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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

9:30a.m., 18th January 2017, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Gillian Toole**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14th December, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th December 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Gillian Toole confirmed that, as the initial presentation relating to the review of the County Development Plan had taken place at the January full Council meeting, there was no need for a presentation at municipal district level.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The wife and family of the late Dermot Gallagher, former Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Irish Ambassador to the US and tributes were paid to his contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process and the Good Friday Agreement.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Gillian Toole and Ratoath Musical Society on the production of 'Cinderella';
- Councillors Maria O'Kane and Darren O'Rourke on their recent engagement.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

- 4.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

5 Planning Matters

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

It was agreed that representations on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District would only be made in relation to larger scale developments and/or where all Councillors were familiar with the project but that Councillors could continue to make individual representations or submissions as appropriate.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation

- 6.1.1 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:

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- The need for gritting on the Steeplechase Road, from the Dunshaughlin Road to the Skryne Road – it was confirmed that the winter gritting schedule is managed centrally and based on Icecast information with the schedule being actively reviewed. It was also pointed out that the Transportation SPC was reviewing the programme to see if it could be extended based on available resources.
 - The provision of salt boxes for housing estates – it was confirmed that there was a scheme available for residents associations to purchase these but that the provision of salt outside of this scheme would prioritise schools and estates with a steep exit onto the road.
 - The provision of information to the public in terms of using salt or grit and the optimum times to spread it.
 - The water disruption in Clonee over Christmas due to actions taken by Fingal County Council and the need to write to Irish Water requesting that they prioritise infrastructural improvements for Clonee village – this was agreed.
 - The impact of the additional water requirements in Dublin on existing and future development within Ratoath Municipal District.
 - The recent issue of excessive chlorine in the water and the insufficient notification from Irish Water.
 - The provision of safety signage at schools – it was confirmed that these were being installed at Kilmessan and Batterstown.
 - Update on Mullinam Lane – it was confirmed that negotiations with the landowner were ongoing.
 - The illegal dumping at the bottle banks over Christmas.
- 6.1.2 To receive a presentation from Atkins on proposed Part VIII for Ratoath Cycle Network.



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Kieran Boyle and Chris Fay, Atkins attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the objectives of the project, the details of the proposed Ratoath Cycle Network and bus hub, specific locations/improvements and the current status and projected timeframe.

A discussion followed where Councillors raised a number of queries and issues including consultation, land ownership, car parking, provision of cycle lanes to sports clubs and facilities, HGVs, junction capacity, existing and future developments in the vicinity, other planned infrastructure, and the need to ensure the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. Reference was also made to experiences in other towns such as Ashbourne and the need to learn from these. It was acknowledged that this was a positive project for Ratoath and that the Part 8 process would involve further public consultation. It was confirmed that the points raised would be taken into account and that a separate meeting would take place with Councillors to ensure all their views were taken into account. It was agreed that this item would then be considered again at the February municipal district meeting.

6.2 Corporate Services

- 6.2.1 To consider a schedule of twinning activities for Ratoath Municipal District for 2017.

Audrey Norris, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services attended the meeting and reminded Councillors of the protocol adopted in 2016. It was pointed out that there was a county budget available and proposals were now being invited for inclusion on the schedule of twinning activities for 2017.

During a short discussion, a number of suggestions were made and it was agreed that these needed to be further examined before proposals could be submitted. It was agreed that Councillors would discuss these separately and submit proposal(s) to Corporate Services.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** to extend the meeting by thirty minutes.

7 Notice of Question



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There were no Notices of Question.

8 Notice of Motion

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"That an update be provided on Dunboyne Graveyard and field adjacent to Rooske Cemetery Dunboyne."

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

The situation with regard to the existing burial ground and adjacent field remains the same, i.e. not suitable to develop for burials due to the high water table. The Council has undertaken a desk study and walk over survey of lands that are for sale in Salestown (on the Maynooth Road) and has provisionally booked Tuesday 10th January for trial holing to ascertain suitability of the ground conditions for burials.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

Councillor Damien O'Reilly confirmed that he was happy with the progress being made, which Councillor Maria Murphy outlined. It was confirmed that a further update would be provided when available.

The motion was noted.

9 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

9.1 To receive the report from the Environment & Emergency Services SPC meeting of 16th December, 2016.

The report was noted.



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- 9.2 To receive the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural SPC meeting of 21st December 2016.

The report was noted.

10 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11 Any Other Business

- 11.1 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issues:

11.1.1 The need for more information on the activities of the Health Forum – the Cathaoirleach agreed to contact the Chair of the Health Forum on this.

11.1.2 The issues relating to horses and ponies on the Commons Area in Lagore – the Cathaoirleach provided a detailed update on the background to this issue and the recent efforts to address it.

11.1.3 Referred to the recent meeting with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to roads and transport issues in County Meath – the range of items discussed were referenced and it was suggested that roads grants may see a slight increase in the coming years.

- 11.2 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

11.2.1 Illegal dumping and littering on the Dunboyne bypass, including Bracetown, and the need for measures to tackle this, for example signage, CCTV, etc.

- 11.3 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issue:

11.3.1 Update on the works in Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin Industrial Estates.

- 11.4 Des Foley raised the following issue:



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- 11.4.1 Confirmed that the 2017 Schedule of Municipal District Works would be presented at the February meeting and that meetings with Councillors would be arranged in the interim.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach