



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Ashbourne Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 3rd November 2020, Ashbourne Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Conor Tormey**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Fiona Lawless

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Mel Cronin

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 6th October 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6th October 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Alan Tobin queried whether Bus Éireann had agreed to attend a meeting of the municipal district to discuss relevant issues – it was pointed out that Ratoath Municipal District had suggested that a joint meeting of both municipal districts be arranged and Bus Éireann be invited to attend. This will be arranged in due course.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

- Councillor Alan Tobin on his recent marriage.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To consider and adopt the Ashbourne Town Appointed Stands (taxi) Bye-Laws 2020.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Transportation outlined the report circulated including the locations proposed for the three full-time and three part-time ranks. Reference was made to the process, as per Section 25 of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013, with the draft byelaws having been on public display from 19th September to 30th October and contact having been made with the NTA and Garda Commissioner. The three submissions received were outlined, one of which was outside the scope of the byelaws, one opposing the provision of such facilities and one referring to the proposed locations and other related requirements. Neither the NTA nor the Garda Commissioner had made a submission. The councillors, in making a decision, must have regard to the submissions made and, if adopted, a notice will be published in the media regarding that decision. A commencement date must then be decided upon, taking into account the necessary works, including signage and road markings.

Matters raised by councilors included the approximate cost of the works – estimated to be in the region of €5-10,000 and queries around the provision of additional disabled parking spaces.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill** to proceed as recommended and to aim to have these in place by early December.

It was also agreed that the Transportation Department would contact the large supermarkets requesting that they make provision for drop-off/pick-up areas for taxis at their premises.

With regard to EV charging points, a LGMA Working Group has been established to adopt a sectoral approach to access funding.



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

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

The report had been circulated in advance, with a further update provided at the meeting, including the clean up of bonfire material, the distribution of salt boxes and the delivery of the Christmas tree.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors commended Mel and his crew on their work, including the efficient clearance of bonfire material and the footpath works at St. Oliver Plunkett Park.

Drawings were circulated, which referred to the three proposed ramps in Ashbourne on Castle Street and the courtesy crossing at Castleway and also the proposed works on the kerbing and crossing at Deerpark. The proposed works were welcomed.

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2020.

- Archerstown Wood, Ashbourne.

A discussion followed on the condition of the fence and the future of the site previously designated for a community facility. It was agreed that the issues raised would again be referred to the Planning Department and the decision to take the estate in charge would be deferred.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“Can I get an up to date list of housing estates taken in charge with

- 1) the 30kph limit



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

2) the 50kph limit

in the Ashbourne MD?"

Response:

Below is a list of all the housing estates taken in charge by Meath County Council (see below). The following 24 currently have a 30km/h speed limit:

Town/Village	Estate
<i>Ardcath</i>	<i>Church View</i>
<i>Ashbourne</i>	<i>Alderbrook Ashewood Baldara Court Crestwood Deerpark Garden City Killegland (Park/Court/Crescent/Green) Maple Grove Milltown Estate St. John's Wood</i>
<i>Bellewstown</i>	<i>Woodview</i>
<i>Duleek</i>	<i>Mill Race</i>
<i>Kentstown</i>	<i>Glasheen Leganara View Oliver Plunkett Park</i>
<i>Kilbride</i>	<i>Cherry Tree Drive</i>
<i>Skreen</i>	<i>Oberstown Estate</i>
<i>Stamullen</i>	<i>Forgehill Gracemeadow Kilbreck & Glasheen Mountain View The Orchard</i>
<i>Tankardstown</i>	<i>Beech Grove</i>

The response was noted.



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“I call on Meath County Council to immediately put together tender documents for Rathlodge, Ashbourne so that currently unsafe roads, parking areas and footpaths can be repaired without delay, utilising the bond received recently to carry out the work.”

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

The Council is currently going through the taking-in-charge process and the tender documents have already been prepared. These works will go to tender as soon as is possible.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**, was agreed.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“I call on Meath County Council to repair the road near Belgree that is subsiding outside houses D15 X729 & WF63, where the surface is also deteriorating, has affected boundary walls and has been the location of at least one serious accident involving a cyclist.”

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

Ashbourne Municipal District will make repairs to this section of the L-1008 at Nuttstown when a road-crew becomes available. Currently, our road-crews are working hard to complete the recent list of works that were approved for funding under the Government’s “July Stimulus Package”. As you will be aware, one of the conditions for funding of these projects is that works and expenditure must be completed by December 1st, 2020. Subject to no further coronavirus restrictions, weather events or other emergencies, we expect the repairs on the L-1008 to take place in early December.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**, was agreed.



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence received from the Ardcath N.S. Parents Association in response to the notice of item 9.2.1 from the October meeting.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that the correspondence would be acknowledged and that a letter would issue on behalf of councillors to the Department of Education & Skills in support of the requests being made.

- 7.2 Correspondence received from Bus Eireann in response to the notice of item 9.2.2 from the October meeting re increase capacity on relevant bus routes to facilitate both students and workers.

The correspondence was noted.

8 Any Other Business

- 8.1 Councillor Alan Tobin raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Requested information on the process relating to the vacant site levy - it was agreed that this would be provided at the December meeting.

8.1.2 Requested that a date be set for the lighting up of the Christmas tree – this was agreed for Saturday 28th November.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach