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Ordinary Meeting

Navan Municipal District

10.00 am, 11th December 2024, Navan Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Yemi Adenuga and Pdraig Fitzsimons

Absent/apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Executive Engineer: Shane Durcan

Executive Engineer: Gillian Mangan

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan

Clerical Officer: Kathryn Fox

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th November 2024

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 13th of November 2024 were proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

1.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Municipal Allocation Budget Meeting held on 13th November 2024

The minutes of the Budget meeting held on the 13th of November 2024 were proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Tóibín asked for a follow up with regards to the changing rooms in Blackwater Park. Martin Murry, Director replied stating that recruitment is taking place and should be finalised in quarter 1 2025.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

The family and friends of Bernard BJ Devine, Navan

The family and friends of Margaret Kennedy, Silverlawns, Navan

The family and friends of Bunty Connor, Claremont, Navan

The family and friends of Nicola Downey, Navan

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4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1** To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Fitzherbert Court Estate, Navan

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

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Martin Murray and Gillian Mangan.

- 4.1.2** To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Ferndale Estate in the Navan Municipal District

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

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Martin Murray and Gillian Mangan.

- 4.1.3** To receive an update on proposed works on the new Signalised Junction of the Clonmagadden Road with the R162

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

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Martin Murray and Gillian Mangan.

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

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

- Commended the works of the outdoor crew.
- Referred to Potholes in Beechmont estate and Emmet Terrace, and when they will be addressed.
- Requested the Arborist report for the MD

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Martin Murray and Shane Durcan.

5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy

“To ask the Executive, to provide an update on the proposed development of a spur/link road from the Borallion to the Motorway.”

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Response:

Local Distributor Road LDR1(b) Kilcarn Link Road is a proposed road contained in the County Development Plan, which is to connect the Trim Road to the N3 Kilcarn Link Road (connecting to Junction 8 of the M3 Motorway) and crossing the L-8010 Borallion Road. Part 8 planning consent was obtained for LDR1b in 2019. There is currently no timeline for the delivery of this road, which forms part of Master Plan 10 and is expected to be delivered in conjunction with development of zoned lands in the area.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"May I please ask to be furnished with the commencement date of the proposed upgrade of footpath, pedestrian crossing and traffic lights at the Circle K junction, Proudstown Road, Navan?"

Response:

Meath County Council has tendered the works and have a preferred tenderer identified, however, contractor availability to commence conflicts with Circle K Service station works on their boundary wall, entrances, and footpaths under planning 23/551 - which must be completed before we commence. We have met with Circle K to agree their scope of works and can confirm that they have an active Road Opening Licence in place for the works. They are yet to confirm start dates, but they have intimated that they intend to complete their works immediately before or after Christmas. Thereafter, it is Meath County Council's intent to agree start dates and award the works to commence in the new year, subject to funding.

The response was noted.

5.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"Can MCC confirm if there is event monitoring from Storm Water Overflows at the Blackcastle Wastewater Treatment Plant and that they are satisfied with the capacity and working condition of the Plant in line with Uisce Eireann standards and EPA licensing?"

Response:

Blackcastle WwTP is under Uisce Eireann control and licenced by the EPA. UE telemetry systems would have noted such events. Any representations or submissions about Blackcastle pumping station should be made directly to Uisce Eireann on 1800278278 and for Cllrs there is the dedicated address at localrepsupport@water.ie for direct communication and reply on such issues.

The response was noted.

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6.0 Notice of Motions

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy

"I call on the Executive, to authorize the construction of a footpath from the signalized traffic junction at the entrance to the Bailey Hill estate on the Moat Road to the Navan Retail Park at Knockumber."

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

The section of the N51 from the Mullaghboy/Andy Connolly Roundabout and the Traffic Lights at the N51/L3416 junction is currently being assessed with regard to road pavement/surface rehabilitation, while also assessing the options and feasibility of providing pedestrian facilities on this section of the N51. The Council are not currently in a position to authorise the construction of a footpath prior to TII approval of the feasibility and options report and TII approval of subsequent required funding.

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

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy

"To ask the Executive, to allow the placing of a memorial plaque at New Bridge in Navan. The plaque will commemorate Fireman Laurence Smith who died on the bridge during a training exercise in May 1941."

Response:

If agreed, this motion will be referred to the Commemorative Committee for consideration.

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

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath Co Co will alter the sequencing of the traffic lights on the Ratholdron Road at peak hours to facilitate school traffic and also users of Blackwater Park travelling to and from runs on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11am."

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

The Junction of the N51 x Ratholdren road is one of the busiest in Co. Meath. The junction is at capacity and changes to provide additional time to different approaches will result in reduction to others, i.e a zero sum game. The N51 traffic has very heavy traffic at peak times in both directions, but in particular in Southbound traffic in the AM. The N51 peak time coincides with the Ratholdren Rd peak times. It is evident that any delays experienced on the N51 has an exasperating affect very quickly on the rest of the traffic in Navan due to blocking at the Round "O" roundabout or the Firestation Junction.

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We also note that Ratholdren road already gets a significant portion of time in each cycle (upto 25% of available cycle time) considering there are four traffic phases and one pedestrian phase. The issue pertaining to exiting Ratholdren road is the efficiency of traffic progressing through the approach. The efficiency is quite low and is affected by a number of factors, including the two opposing exits to the shops, the school exit and their associated yellow boxes, the zebra crossing and general traffic progression to cross the in ground vehicle detectors to extend the green time.

That said, the Traffic Signal team will look to see if we can programme the controller to allow better side road flow when the N51 peak times have elapsed and other times such as weekends, this will be done in very minor increments over time to avoid adverse knock on effects.

The long term resolution of this issue is the LDR4 scheme, which our modelling predicts that the AM Peak traffic through the junction will reduce by 25% as a whole and by 42% on Ratholdren Rd approach alone.

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

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"I call on Meath Co Co to install amber lights on the Old Kilcarne Road at Cois Glaisin to Kilcarn Woods, where there is a graded footpath, so as pedestrians would have a link for a safe crossing."

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

This crossing is included as part of the Johnstown Public Realm plan.

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

7.0 Correspondence

The correspondence from the Dept. of Finance was noted.

8.0 Any Other Business

The members raised the following issues:

- Can the two-hour parking limit be reviewed.?
- Can a 'no right' turn sign be considered for the R147 coming from Old Balreask Woods
- Enquired about the progress and status of the LDR4
- Enquiry to an extension of opening hours of the Blackwater Park toilets
- Enquiry made regarding possibility of CPO for the disused garage at the end junction of Metges Road and the R153

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The Director responded to queries raised. The Director also commented that funding for the pedestrian Black water Bridge has been successful.

The meeting concluded at 10.45am

Signed:

An Meára