



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

### ***Ashbourne Municipal District***

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

***9:30 a.m., 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Ashbourne Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Seán Smith**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal, Claire O’Driscoll, Darren O’Rourke, Alan Tobin.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Head of Finance:** Fiona Lawless

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Assistant Engineer:** Philip Connell

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Mel Cronin, Executive Engineer

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Claire O’Driscoll** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Claire O’Driscoll** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the meeting.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**



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Congratulations were extended to:

- The local draughts team for winning the All-Ireland Community Games competition;
- Councillor Darren O'Rourke on his recent wedding to Councillor Maria O'Kane.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

4.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ashbourne Municipal District.

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Commended the works undertaken, including the hanging baskets, and welcomed the monthly information reports.
- The need to secure the damaged fencing at the depot in Deerpark and the possibility of reviewing the location of the fencing.
- Update on the timeframe for works in Johnswood – it was confirmed that 5 tables were planned and that the works had been retendered with plans to retender the junction works at Castle Street also.
- Update on the provision of a connecting footpath in Stamullen.

4.1.2 To discuss Primatestown/Kilmoon Cross Junctions.

A further update was provided, confirming that the major scheme pre-appraisal report had been accepted by TII and had now been submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Support for consideration. This would facilitate progression to the next steps.



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It was also confirmed that changes would be trialled in September at the junction at Phebblestown Road, which will result in trialling 'Entry Only' from the N2 onto the Phebblestown Road. It was anticipated that the impact of such a change would be minimal but that it may have an impact on alternative routes.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Traffic counts undertaken on alternative routes, where residents had reported speeding – it was confirmed that counts had been undertaken but that, as part of the larger scheme, cameras to track traffic would be installed to understand the extent of the avoidance of Primatestown.
- The speed of traffic and driver behaviour at the junction in Curragher despite all the measures undertaken and the responsibility of Tayto Park to assist more effectively with the extra traffic at the junction.
- The need to install flashing amber signs at the two pedestrian crossings on Frederick Street to assist with traffic flow – it was agreed to check if pedestrian detectors were being installed.
- The possibility of TII withdrawing its appeal to An Bord Pleanála to the link road in Stamullen – it was pointed out that, whilst TII was entitled to comment, Meath County Council had submitted a response to the appeal and had included this road in various plans, including the County Development Plan. It was now up to An Bord Pleanála to decide.
- The timeline and funding for the upgrade of the N2 – it was pointed out that the pre-appraisal will set the project on track with bigger allocations to follow as the scheme moves on. A section 85 agreement would be needed with Fingal County Council and the commitment was to get it through the planning process in time for the capital programme review in 5 years.

### **4.2 Community**

- 4.2.1 To receive an update on the Ashbourne Linear Park.



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It was confirmed that the consultants were in the process of collating the necessary documentation to advertise the tender, which should be done next week and that any time lost should be made up at a later date.

It was requested that a representative from the Community Department attend future meetings to deal with this item, that the grass and shrubs be cut as appropriate, that any outstanding information be provided to the National Monument Service as required and that the information provided be updated to reflect the agreed changes in Zones 6 & 7.

### **4.3 Planning**

- 4.3.1 To receive Part 8 Chief Executive Report (reference P818003) in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 in relation to development works along the Milltown Road, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, and Pat Shore, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the report circulated, which aimed to address some of the issues raised at the June meeting. The report provided a summary of the submissions received, a summary of changes made, dealt with ownership acquisition, referred to the traffic count and speed survey in Milltown estate, the wall at the pitch and the removal of trees. The issues to be dealt with as part of the detailed design were highlighted.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the report and the additional information, acknowledging that this had helped to address many of the issues previously raised.
- Requested that the drawings be updated to reflect any changes included.
- Acknowledged that progress involved change and welcomed the meetings to be arranged with individuals, as requested – it was confirmed that talks would continue with those directly affected and/or anyone else who wished to engage.

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- The planned traffic calming measures to be implemented at Milltown estate following the traffic count and speed survey – it was pointed out that schemes are ranked and prioritised based on need. Measures implemented in some estates were monitored for performance but were occasionally unpopular with residents. It was agreed to check where Milltown estate was ranked based on the count and survey results. Driver behaviour and responsibility was emphasised.
- The timeline for the proposed works – it was confirmed that following the preparation of the detailed design, tender process and public display, it is hoped that a preferred contractor would be identified by the beginning of 2019 with works to commence in Spring 2019.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Nicholas and Pat for their work on this project.

### **4.4 Corporate Services**

#### 4.4.1 To discuss Ashbourne 2020.

It was agreed that Ciarán Mangan, County Librarian would be requested to circulate a written update on the planned Meath County Council Ashbourne 2020 Programme.

#### 4.4.2 To discuss the 2018 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** to allocate the remaining budget of €2,500 to the Special Olympics ClubAsh Summer Festival.

## **5 Notice of Question**

### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

“As the Baltrasna area looks like it will be reunited with Ashbourne Municipal District from May 2019, can I ask what the latest plans are regarding a proposed footpath from Ashbourne to Harlockstown? What is the estimated cost, has it been brought to part 8



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and will funding for this vitally important piece of infrastructure be sanctioned in the coming months?”

### **Response:**

*There is currently a Preliminary Design and Scheme report being drafted with a view of bringing the proposal to the September meeting, where Meath County Council will seek permission from elected members to proceed with the Part 8 application and put it on public display. The consultant doing the design has given a cost estimate of €420k ex V.A.T. to construct the works. Other scheme costs such as Design, Site Investigation, Archaeology and Land are not included. Funding of same has yet to be secured.*

The response was noted.

## **6 Notice of Motion**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

“I call on Meath County Council and request the support of Ashbourne Councillors to add a variation in Stamullen, specifically to correct a planning anomaly which exists in the area. This anomaly exists due to past plans to move the old GAA club to new grounds. Areas were zoned to suit this development, which never took place. The new GAA grounds are now in a much better location in the centre of the village. The anomaly now means that an area, now zoned industrial, is right beside the residential part of the village and, worse still, a residentially zoned area is well outside the village, surrounded again by industrially zoned lands.

By varying this area in Stamullen, much needed housing development can and will take place. It will also mean that there will be more centrally located green space in the centre of Stamullen, including the 15% under development plan guideline, allowing for a playground which residents desperately need and possibly more.”

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

*Following the decision to pause the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2019-2025 process pending the publication of the RSES, a number of strategic variations such as Slane Bypass, Navan and Trim Development Plans and East Meath LAP are required. The*



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*principle considerations for variations to the current County Development Plan will be whether they are strategic, necessary, urgent and of county wide importance such as to justify making it a special case. A variation with regards to this motion will be considered in the context of the principle considerations as mentioned, the work programme of the Forward Planning Team and will be dependent on the timeline for recommencing the County Development Plan process.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Darren O'Rourke**.

The motion was adopted.

### **7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes**

- 7.1 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Stamullen Needs a Playground Committee.

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**