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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9: 30 a.m., 9th December 2020, Via Zoom

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**, presided.

Councillors Present: Brian Fitzgerald, Nick Killian, Maria Murphy, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith and Gerry O'Connor.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

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 4th November 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4th November 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 11th November 2020.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 11th November 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Suzanne Jamal on the death of her sister, Máire.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Community Department and all the groups involved in the recent awards ceremony;
- Council staff and all groups involved in the Christmas lights and decorations in the towns and villages;
- The businesses in Dunshaughlin involved in the late night shopping and carol singing events.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted. It was also confirmed that three compactor bins were to be provided for Dunboyne park, Dunshaughlin and the post office/community centre, Ratoath. The drawing in relation to the proposed ramp at Moatlands will be circulated, however it is a larger job than originally anticipated and not all residents are in favour of it proceeding.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Thanked Philip and all his staff for the amount of work undertaken during what has been a very challenging year.
- Queried the issues relating to works at Castlefarm, Dunboyne – this relates to the number of new developments taking place, which require



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road opening licences, and the amount of work involved in obtaining the necessary information.

- Welcomed the works on Cemetery Road, Ratoath but referred to the removal of the crossing from the shrine and the possibility of having this replaced.
- The continued use of the entrance to Donnelly's on Cemetery Road by Bus Éireann as a bus stop.
- Referred to ongoing access issues by those with a disability following footpath works at Arkle House/Steeplechase and particularly difficulties accessing Supervalu.
- Confirmed that no further clay movements into the rugby club would take place until after Christmas.
- Requested that all works be suspended from Friday until after Christmas.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"I call on Meath County Council to establish a S49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for the completion of the distributor road which will link the Dunboyne/Clonee Road at Dunboyne Train Station with the Old Navan Road in Dunboyne."

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



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Following consideration of this request, as this road is not included in the Council's Capital budget and there are no proposals at this stage for the Council to develop this road, the Council is not proposing to introduce a S49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for this road.

It was agreed to consider the most effective way of dealing with this and it was pointed out that the development levy scheme is due to be reviewed in 2021.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"We call on Meath County Council to purchase all or part of the property currently for sale which is located on the Rooske Road (at the bad bend) adjacent to the graveyard, with a view to removing part of the bend on the road to improve road safety.

Note: the 3 bedroom cottage on c. 1 acre is currently for sale with The Property Shop, Dunboyne."

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

There are currently no plans for road improvements at this location and therefore no provision has been made in the Capital Programme to fund the purchase of property for road realignment or improvement.

It was pointed out that works being undertaken will include a new entrance to the cemetery and consideration will be given to the best overall solution.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, was noted.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.



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8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issue:

8.1.1 Requested that Nicholas Whyatt be invited to the January meeting to provide a progress update on the Part 8 for the link road between Dunboyne Industrial Estate and the Maynooth Ring Road.

8.2 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Requested that consideration be given to moving the proposed ramp at the Church of Ireland school on the Maynooth Road further back and closer to the hotel entrance as works are not due to take place until the new year.

8.2.2 Requested that consideration be given to the possible widening of the footpath along the hotel wall on the Maynooth Road.

8.3 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:

8.3.1 Requested that Bus Éireann be invited to attend a meeting to discuss issues in the municipal district.

8.3.2 Referred to the lack of land in the municipal district for the provision of social and affordable housing and requested that the Housing Department be asked to attend a meeting to discuss how councillors can assist in identifying suitable lands – it was pointed out that Housing would attend the February meeting to discuss the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

8.4 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

8.4.1 Referred to previous meetings with Bus Éireann and the NTA, where issues had been raised but not resolved – it was pointed out that the executive is in contact with both Bus Éireann and the NTA on an ongoing basis and that consideration would be given to an alternative approach to address the issues being raised.

8.4.2 Requested an update on the M3 AECOM Transport Study for the January meeting.



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The Cathaoirleach thanked councillors and staff and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach