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Ashbourne Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 10th March, 2020, Ashbourne Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Alan Tobin**, presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal, Aisling O'Neill and Amanda Smith.

Apologies: Councillor Conor Tormey.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Fiona Lawless

Executive Engineer: Mel Cronin

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Claire King, Meetings Administrator

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Councillor Joe Bonner referred to submissions made to the Draft County Development Plan whereby some have not appeared on the online portal – It was advised that due to the large volume of submissions received, over 2,000, and given that information has to be redacted before publishing, there is a delay in putting them online, however staff are working hard in this regard.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 11th February 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th February 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Aisling O'Neill on her appointment as Councillor and wished her well;

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report circulated in advance was noted. Matters raised by councillors included:

- Referred to an issue at Timoole opposite the cemetery where the river burst its banks following the heavy rainfall. – It was confirmed that “Road Flooded” signs will soon be erected. Works are planned under the Roadworks Programme for this year at this location. An update will be provided on these works when it becomes available.
- Complimented the team on the work carried out during the bad weather conditions.
- Complimented the works done in Garden City which is a huge improvement to the area.
- Expressed concern for residents of Rathlodge where the pedestrian lights are out and children have to cross the road twice.
- Concerned over possible delays during pipe laying from the Pilo Hotel down which are commencing next week.
- Requested utilities work together to minimise disruptions to the village and the need for a Liaison Officer.



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4.1.2 To receive an update on the N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon Cross.

Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer introduced himself and Catherine Dowdall, Executive Engineer who are working on this project and outlined the background to the scheme.

Eoin Greene from ROD-AECOM made a presentation which included a scheme overview, work to date, options under consideration, public consultation which takes place on the 12th March from 4.00p.m. to 8,00p.m. in The Pilo Hotel, Ashbourne and the next steps.

Matters raised by councillors included:-

- Welcomed the project and the progress being made to date and that it will be seen as a priority.
- Asked how long it will take before exclusion zones are in place as there are regarding planning and restrictions on planning within that zone- Exclusion zones have been submitted to the Planning Department and will be narrowed down through the phases. A conclusion to the route selection is expected by the end of the summer.
- Queried if this was a separate project to Slane By-Pass or are they competing against one another. – It was confirmed that this is a separate scheme.
- With the possibility of the Green Party going into Government and their stance on not building motorways will there be a question over this project. – This is key, schemes need to be sustainable and meet local and national objectives.
- Curragha bog and the Hurley river are sensitive locations and must be avoided – It was confirmed that the impact of corridors has been minimised on key community features and locations.
- Asked how long the route selection process will take – it is hoped to have a conclusion to this by the end of the summer.



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- What delays can be expected with An Bord Pleanála and making a decision - It was advised that it is impossible to predict a timeframe in obtaining a decision from An Bord Pleanála.
- Public consultation is key to this project and every effort should be made for public engagement.
- Asked about the possibility of a park and ride facility before works commence in order to take traffic off the road – These may need to be included onto the scheme if there is a demand for it.
- Asked for a predicted timeline from start to finish of the project. – It was advised that realistically it would take 10 years from start to completion of this scheme.
- Queried as to what these works will relieve and what can be done to alleviate the situation in the meantime - It is hoped they will improve journey time and alleviate or remove delays. One of the objectives is around journey time reliability.
- Suggested as a possible interim solution to turn off the signal exiting off Tayto Park road and do not allow a right turn for two hours at peak times. – It was advised that this would cause issues with consistencies. From a safety aspect consistency is required at lights. It was agreed to ask Jonathan Ryan in Public Lighting section to have another look at the traffic light sequence at this junction.
- A meeting had been requested with the Park & Ride Office in the NTA for a park and ride in Ashbourne. There is also need for a bus corridor on the N2. It was pointed that this is included as an option to be considered now and will assess it. It will not satisfy all the issues at the junctions but may come along as a complimentary measure.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 To consider allocations under the 2020 budget for Arts, Festivals, Festive Decorations & MD Renewal.

This item was deferred to a later meeting.



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- 4.2.2 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the **Knockharley Community Liaison Committee** following the election of Darren O'Rourke to Dáil Éireann

Councillor Aisling O'Neill was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Suzanne Jamal.

- 4.2.3 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee** following the election of Darren O'Rourke to Dáil Éireann

Councillor Aisling O'Neill was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Suzanne Jamal.

- 4.2.4 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ashbourne 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 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

- 8.1 Councillor Alan Tobin raised the following issue:

- 8.1.1 Confirmed that An Bord Pleanála's public consultation Oral Hearing in respect of



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Knockharley takes place on the 6th April, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach