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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

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9:30a.m., 17th January, 2018, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**, presided.

Councillors Present: Brian Fitzgerald, Nick Killian, Maria Murphy, Maria O'Kane, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillor Gerry O'Connor

Officials in Attendance:

Senior Executive Officer: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Des Foley, Director of Services, Claire King, Meetings Administrator.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th December, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Sean and Deirdre Henry on the death of their daughter Sandra.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillors Maria O’Kane and Darren O’Rourke on the birth of their son, Art;
- Cllr Gillian Toole as Chair of Ratoath Musical Society on this years Panto;
- Dúlamán Voice of the Celts on reaching the final of Germany’s Got Talent.
- Ratoath Municipal District for allocation to Ratoath Tidy Towns for Festive Decorations and Lights for which they were very appreciative of.

4 Planning Matters

The planning list circulated in advance was noted. The following planning matters were raised by Councillors:

- Requested that Planning Regulations pertaining to the conversion of out buildings/garages with separate entrances within a person’s property and then renting these units be made available on the Council’s website.
- Asked if Facebook could be contacted regarding maintaining the hedgerow along their side of the fence.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and a further update provided at the meeting. Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The cleaning of signage within Ratoath Municipal District – it was confirmed that the outdoor staff are working their way around this in



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the Municipal District.

- The need to revisit the gritting routes to add additional roads in particular the Ballybin road to the route. – it was pointed out that Transportation SPC had carried out a review of the programme for the coming year and the additional costs of addition new roads to the gritting route were outlined.
- Requested an update on Avoca Junction.
- Road lining around Rathbeggan and Mahr’s Tractors and Des Kelly warehouse has led to confusion with feeder lanes.
- Asked if advance signage would be put in place at the Pedestrian crossing in Leigh Valley on either side from Curraha and Glebe Park – It was confirmed that this signage would be put in place.
- Requested an update on the Big Belly bin for Ratoath and if it was going to be located at the Old Stand – It was confirmed that Councillors and the Tidy Towns group would be contacted in the coming weeks regarding the location of same.

The possibility of service providers being contacted in advance of pipe laying in Ratoath village to carry out any proposed works they have for Ratoath in conjunction with these works – It was advised that there is a National Agreement with Service Providers for reinstatement of the trench. Contractors also pay a bond to the Local Authority which is held for a period following completion of the works.

5.1.2 To receive an update on the Outer Relief Road in Ratoath.

An update had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Asked when the scheme would go to tender and what are the time periods involved.



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5.2 Environment

5.2.1 To receive an update on flood prevention measures in Dunboyne and Kilcock.

David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department provided an update on flood prevention measures or defences that are in place in the Ratoath Municipal District.

In particular he referred to defences which were put in place in Dunboyne and Clonee. This scheme is a very successful scheme however, there are some impediments to flow on the stream that can be removed over the coming months with longer term measures to be carried out towards the end of the year.

David outlined that the Flooding Analysis is an ongoing process and the CFRAM study for the whole of the country has been updated and flood maps are on the OPW website. Maps were withdrawn for the area of Dunboyne/Clonee due to imperfections on the study that have to be reanalysed. This work is currently with the OPW to be vetted and agreed by them before it can go public.

With regard to Kilcock there are no publically funded defences in place. Defences are been constructed that are developer led for a major development at Newtownmoynagh. Other minor flood defence works have been carried out privately in Kilcock at the rear of Super Valu.

Matters raised by Councillors, and responses provided, included:

- Dunboyne College of Further Education are currently spread across five units in the Industrial Estate in Dunboyne. The Department of Education has given a commitment that funding would be made available in 2019 for a new college. The only site available to them at this point in time is the cow park in Dunboyne. They are waiting on the CFRAM report to determine if this is a suitable site. This report is now urgent because if they do not have a suitable site they may lose out on the funding.



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- Requested a letter issue to the OPW from Ratoath Municipal District to thank them for the works carried out on the Broadmeadow river and the riverwalk area in Ratoath in conjunction with the Tidy Towns and outdoor staff
- Asked what area of the Castle river would be covered in proposed works – it was confirmed that works would be carried out on the full stretch from the Summerhill Rd roundabout to the Confluence with the Tolka.
- Requested that Councillors be informed of details of works to be done and updates as the works are carried out.
- Asked if there was a dam or weir to the rear of Kepak which can raise the level up and down.

5.3 Corporate Services

- 5.3.1 To discuss proposals to be considered by the Protocol Committee in relation to the allocation of the 2018 Twinning budget.

Dara McGowan advised that proposals for twinning will go to the Protocol Committee in February. Various twinning options were put forward previously for a possible twinning but there is currently no twinning in Ratoath Municipal District. It was pointed out that twinning is driven by a community group and if a group want to do something the Council can work with them. It was agreed that the Councillors would meet and look at twinning in advance of the next meeting.

It was also requested that a letter regarding cumulative expenses be brought to the Protocol Committee for their attention. Dara McGowan confirmed that he would bring it to the February meeting of the Protocol Committee.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.



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7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 15th December, 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Referred to the 10 sites in Dunshaughlin to be allocated to the community and asked when the guidelines for the allocation of same will be issued, when applicants can apply for these sites and what criteria will be set out for the allocation of same.

10.2 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested the timeline and process for Part 5 when a developer commences as there is a scheme nearing completion and Part 5 discussions have just commenced.

10.2.2 Referred to community integration or anti social behaviour and how Fingal County Council are sending some of their housing staff for mediation training which would be applicable to local authority owned estates as well as integrated estates. It was agreed to ask the Housing Department to liaise with Fingal County Council on this issue.



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10.3 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Requested an update on Dunboyne graveyard project for the next meeting.

It was agreed to bring the March Meeting of Ratoath Municipal District forward to Wednesday, 7th March to facilitate those Councillors travelling to New York for St. Patrick's Day.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach