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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30 a.m., 13th January, 2016, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Nick Killian**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Senior Executive Engineer: Maurice Kelly

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy New Year and showed Councillors the Ratoath Municipal District Medal of Office.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 9th December, 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th December 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

2.1 Councillor Gillian Toole requested an update in relation to Item 9.1.1 – it was agreed to resend the update circulated by email on 11th December.

2.2 Councillor Gillian Toole requested an update in relation to Item 5.3.1, the cobble-lock footpath in Ratoath – it was confirmed that €8,000 had been allocated to this.



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- 2.3 In relation to Item 5.2.1, Industrial Estates, Councillor Gillian Toole requested that it be noted that the Council would consider all proposals from a local chamber of commerce/business representative group for initiatives such as those operating in Kells and Navan.
- 2.4 Following a request by Councillor Gillian Toole, an update on the ongoing process relating to Riverwalk Court was provided.
- 2.5 It was confirmed that a site visit for Councillors to Derrockstown Burial Ground would take place at 11.00am on Wednesday, 20th January.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Ronan Dunne, Dunboyne.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Veronica Barry and Scoil Rince Díolún on the show that took place in Dunshaughlin Community College before Christmas.
- Ratoath Musical Society on the pantomime that is currently underway.

4 Planning Matters

The planning list, circulated in advance of the meeting, was noted.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Services

- 5.1.1 To agree the design for the 1916 Garden of Remembrance at Dunshaughlin Civic Offices.



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Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services attended the meeting and outlined the actual location of and the design proposal for the 1916 Garden of Remembrance at Dunshaughlin Civic Offices.

The design, as proposed, was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

A number of suggestions were also made in relation to the formal event to take place.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the planned works to be undertaken on the wood finish on the exterior of the Civic Offices – it was confirmed that the timeframe for these works would be weather dependent.

5.1.2 To agree the details for a civic event for relevant sports teams/individuals.

A proposal was circulated in advance of the meeting and it was agreed that an evening event would be most appropriate. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the civic function should be aimed at recognising achievements of regional or national significance. Councillors agreed to submit the names of suggested recipients, contact details and information on their achievements to Corporate Services, following which the list would be finalised.

5.2 Transportation

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

The report was circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Issues relating to flooding at various locations, the possible reasons for the flooding and suggestions on how to address these.
- The role of the OPW in maintaining water channels and the need for the Council to liaise with the OPW in relation to this.



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- The need for an appropriate speed limit on county roads – it was confirmed that a national speed limit review was underway and was to be completed by April 2017, that submissions had been received and ‘appropriate speed’ signage could be used. It was agreed to check with Transportation Planning and Design as to whether individual local authorities and/or municipal districts can proceed with taking decisions on speed limit reviews and implementing same before the national deadline of April 2017.
- The need for urgent measures at Mullagh Cross to improve safety – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning and Design in terms of whether interim measures could be considered.
- The need to deliver the Atkins Report prior to the opening of the extension of Ratoath College and the need for Transportation Planning and Design to keep the Municipal District engineering staff informed of developments.
- The timeframe for the watermain works in Ratoath and the need to give businesses appropriate advance warning – it was agreed to refer this to Water Services.
- The dangers posed by trees alongside roads and in housing estates during stormy conditions.

It was pointed out that Philip would meet with Councillors in the coming weeks in relation to the 2016 Schedule of Municipal District Works. It was pointed out that whilst no funding allocations had yet been confirmed, the pavement condition survey had been completed and would assist in prioritising projects for the year ahead.

5.3 Planning

- 5.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following estate and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estates shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015.



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- Meadowview, Dunboyne.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

9.1.1 The possibility of establishing cooperatives to provide grass cutting services in estates, etc. using the equipment purchased by residents associations and funded by Meath County Council – it was pointed out that the maintenance and village enhancement works would be progressed further during 2016 and that communities are encouraged to cooperate locally.

9.1.2 Update on the protocol relating to roundabouts – it was confirmed that a countywide policy was to be developed and that this would be referred to Transportation Planning and Design.

9.1.3 Update on the protocol relating to solar speed signs – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning and Design.

9.2 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issues:



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- 9.2.1 The timeframe for the capital funding to be made available for Dunshaughlin Park.
 - 9.2.2 The change of locks on Dunshaughlin courthouse – it was agreed to refer this to Facilities Management.
 - 9.2.3 The issues relating to access/egress to and from the car park on Johnstown Lane, including signage, and the width of the footpath – it was agreed to review the signage at this location.
 - 9.2.4 The need to review the barriers at Drumree approaching the motorway – it was agreed to review this.
 - 9.2.5 The 2016 CIS – it was confirmed that the new scheme will be advertised and applications should be encouraged but that the list from 2015 will be prioritised in the current year. A list for Ratoath Municipal District was requested and it was agreed that this request would be referred to Transportation Planning and Design.
 - 9.2.6 The need to improve the junction at Tara News to improve traffic management within the village and the possibility of funding from Eurolink for traffic lights.
 - 9.2.7 The planning permission granted for the development of additional houses at Coldricks Pass, Dunshaughlin in front of existing houses on the green area.
- 9.3 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:
- 9.3.1 The need to review the Glascarn Lane exit onto the Fairyhouse Road, for example a CPO to remove the wall to improve visibility – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning and Design in terms of whether interim measures could be considered and it was also confirmed that an application for this location had been submitted under the Low Cost Safety Scheme.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach