



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

### ***Ratoath Municipal District***

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

***9:30a.m., 14<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

**Apologies:** Councillor Gillian Toole.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Senior Executive Officer:** Dara McGowan

**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 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

##### **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 Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

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



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Councillor Gerry O'Connor confirmed that, as part of the pre-budget meetings, a number of allocations had been secured for each municipal district, including a capital grant allocation of €100,000; €10,000 for the support of local residents associations; and €5,000 to hold clean-up days to deter illegal dumping.

Councillor Nick Killian referred to recent water outages in Ratoath/Kilbride/Curragha/Fairyhouse Road in addition to other locations within the municipal district and the late and/or misleading communications from Irish Water to advise of these. He requested that coordination and communication be improved, ensuring adequate and accurate advance notification of planned outages. It was agreed to invite a representative from Irish Water, with a representative from the Water Services Section, to a municipal district meeting to discuss these and other relevant issues.

Councillor Nick Killian also referred to the quality and incompleteness of works on the Ratoath Inner Relief Road and requested a written report on the matter for the December meeting.

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

Congratulations were extended to:

- Hillview Residents Association on winning a Pride of Place award;
- Ratoath Senior Camogie Club on reaching the All Ireland Club Final;
- Coille Beag on winning the Newcomers Award;
- The Community Section of Meath County Council on organising the Pride of Place awards.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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



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The report had been circulated in advance and a further update was provided at the meeting, including planned interim works at the Avoca junction, prior to more permanent measures, following the completion of works by Irish Water. It was also confirmed that the public consultation in relation to Tara News commences this week.

A number of developments were welcomed, including traffic calming at Grange End, bollards at Hillview, road markings at various locations, the wall restoration at Manor Court, and the disabled parking space at the post office in Ratoath.

Other matters raised by councillors included:

- The schedule for the roadsweeper in Dunshaughlin.
- The need to clean the sign which outlines the penalties for illegal dumping at the bottle bank site.
- The need for hedge cutting in Dunsany – it was pointed out that the hedge cutting season runs from September to March and, unless there was a danger to road users, there was still time for landowners to take action.
- The continued delay by the ESB in switching on the lights in the park, in various housing developments, etc. – it was requested that a letter issue to the ESB from senior management underlining the impact of such delays and requesting that all connections be expedited.
- The need to review the impact of traffic lights on access to the Church of Ireland following the opening of Lidl and the possibility of installing appropriate measures to assist access.
- The need to progress the Part 8 in respect of the continuation of the road from Moyglare to the new roundabout to improve road safety along the river – it was confirmed that this project would be included in the Transportation Planning & Design work programme in 2019 but that funding is required to advance the project.



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### **4.2 Environment**

#### 4.2.1 To receive an update on the burial ground in Dunboyne.

Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment confirmed that trial holes undertaken at a new site had indicated that the rock levels were very high and therefore this site was ruled out. Contact was ongoing in relation to the possible purchase of the alternative site at Salestown. In relation to Rooske Road, a drone survey had been undertaken and a map outlining available plots prepared. This map would be matched against that held by the parish to determine the actual number of plots available. It is estimated that approximately 44 plots are available, including two rows at the front, providing c. 2 years capacity.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The removal of the fence at the rear to provide two additional rows of plots – the results from previous trial holes were outlined, indicating the high water table.
- The provision of parking and a columbarium wall in the rear field – it was pointed out that the design for the columbarium wall in Derrockstown could be replicated here, once planning queries have been addressed. The provision of a car park would depend on available funding.
- The role of the council in funding columbarium walls in parish run cemeteries, e.g. in Ratoath – it was suggested that this might be feasible, depending on a site assessment.

It was agreed to add this to the agenda of the January meeting.

### **4.3 Planning**

#### 4.3.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report (reference P818013) in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2017 in relation to the proposed development of 26 housing units, including all site development works, at the Lagore Housing



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Estate, Dunshaughlin.

Billy Joe Padden, Executive Planner, David Jones, Senior Executive Officer and Paul Barrell, Executive Engineer, Housing Department attended the meeting and the key points in the report were outlined. Information was also provided on the social housing delivery using all available mechanisms.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The need to ensure that the communal bin storage area is managed and monitored to ensure the prevention of inappropriate usage.
- Plans for the remainder of the site – it was pointed out that the 26 units represents Phase I of the development, with possible consideration to be given to providing affordable sites on the remainder of the site, the aim being to develop the site incrementally to avoid any issues arising at a later date.
- The availability of the protocol relating to affordable sites – it was confirmed that the SPC would sign off on the final document in December.
- The need to secure the gated area to deter anti-social behaviour.
- Concerns regarding the Crannog boundary walls.
- The timeframe for construction to commence – it is intended that the contractor would be on site in Q1 2019, following completion of all stages of the process, which were outlined.
- The role of Approved Housing Bodies in the delivery of Part 5 units – it was confirmed that, whilst the Department did encourage the delivery of these units through AHBs, funding was being provided directly to local authorities since early 2018.
- The availability of grant assistance to furnish housing units – it was pointed out that this was through the Department of Social Protection.



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- The need to acquire land for additional social housing- it was pointed out that a rolling expression of interest request was on the council's website and any potential sites should be identified via these means.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors welcomed the development and thanked all for the information provided.

### **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 & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes**

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

The report was noted.

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

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**



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There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issues:

9.1.1 The possibility of bringing all key stakeholders in Rathbeggan together to resolve any outstanding issues.

9.1.2 The possibility of allocating levies from recent economic developments to undertake initiatives in areas within Ratoath Municipal District and adjacent to these developments – it was suggested that this be discussed at the budget meeting.

9.2 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Suggested that the Facebook Community Fund should be confined to the immediate area, similar to the Indaver and Carronstown funds.

9.3 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

9.3.1 The need for public lighting on the Fairyhouse Road at Tattersalls, particularly during winter when events are taking place – it was confirmed that the public lighting programme was to go to tender.

9.3.2 The need for another secondary school in the area – it was agreed to invite representatives from Forward Planning and the Department of Education and Skills to the January meeting to discuss this.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**



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