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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:45a.m., 13th June, 2018, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Maria Murphy**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th May, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th May, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Nick Killian raised the issue of the watermain works in Ratoath and acknowledged that the works were proceeding well with less disruption than expected. He also referred to the recent water disruptions in the village and thanked Council staff for their efforts in supplying water during the outages. He queried whether the planned replacement of the pipe from Staleen would be completed within 12 months and referred to the need to resolve the issues at Windmill Hill and the possibility of bringing the pumping station at Milltree Park back into service. It was confirmed that the recent water disruption had underlined the need to expedite the pipe replacement and that the ongoing works in Ratoath would also assist in alleviating the situation. It was agreed that a special meeting would be arranged for September/October to discuss this issue further with the relevant personnel and TDs.



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Councillor Gerry O'Connor referred to the conflicting views between the local authority and the Gardaí/Judiciary with regard to the need for parking byelaws for enforcement. It was confirmed that differing advice did appear to have been given but that a meeting was being arranged with the relevant Gardaí to discuss the matter. Reference was also made by Councillors to the need to provide off street parking and a park & ride facility.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Ann McLoughlin, Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival on the death of her father, Patsy;
- Councillor Wayne Harding on the death of his brother, Gary;
- Councillor Sharon Tolan on the death of her father, John Donohoe;
- The family of the late Councillor Joe Reilly.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Matthew Costello and Luke Mitchell on being appointed to the Meath GAA team;
- Tattersalls on their recent International Horse Trials and Country Fair and for their contribution to local tourism and the local economy;
- Ratoath AC on their results in the Leinster Championships;
- The Council outdoor teams on their work during recent water disruption in Ratoath;
- Ratoath Harps on the official opening of their new pitch;
- Fairyhouse Racecourse on winning the Racecourse Award at the Irish Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards;
- Georgie Benson on winning the Newcomer Award at the Irish Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards.



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4 To receive a presentation from Flexibus.

Miriam McKenna delivered a presentation to the meeting on the structure of Flexibus, the Transport Coordination Unit, functions, public services, funding sources, Community Self-Drive, Community/Volunteer Car, passenger trips 2002-2017, wheelchair users 2002-2017 and promotion.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Miriam for the presentation and acknowledged the success of Flexibus in terms of increased passenger numbers and excellent customer service. Reference was made to the possibility of providing a service to the M3 Parkway and it was agreed that Councillors would assist in preparing a submission to try and secure such a service, even on a trial basis, by providing relevant information and evidence of need. Councillors committed to submitting information directly by Monday.

Other issues raised included the opportunities to expand the service including areas such as Kilbride that are currently without a service.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted and matters raised by Councillors included:

- The need to reinstate the road surface on Main Street, Ratoath following the completion of works – it was confirmed that conditions relating to reinstatement did apply.
- The need to improve the overall appearance of Ratoath village, e.g. at Macaris – it was confirmed that the capital programme allocation was for infrastructure and enhancement projects.



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- Outstanding works following recent infrastructure works in Ratoath – it was confirmed that the conciliation process was ongoing but that an update would be provided at the July meeting.
- The possibility of repairing the pothole at Tara News and the need to upgrade the traffic/pedestrian lights at that junction – it was confirmed that these issues were being expedited.
- Update on traffic management plans, including pedestrian lights, to coincide with the opening of Lidl in July.
- The directions being given by Google Maps/sat nav systems to Tayto Park that encourage use of local roads rather than main roads.
- The possibility of removing/relocating litter bins in advance of the Tidy Towns judging in Dunboyne – it was confirmed that this would take place this week.
- The need to trim grass verges at junctions on regional roads – it was confirmed that two tractors were due to start work next week.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To receive a presentation on the current LEADER programme & updates to the scheme.

Michael Ludlow, CEO and Colin Ludlow, Senior Project Officer, Meath Partnership delivered a presentation on the LEADER 2020 programme, including an overview of the programme, the thematic framework 2014-2020, eligible project areas, ineligible activities, available grant rates, benefits of changes to programme delivery, progress 2017 – 2018 including progression of applications in 2018 and applications approved 2017 – 2018.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The need to encourage social enterprise in Ireland.



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- The challenges facing voluntary organisations in recruiting volunteers and developing their management capacity and ability – it was conceded that many communities were facing increasing complexity in sourcing different funds to finance an overall project.
- Whether a local authority can apply for Leader funding – it was confirmed that, whilst a local authority cannot apply, the LCDC can apply.
- The possibility of progressing the Dunshaughlin courthouse project, for which a feasibility study was prepared – it was confirmed that Meath Partnership was aware of this project, with Leader having funded the study, and was interested in progressing such projects.
- The administration costs – it was confirmed that this was a maximum of 20% of the total budget over 5 years and, if exceeded, has to be funded through private income.
- The possibility of information sessions in each municipal district – a number of different examples were outlined, e.g. in Ashbourne, councillors had contacted potential applicants and a meeting is to be arranged in the civic offices.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Michael and Colin for the information presented.

5.3 Environment

- 5.3.1 To receive an update on conceptual design development for proposed burial garden at Salestown, Dunboyne.

Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment provided an update on the progress of the proposed burial ground for Dunboyne, which had recently encountered a difficulty with the lands identified. Further clarification and legal advice is to be sought regarding the current position and expenditure incurred to date. Disappointment was expressed at this development.

- 5.3.2 To receive information regarding remedial works at Derrockstown Burial



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Garden and pollinator plan for the garden.

Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment provided an update on the planned remedial works, including plinths, drainage, a pollinator friendly garden, signage and a Remembrance Day scheduled for 1st July at 3pm.

A short discussion followed on issues such as access and the provision of a columbarium wall with responses provided.

5.4 Corporate Services

5.4.1 Appointment of one Councillor to the Corporate Policy Group.

Councillor Brian Fitzgerald was proposed by Councillor Nick Killian and seconded by Councillor Gerry O'Connor and was appointed unopposed.

5.4.2 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

There were no Notices of Question.

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 Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 29th May, 2018.

The report was noted.



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9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

10.1.1 The need to provide social housing in the municipal district.

10.2 Councillor Brian Fitzgerald raised the following issue:

10.2.1 The possibility of residents in the Knockmark/Drumree area connecting to the water and wastewater mains.

10.3 Des Foley raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Confirmed that a Part VIII is being prepared for the provision of a footpath and two bus stops at Harlockstown.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach