



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

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

### ***Annual Meeting***

***9.30a.m., 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Nick Killian, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly.

**Apologies:** Councillor Gillian Toole.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Philip Traynor

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Maria Murphy, opened the meeting by thanking her councillor colleagues for their support and courtesy over the past year. She thanked the engineering, outdoor and meeting administration staff and acknowledged the good relationship that exists between councillors and the executive. She welcomed Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith to the new council. It was agreed that a letter of best wishes would issue to former councillor Maria Uí Ruaire as well as all candidates that had stood for election.

#### **1 Election of Cathaoirleach**

Councillor Brian Fitzgerald was proposed by Councillor Nick Killian and seconded by Councillor Damien O'Reilly.

Councillor Gerry O'Connor was proposed by Councillor Gerry O'Connor and seconded by Councillor Maria Murphy.

As there were two nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach, a roll call vote was taken with the following result:

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<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote</b>
FITZGERALD, Brian	Fitzgerald, Brian
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre	Fitzgerald, Brian
KILLIAN, Nick	Fitzgerald, Brian
MURPHY, Maria	O'Connor, Gerry
O'CONNOR, Gerry	O'Connor, Gerry
O'REILLY, Damien	Fitzgerald, Brian
TOOLE, Gillian	Absent

### **RESULT:**

FITZGERALD, Brian - 4 votes

O'CONNOR, Gerry - 2 votes

**Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** was declared elected and assumed the chair.

The Cathaoirleach thanked those who had proposed, seconded and supported his nomination and outlined the key initiatives in the coming year, including the County Development Plan review, the need to maximise funding income and attract more economic development through the provision of suitable land and buildings.

## **2 Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach**

Councillor Damien O'Reilly was proposed by Councillor Nick Killian and seconded by Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith.

Councillor Maria Murphy was proposed by Councillor Maria Murphy and seconded by Councillor Gerry O'Connor.

As there were two nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach, a roll call vote was taken with the following result:

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Councillor	Vote
FITZGERALD, Brian	O'Reilly, Damien
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre	O'Reilly, Damien
KILLIAN, Nick	O'Reilly, Damien
MURPHY, Maria	Murphy, Maria
O'CONNOR, Gerry	Murphy, Maria
O'REILLY, Damien	O'Reilly, Damien
TOOLE, Gillian	Absent

### **RESULT:**

O'REILLY, Damien - 4 votes

MURPHY, Maria - 2 votes

**Councillor Damien O'Reilly** was declared elected and referred to issues including the need to increase economic and residential developments.

A short discussion followed on some of the key issues, challenges and opportunities facing the municipal district.

### **3 To consider the election, appointment or nomination of Councillors to Local Bodies & Committees**

3.1 Appointment of one Councillor from Ratoath Municipal District to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

This was deferred to the July meeting.

3.2 Appointment of one Councillor from Ratoath Municipal District to the Meath Heritage Forum.

**Councillor Maria Murphy** was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Maria Murphy and seconded by Councillor Gerry O'Connor.



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### **4 To agree the 2019-2020 Schedule of Meetings**

Meetings will commence at **9.30 a.m.** on the following dates:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Ordinary
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Ordinary
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Ordinary
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Ordinary
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Ordinary
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Ordinary
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Ordinary
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Ordinary
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Ordinary
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Ordinary
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Annual & Ordinary

This was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

### **5 Standing Orders**

5.1 To adopt the Standing Orders for the meetings of Ratoath Municipal District.

These were unanimously adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**.

### **6 Any Other Business**

6.1 Orientation for Councillors



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Orientation for Councillors will take place on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June from 9.30am to 1.00pm in Buvinda House.

6.2 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:

6.2.1 The needs to replace the traffic lights at the cemetery cross at Ratoath – it was confirmed that works at this junction, including surfacing, were being costed.

6.2.2 The need to advertise the position of school warden in Ratoath.

6.3 Councillor Brian Fitzgerald raised the following issue:

6.3.1 The number of dangerous junctions due to overgrown weeds and hedges and the responsibility of landowners to deal with same – it was confirmed that works would commence on this in 2/3 weeks.

6.4 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

6.4.1 The need to advertise the position of school warden in Dunboyne – it was pointed out that a policy had been adopted by both the SPC and full council in relation to situations where a school warden vacancy arises, whereby all options would be considered, including any suitable engineering solutions.

6.5 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issue:

6.5.1 Expressed his dissatisfaction at the delay in progressing the provision of a new or extended cemetery for Dunboyne – it was agreed that an update would be circulated in advance of the July meeting.

6.6 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issues:

6.6.1 The need for an alternative safe crossing, e.g. pedestrian traffic lights, at St. Seachnall's N.S.

6.6.2 The possibility of council staff cutting the grass at the front of the health centre in Dunshaughlin during the Tidy Towns/Pride of Place judging.



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6.7 Philip Traynor raised the following issue:

6.7.1 Circulated the draft proposal for works on the Drumree Road – it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** that these should proceed to public display.

6.8 Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith raised the following issue:

6.8.1 The issues relating to traffic exiting at the junction of Glascarn Lane to Fairyhouse Road – it was pointed out that there were interim measures in place with negotiations ongoing to provide a more permanent solution.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**