



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

### ***Ashbourne Municipal District***

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***10:00 a.m., 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Via Zoom***

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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**.

### **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 Gerry O'Connor on the death of his mother, Eileen;
- Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons on the death of his father, Paddy.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Maura O'Shaughnessy, Aoibheann Cleary, Orla and Kate Byrne, Emma White and Monica McGuirk who are represented on the Meath Ladies Team and who are excellent role models for women in sport;
- Derek Halligan who is retiring as Community Garda and to whom tributes were paid for his work in the community.

Councillor Suzanne Jamal thanked everyone for their condolences and support during her recent loss.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Planning**

4.1.1 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.

This was agreed on the proposal of Councillor **Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**.

#### **4.2 Transportation**

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



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The report, which had been circulated in advance, was outlined and further updates provided. It was pointed out that additional funding has also been secured for the footpath at Baltrasna and from the care home in Stamullen to the village.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried whether the pedestrian crossing in Garden City was an official crossing – this is not a controlled crossing but is termed a courtesy crossing, with the onus on drivers to slow down and allow pedestrians to cross. It is not intended to provide a controlled crossing at this location.
- Welcomed the works at Oberstown Cross.
- Queried the extent of services to be curtailed during the current Level 5 lockdown – in compliance with government restrictions, works are being limited to essential services, such as winter gritting, pothole repairs, dealing with drainage issues, waste collection and other emergency services.
- Queried whether certain works such as tree pruning are being undertaken – staff availability is currently affected and certain works cannot be carried out until such time as restrictions are lifted.
- Referred to ongoing issues related to illegal dumping and, specifically, the bottle banks at Supervalu - the Environmental Officer and outdoor staff continue to patrol to identify and deal with illegal dumping. A report will be available at the end of this month, which will include information on enforcement activity. Signage regarding dumping is visibly located at all bottle banks and mobile CCTV is also deployed. Bottle banks have been under additional pressure in recent times. Waste collectors cannot be forced to provide glass bins to domestic customers.
- Queried whether cardboard and plastic packaging receptacles can be provided at the bottle banks – additional funding has been secured for compactor bins at Stamullen, Kentstown and at St. Declan's school.



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- Requested an update on the taxi ranks – the signage has been ordered, the poles have been installed and the line marking should be undertaken this week so the ranks should be operational within the next two weeks.
- Requested an update on the signage referring to the opening and closing times of the park – these should be installed within the next two weeks.
- Requested an update on the issue of pigeon droppings – the Environment Section are following this up.
- Requested an update on the gym equipment in Garden City – a playground contractor has been appointed on a countywide basis and the equipment will be relocated as soon as possible.
- Queried the status of the path from Tudor Grove to Supervalu – this is on the list of works for 2021.
- Requested the provision of an additional salt bin at the top of Hunter's Lane.
- Queried the repair and replacement of bollards at Gormanston – the bollards are in stock and will be installed when crews are available.
- Requested an update on the Part 8 for Zone 3 of the Linear Park – it was agreed to refer this to Community.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.



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### **7 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **8 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**