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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30 a.m., 13th January 2021, Via Zoom

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

Councillors Present: Brian Fitzgerald, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith and Nick Killian.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Barry Lynch

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Des Foley, Director of Service

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 9th December 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th December 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Gillian Toole requested an update on proposals to progress the resolution of issues with both Bus Éireann and the NTA, as discussed at the December meeting.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Councillor Gerry O'Connor on the death of his mother, Eileen;
- Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons on the death of his father, Paddy;
- Councillor Suzanne Jamal on the death of her sister, Máire;
- The women and children who had spent time in the mother and baby home located at what is now Dunboyne Castle.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith on the recent birth of her baby;
- Paul Nestor who has been appointed selector for the Meath Men's Senior Team;
- Ratoath Ladies team on winning the All Ireland Intermediate Final.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To receive a progress update on the Part 8 for the link road between Dunboyne Industrial Estate and the Maynooth Ring Road.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Transportation provided the background to and an update on the proposed link road between Dunboyne Industrial Estate and the Maynooth Ring Road, to which resources had been assigned to review the design and prepare the Part 8 documentation. When agreed, it is hoped to proceed to public display by mid-year. Beyond that, the funding and how this is to be delivered has yet to be agreed.

With regard to the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR), a judicial review had been undertaken with regard to the Part 8. The Transportation Department currently have no plans to progress this.

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Matters raised by councillors included:

- The possibility of the council funding the provision of the link road in Dunboyne and recouping the money through future development levies – discussions had taken place with the landowners and it was hoped that cooperation can be achieved to progress this.
- Queried whether traffic management measures would still be provided in Kilcloon in the event that the MOOR does not proceed – it is acknowledged that additional measures are needed.
- Underlined the need for the MOOR to proceed to facilitate increased traffic volumes arising from the schools and surrounding areas.

4.1.2 To receive an update on the M3 AECOM Transport Study.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Transportation provided updates in relation to the M3 Mainline and Junction upgrades M50 – Junction 4; the R147 junctions at Blackbull, Kilsaran and Pace; the Bracetown Link Road; and the walking and cycling network for Dunboyne.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested that information be provided to councillors, which can be communicated to residents in Bracetown, Clonee.
- The need to consider the wider traffic impacts around Bracetown.
- The possibility of providing a footpath from Avoca to the M50 roundabout.
- Expressed opposition to the plan to provide signalised junctions at Blackbull and Fairyhouse instead of roundabout/slip roads – it was acknowledged that since the Dunboyne and Environs Transport Study had been undertaken there have been several changes including



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proposals included in the draft development plan and that the recommendations in the plan may need to be reviewed.

- Queried how much had been spent to date on the R147 junction signalisation study – it was agreed to check this.
- The need to take account of increased traffic arising from new housing developments in Dunshaughlin, in particular those on the Dublin Road and their access to the M3, the need to expand the study to include Junction 6 and the need for a distributor road in Dunshaughlin – a previous funding application was not successful and consideration will be given to how such important strategic infrastructure can be delivered.
- The need to extend the town speed limits on the Dublin Road in Dunshaughlin.
- Queried whether the owner of Bracetown Business Park had been consulted with regard to the link road – discussions had taken place and the various options were being considered.
- The need to take advantage of central funding for walking and cycling networks and the possibility of providing cycle lanes to Clonee and Ongar from Dunboyne – the changes that have occurred since 2016 will be taken into account.

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

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by councillors included:

- Thanked the engineer and his team for works undertaken including the additional waste collections and the signs at Rathregan graveyard.
- Referred to possible subsidence on the R147 past Bracetown.



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- The need for the Kilbride Road to be gritted as part of the winter gritting programme, even a 500m section, and the erection of advance warning signs advising motorists that the road ahead is not gritted.
- The possibility of local crews gritting the junction from the old Navan Road to the Garda Station in Dunboyne.
- Queried whether the ramp proposal at Moatlands will be safe during snow/ice.
- Referred to a pothole on the Summerhill Road opposite Garnett Hall, Dunboyne.
- The need for a gully on the Summerhill Road, outside Lutterell Hall, Dunboyne.
- Requested that the daily commencement of the proposed road closure on the L-5013 in February be delayed until 9.30am to facilitate school traffic – the first advertisement has been placed and submissions invited for these works that are being undertaken on behalf of Irish Water. The nature of the works will determine the closure required.

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.



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8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

8.1.1 Queried whether improvements are needed to improve the water supply to St. Patrick's Park Dunboyne, where water pressure was slow to return following a recent water outage.

8.2 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issue:

8.2.1 Requested that the red road markings from the shrine where the Cemetery Road meets the R125 be reinstated.

8.2.2 Referred to a request that use of the bus stop at Donnolly's Hardware, Cemetery Road, Ratoath immediately cease and suggested that it be relocated further south on the R125, replacing parking spaces that are rarely used.

8.3 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issue:

8.3.1 Requested an update on the availability of the hot desk facilities in Dunshaughlin Civic Offices, to meet the demand for such facilities.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach