enquired of the opening hours of Blackwater Park toilets be extended
- Enquiry into the taking in charge of Priory Estate/Johnstown Wood
- Reference made to the installation and cost of bus shelters
- Enquired about pathfinder funding and will it be used for upgrading the Balreask junction.

The Director responded to queries raised.

The meeting concluded at 11.20am.

Signed: