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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 11th April, 2018, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

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

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 7th March, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th March, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Brian Fitzgerald requested an update on the Dunboyne/Maynooth Road – it was confirmed that a meeting with residents had taken place last week and that there was an issue with designating a 60km speed limit on this stretch of road as there was no footpath. Concerns were expressed around the impact of measures undertaken in possibly increasing speed and that more was needed on this stretch of road. It was agreed to review the matter further.

Councillor Nick Killian referred to traffic build ups at peak times coming off the Fairyhouse Road at Shires and requested that the traffic lights sequencing be reviewed to give preference to commuter traffic – it was agreed to review this.



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Councillor Gillian Toole requested an update on the roundabout proposals at Pace – it was confirmed that all documentation had been submitted to TII and a follow up meeting was to be arranged.

Councillor Gillian Toole requested Councillors to confirm their availability for a meeting to be arranged with Eurolink. Councillor Damien O'Reilly requested that the move of the Gateway to Meath statue to a more visible location also be raised.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Noel Eiffe, Ratoath who was the first Australian Rules referee and who played a significant role in the local community and GAA;
- The family of the late Tommy O'Reilly, former outdoor worker in Dunshaughlin;
- The family of the late Pearse Lyons, Alltech;
- The family of the late Declan Clusker, Dunshaughlin and retained firefighter, Dunshaughlin Brigade.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Ratoath Boxing Club on winning medals in the Leinster Championship;
- Superintendent Jim Cannon, on his retirement – it was agreed that a letter would issue;
- Fairyhouse and Tattersalls on the art piece installed at the roundabout – it was agreed that letters would issue;
- Dunboyne Musical Society on their production of 'Oklahoma'.

4 Statutory Business



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4.1 Transportation

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

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

- Update on the paving works in Dunboyne – this was provided.
- The need to review the sequencing of the pedestrian traffic lights at O'Dwyers.
- The additional costs associated with dealing with road damage following the recent severe weather – it was confirmed that information from across the county was being collated.
- Update on the footpath condition survey and repair works in Ratoath Municipal District – it was confirmed that an initial allocation of €150,000 was being made to each made with further funding to follow.
- The need to consider refurbishing the water pumping station at Milltree.
- The need to remove the ESB box in the middle of the cycleway in Ratoath.
- The need to either cement or remove the ramp where children were crossing and using the slope.
- The reseeding of the grass verge at Leigh Valley – it was confirmed that this would be done once the weather improves.
- The need to ensure sufficient water provisions are in place this weekend in Ratoath as confirmations are taking place.



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- The need to ensure that companies reinstate roads properly when works were completed – Councillors were asked to submit details of any areas of concern.
- Issues relating to the completion of a development in Kilcock – an update was provided.
- The need to ensure that adequate infrastructure and facilities are in place to deal with the increasing population, including schools, appropriate housing units, etc.
- The benefits of providing the Outer Ring Road for Dunshaughlin.
- The need to provide appropriate supports in terms of social housing provision – it was confirmed that additional resources were in place.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Philip and his team for all the work undertaken during the last month.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 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

Following a short discussion, it was agreed to refer this to the May meeting on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

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This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

4.3 Finance



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4.3.1 To receive an update on capital projects in Ratoath Municipal District.

Des Foley, Director of Services confirmed that the update on the capital programme would be brought to the May meeting of Meath County Council. He outlined the road and amenity capital works included for Ratoath Municipal District. These included the public lighting programme, road studies, traffic management schemes, junction improvements, footpath improvements, and cycle network schemes. Other amenity projects include Dunshaughlin Park, Dunboyne Park, Kilmessan Park and burial grounds at Derrockstown, Dunboyne and Kilcloon.

It was agreed to present the design for the upgrade of the Kilbride junction at Moulden Bridge at the May meeting.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The provision of the link to the new road at Moygaddy and the availability of a traffic volume overview of roads in the area – it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- The need for a minimum of two public lights at Tattersalls to be provided this year and the possibility of extending the continuous white line at the entrance.
- The possibility of transferring funding to Skane Valley Community Council for the acquisition of a building owned by St. Finian's Trust – it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged to discuss this.
- The possibility of providing community facilities, e.g. for the scouts in Kilcloon and Dunshaughlin – it was confirmed that works on the courthouse in Dunshaughlin were taking place and that interested community groups could come together to source funding for upgrade works.
- The lack of facilities in Ratoath, e.g. library, Garda station, etc. and the potential for the HSE site to facilitate integrated amenities.



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4.4 Corporate Services

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

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

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 29th March, 2018.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in response to the Notice of Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion as adopted at March meeting re delivery of a permanent building for Dunboyne College.

The correspondence was noted. A short discussion followed on the future needs of the college and the potential to extend the services on offer. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged for Councillors to meet with the Principal of the college.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Audrey Norris, Corporate Services raised the following issue:



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- 9.1.1 A proposed list of groups/individuals to be recognised at the annual civic event was circulated and Councillors were requested to submit any further suggestions by 25th April, with a date for the event to be agreed with the Cathaoirleach, probably mid-May.
- 9.2 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issues:
- 9.2.1 The possibility of local residents linking into the water and wastewater infrastructure being provided for Shire.
- 9.2.2 The possibility of Dunboyne acting as the model for the initial implementation of the Cycling Staying Alive campaign with the potential of the Municipal District Allocation to fund signage, promotion, etc.
- 9.3 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issues:
- 9.3.1 Confirmed that 5 hot desks and a communal area will be provided in Dunshaughlin Civic Offices at a nominal rate and referred to the potential for the building to offer display space for local business.
- 9.3.2 The need to protect the grass verges at The Grange, Kiltale from damage by heavy traffic.
- 9.3.3 Requested that the Garda Chief Superintendent be invited to attend a meeting of the municipal district, or send an appropriate representative, to discuss local issues and explore how Councillors can assist the Gardaí in implementing their plans locally.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach