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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 12th December, 2018, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Nick Killian, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillors Brian Fitzgerald and Maria Uí Ruairc.

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 14th November, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th November, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Des Foley confirmed that agreement had been reached with the contractor in relation to the works on the Ratoath Inner Relief Road and that, whilst the outstanding snag list would be addressed by Meath County Council, no council funding was required. It was agreed that a meeting would take place with Councillors Killian and Toole in the new year to ensure that all issues raised would be addressed.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Brian Fitzgerald on the death of his sister;
- The family and colleagues of the late Aoife O’Sullivan, teacher at Ratoath College.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Gary Costelloe, Kilmessan on his “It’s ok not to feel ok campaign”;
- Ratoath Junior B Ladies on winning the Inter Camogie All Ireland;
- Kilmessan Ladies on the Inter Camogie All Ireland;
- Dunboyne on winning Club of the Year and for the players who have been selected for the Meath panel.

4 Statutory Business

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:

- Complaints received regarding graffiti in Dunshaughlin playground;
- Potholes in the vicinity of Tara News;
- The commencement of works at Glascarn – it was confirmed that these would commence after Christmas as per the report circulated.



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- The need to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and wheelchair users in Ratoath village centre, particularly at the Supervalu junction – it was pointed out that, whilst the major plan for Ratoath would address the issues raised, interim measures would also be considered.
- The need for road lining at Rathbeggan.
- The impact of bollards on larger vehicles navigating the turn on the R125 entering Dunshaughlin at Grange End – it was pointed out that this had been reviewed previously and the aim had been to reduce speed.
- The need to review the sequencing of the lights off the Lagore Road on to the R147.
- The need for additional speed reduction measures and enforcement in centres such as Dunboyne.
- The need to ensure that the Transportation Section is involved in any discussions around planning for new primary and secondary schools – it was agreed to discuss this issue further at the January meeting.
- The need to reduce speed on the Drumree Road and provide a link from the R147 to the roundabout at Drumree – it was pointed out that a related item was on the agenda of the January meeting.
- The need to ensure that recently resurfaced roads are reinstated properly by companies granted road opening licences.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors commended and thanked Philip Traynor and his team on the significant amount of work undertaken throughout the year.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 To inform the Ratoath Municipal District Members that Meath County Council Corporate Services Section intend to apply for Part 8 planning approval in



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accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the Linear Walkway and Playing Fields at Rooske Road, Dunboyne.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer provided an overview of the background to the site and the proposal, including the linear walkway, bridge reinstatement, pitches, facilities, car park, and landscaping. It is proposed to transfer the pitches via a S183 35 year lease agreement to Dunboyne GAA who will construct, manage and maintain the facility (pitches) with scheduled access for the Gaelscoil to be provided. The bridge is to be reinstated at a location that will allow linkage to the park. The requirements of the Part 8 were completed and engagement has taken place with the key stakeholders. The next steps were then outlined, including the Part 8, design/costings and funding options.

Fergus McNulty, Chair, Dunboyne GAA provided an overview of the club, current and projected participation rates, current facilities and plans to provide a family friendly facility in partnership with the schools.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the proposal and commended the executive and the club for having progressed the project to this stage.
- Access to the pitches/facility by other clubs/sports – it was confirmed that, whilst access by the Gaelscoil formed a condition of the lease, decisions around access by other clubs/sports would be a matter for the GAA club, who would be investing in the facility and managing and maintaining it.
- The need to consider traffic/parking issues at the Gaelscoil.
- The possibility of ensuring that the facility was as accessible as possible, e.g. for wheelchair users – it was confirmed that this had been taken into account.
- Welcomed the plans going on public display as soon as possible – it was confirmed that this would occur early in the new year.

Mr. McNulty thanked the councillors for their support.



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

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

Councillors thanked Triona Keating for the assistance provided throughout the year in administering the scheme. It was suggested that the council proactively promote the benefits to the community of this scheme, funded by the LPT.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“Can Meath County Council confirm whether any council house tenants in the Dunboyne area are exempt from the Meath County Council Anti Social Behaviour policy?”

Response:

Meath County Council's Anti Social Behaviour Policy applies to all Meath County Council tenants.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

“Please give an update on the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme for the roundabouts in the area of the R147 from the Dunboyne Bypass to the Fairyhouse Roundabout, the number of expressions of interest which have been received and accepted and when we can expect the roundabouts to be landscaped.”

Response:

Under the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme, expressions of interest were sought for the following roundabouts in the area of the R147 from Dunboyne Bypass to the Fairyhouse Roundabout:



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R157 Castlefarm – one expression of interest received, Sponsor in place

R156 Summerhill Road, Dunboyne – one expression of interest received, Sponsor in place

M3 Parkway/R157 – three expressions of interest, sponsorship offer made, awaiting acceptance

The roundabouts at Black Bull and on the R147 at Pace are part of the M3/Eurolink contract. As per the terms of the scheme, the Council will maintain the landscaping of the roundabout for the sponsorship period. If additional maintenance work or further floral or landscape enhancement is desired by the sponsor, this may, with the advance agreement of the Council, be arranged at the sponsor's expense.

The response was noted. Councillor Maria Murphy requested clarification as to whether all roundabouts would be landscaped in Spring/Summer.

6 Notice of Motion

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

"We call on Meath County Council to write to the Department of Education and Minister for Education requesting they begin the consultation process for a new secondary school site and building for the Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin area."

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

The Forward Planning Section will make contact with the Department with regards to this motion.

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

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy



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“We call on Meath County Council to engage with Thorntons Recycling Ltd. with a view to including their Dunboyne site in the free ‘Bulky Waste Days’ planned for 2019 and other such initiatives.”

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

It is confirmed that the Environment Department will engage with Thornton’s Recycling in respect of the possible use of their facility at Dunboyne to host Bulky Waste Days or other environmental initiatives that promotes appropriate disposal of waste for residents in this area and reduces the amount of waste being given to unauthorised collectors.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

The motion was adopted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 23rd November, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 30th November together with Low Cost Private Site Scheme.

The report was noted. It was noted that the report in respect of the Low Cost Private Site Scheme had been thoroughly reviewed by the SPC. It was also noted that clarity was needed from central government in relation to housing zoning, capacity and future development.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.



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9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Referred to a machine demonstrated at a meeting of the JPC which enables certain equipment to be imprinted with the owner's Eircode, thereby enabling identification in the event that it is stolen and recovered. Signage on properties, indicating that this identification method had been used, had led to a significant reduction in the level of burglaries in those areas. It was suggested that each municipal district would benefit from having one of these machines available to the community. However, it would require agreement on a protocol, to include responsibility for its management, etc. It was agreed to raise this at the Community SPC for further discussion.

9.2 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issue:

9.2.1 The timeframe for the planned works in Dunshaughlin Civic Offices and the provision of hot desk facilities – it was confirmed that a lot of work was required on the building, including the provision of the hot desks. The tender was being prepared and funding allocated. A commencement date has yet to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach