



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

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

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

***10:00 a.m., 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Ashbourne Civic Offices***

An Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Joe Bonner, Claire O'Driscoll, Alan Tobin.

**Apologies:** Councillor Darren O'Rourke.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Head of Finance:** Fiona Lawless

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Mel Cronin

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Claire O'Driscoll**.

#### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018.**

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner**.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Claire O'Driscoll on the birth of her baby son;
- The participants in the municipal district and county Pride of Place awards, including Ashbourne Tidy Towns and Garden City, who are nominated for an award in the All Ireland Pride of Place Awards;
- The community for their efforts in maintaining the towns and villages;
- The Community Department, Meath County Council for organising the Pride of Place awards and events;
- Councillor Alan Tobin and Ashbourne Tidy Towns for organising the successful Doggy Day;
- Stamullen Needs a Playground Committee on their ongoing efforts to provide a playground.

#### **4 To receive a presentation from Gormanston Community Association.**

Peter Brady and Brendan Regan, Gormanston Community Association delivered a presentation which outlined the background to and activities of the group, the challenges and needs of the area, issues relating to heritage, environment, development and traffic, and examples of actions required.

Matters raised during the discussion that followed included:

- The rationale for the scope of the Beach Management Plan.
- The establishment of a new group within the department to consider climate change and coastal erosion on a national basis.
- The progress made in recent years on issues in Gormanston, including the provision of a footpath, pedestrian crossing and public lighting, with a further upgrade planned, and ongoing works on the M1 interchange.



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- The role of Irish Rail in terms of many of the issues raised – it was agreed to invite Irish Rail to attend a meeting of the municipal district to discuss the issues raised.
- The proposal to provide a car park to deter vehicles from entering the beach – it was pointed out that there was no capital funding allocation for a car park at the moment.
- The potential of the castle and gardens as a tourist attraction.
- The possibility of Meath and Fingal County Councils working together to deal with illegal dumping.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach and councillors thanked the group for their presentation and committed to working with them in helping to resolve the issues raised.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance. The proposed plans for works in Curragha were also circulated and matters raised by councillors included:

- The potential impact on the proposed plans to deal with issues on the N2 – it was confirmed that this would not impact on these plans (see Item 5.1.2).
- The next steps in advancing the proposals – these were outlined.
- Requested a speed survey before and after works to assess their effectiveness.
- The subsidence on the R125 due to traffic and HGV volumes and the proposal in the development plan to bypass Donaghmore village and divert traffic to the N2 further out – it was confirmed that an outline

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design and appropriate assessment is being prepared for a small section of the existing R125 (c. 100m) and does not include any plans to bypass Donaghmore village or provide a footpath. A new road or bypass of Donaghmore village would be a major long-term project and is currently not at planning or design stage.

- The need for an outer relief road to relieve traffic congestion in Ashbourne town centre – it was suggested that municipal district councillors submit a motion to the full council meeting.

### 5.1.2 To discuss Primatestown/Kilmoon Cross Junctions

It was confirmed that TII approval had been received to progress the planning and design of the N2 Rath roundabout to Kilmoon Cross and to proceed with the procurement of consultants for Phases 1 to 4 inclusive.

Matters raised by councillors included the route options being considered and the role of councillors, the business sector and community representatives in making a case to the Minister for Transport for this project. The announcement was unanimously welcomed.

### 5.1.3 To approve a draft proposal for installing a Vehicle Barrier Gate at the back lane of Deerpark Estate, Ashbourne.

Councillors welcomed the proposal. It was suggested that a footpath and public lighting be installed to improve accessibility and safety, with lighting in the park to be environmentally friendly and motion sensed.

## **5.2 Community**

### 5.2.1 To receive an update on the Ashbourne Linear Park.

Emmanuel Mwadiwa, Executive Engineer, Community Department outlined the position regarding progress on Zone 4, with plans to commence works in January. The resources allocated to progressing this project were also outlined, as were the obligations to satisfy procurement and health and safety requirements.



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Matters raised by councillors included:

- The need to ensure adequate funding was in place to complete the project and progress the other areas.
- The possibility of providing the walkway in Zone 6 if a strip is required to be retained for ongoing maintenance.
- The need to stabilise the walkway on the Lidl side – it was confirmed that no design had yet been agreed and that talks with the landowner were ongoing.
- The provision of a trail in Zone 7 in addition to the alternative accessible route – it was pointed out that works being undertaken by a local authority must comply with current legislation, including Access for All, and the options at this location were still being reviewed.
- The need to agree the remit and role of the recently established Ashbourne Public Greenspace Working Group – it was agreed to discuss this at the December meeting.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach and councillors thanked Emmanuel for his work on the project.

### **5.3 Planning**

- 5.3.1 To receive an update on provision of the Community Park.

The update, circulated in advance, was noted.

### **5.4 Corporate Services**

- 5.4.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ashbourne Municipal District.

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



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### **6 Notice of Question**

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

“Following several estates in the Ashbourne Municipal District being taken in charge over the past 24 month, can I ask if a schedule of works has been initiated to bring these up to standard and when works are expected to begin?”

**Response:**

*Remedial Works have been carried out in Dun An Samhradh and are substantially complete. The Planning Department has appointed Consultant Engineers to establish the extent of the required works in the other three developments (Belgree, Elvana and Tudor). The design work and formulation of tender documents is at an advanced stage and it is the intention to tender these works (along with other developments in other municipal districts) in Q1 of 2019, with a contractor to be appointed in Q2 of 2019 to carry out the works.*

*The remedial works to be undertaken, where required and subject to funding, are drainage (storm and foul), roads and footpaths, public lighting, open spaces, signage and road markings.*

The response was noted.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Suzanne Jamal**

“Can I ask for an update of flood relief works on channel C1/7 including update on OPW section 50 at Archerstown Demense?”

**Response:**

*Please see attached flier that will issue to Race Hill Residents today re current works on the flood Scheme.*

*Environment Department has liaised with OPW re Section 50 at Archerstown Demesne.*



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*No further action has been taken further to the OPW's notification to the Developer that Section 50 consent was not issued by them for the culvert constructed through Archerstown.*

The response was noted.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

#### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

“Install, as a matter of urgency, motion type detectors to all pedestrian lights in Ashbourne town centre, to include Frederick Street, Bridge Street, Castle Street and the Dublin road Deerpark junction to facilitate better peak traffic flow.”

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

*Following a review of this request, it is estimated that the cost of providing the sensors at all of locations mentioned would be approximately €65,000. If funding becomes available in the future, some of these locations could be fitted with sensors and the locations would be prioritised based on available funding.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**.

The motion was adopted.

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

8.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

The report was noted.

8.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, together with Policy Document School Wardens.



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The report was noted.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **10 Any Other Business**

10.1 Councillor Suzanne Jamal raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Requested an update on the list of locations requiring public lighting.

10.2 Mel Cronin raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Confirmed that the Christmas tree was being delivered overnight and the lights installed by the end of the week. It was suggested that the switching on of the lights take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

10.3 Councillor Alan Tobin raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Proposed that an allocation of €5,000 from the 2019 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration and MD Renewal Budget be made towards the acquisition of works by Tom Ryan as part of the Ashbourne 2020 programme – it was pointed out that this budget is usually discussed early in the year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**