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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 7th March, 2018, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Maria O'Kane.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by acknowledging the work of Meath County Council staff, the farming community, contractors with machinery and all other voluntary and state agencies during the recent adverse weather.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the water crisis in Ratoath. A lengthy discussion followed on the water disruptions experienced in Ratoath and the reasons for these, the possible solutions to water capacity and supply and the implications of these, and the impact on residential and economic development in south Meath. It was confirmed that Gerry Boyle, Senior Engineer, Water Services, would issue information to Councillors on the current position and emerging possible short and long term solutions. The former includes works to commence during the summer on increasing the pipe diameter on the Ratoath network with the latter being the replacement of the pipe from Staleen. Councillors expressed the view that, given the dependence on Dublin and Louth for water supply, it would be preferable for Meath to have it's own water treatment system to ensure security of supply. It was also suggested that the PPP model could be used to deliver same. It was agreed that a meeting with Gerry Boyle would be arranged to discuss the issue, following which a meeting would be sought with the Chief Executive, relevant TDs and Irish Water.



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1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14th February, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th February, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Nick Killian requested that additional public lighting at the entrance to Tattersalls on the Fairyhouse Road be considered as part of the Public Lighting Programme.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Alison Ryan, Planning Department and the family of the late Aidan Murphy, Dunshaughlin, who played a key role in the community.
- The family of the late Philip Colvin, Cloughbrack, Ballivor who died tragically.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Fr. Joe Clavin on celebrating his Golden Jubilee – it was agreed that a letter would issue on behalf of Councillors.

4 Planning Matters

The planning list, circulated in advance, was noted.

Whilst Councillors welcomed the inclusion of independent living units in residential developments, they underlined the need for such units to be provided in suitable locations that are accessible.



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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- It was requested that lunch be arranged for the outdoor teams in recognition of their work during the recent adverse weather conditions.
- Requested that footpaths in Dunboyne be cleared of snow before the St. Patrick's Day Parade taking place on 11th March – this was confirmed.
- Requested an update on the signalisation of the roundabout on the R145/R125 – it was confirmed that discussions were ongoing with the NTA and TII and that any decision would be brought to the Municipal District.
- The need to tidy the junction at Avoca – this was confirmed.

5.1.2 To receive an update on Ratoath Outer Relief Road.

The update, circulated in advance, was noted.

5.2 Environment

5.2.1 To receive an update on Dunboyne Burial Ground.

Caroline Corrigan, Executive Engineer, Environment attended the meeting and outlined the progress made to date. It was confirmed that AECOM had been appointed for the design to construction phases, that an ecologist report was due and that the conceptual design, once agreed, would be brought to Part VIII. The challenges of the site were outlined, as were the unique design elements planned. The conceptual design would be circulated to Councillors when available and consultation would take place with stakeholders prior to it going



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on public display. It is intended to commence the Part VIII in approximately two months.

Councillors thanked Caroline for her work on this project and welcomed the progress made. Issues raised included the need to provide a safe entrance and the need to consult with adjacent landowners. Councillors also requested that appropriate signage be erected for Derrockstown graveyard.

5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To consider taking in charge of and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017.

- The Laurels Housing Estate, Dunboyne
- Ard Cluain Housing Estate, Clonee

Councillor Maria Murphy sought clarity on a number of issues relating to these estates and it was agreed that these would be referred to the Planning Department and the item deferred to the April meeting.

5.4 Corporate Services

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

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

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“Can Meath County Council advise the process to de-zone, zoned residential lands in Dunboyne that are zoned residential nearly 20 years with no residential development taking place?”



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Response:

The process for zoning occurs within the parameters of the County Development Plan. The Meath County Development Plan is currently being reviewed and any submissions in relation to any part of the plan, including zoning, can be done so as part of Phase 2 – the Draft Plan.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly & Councillor Nick Killian

“Calling on the Chief Executive to outline a definitive timeline for the delivery of the CFram report for Dunboyne. Bearing in mind that any undue delay will affect the delivery of a new Further Education facility for 1000 students at Dunboyne.”

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

As the Members will be aware, the Council appointed JBA Consulting to do the Flood Risk assessment for Dunboyne as part of the County Development Plan preparation process – the information gathered as part of this process will also feed into the OPW's CFRAMS report and mapping.

The draft flood report, while not finalised as yet, will be publicised in the draft County Development Plan in the coming months but may be subject to change following vetting by the OPW before the County Plan is finally adopted.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

A discussion followed on the success of the college, the need to cater for existing and future student numbers and the potential of the college to expand.

The motion was noted.



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7.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council, to write to the Minister for Education requesting a funding update for the delivery of a permanent building for Dunboyne College of Further Education - Meath's only third level facility."

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach