



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

### ***Ratoath Municipal District***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***9:30a.m., 11<sup>th</sup> March 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

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Brian Fitzgerald sought an update on the Council owned lands in Dunboyne and highlighted the need for an overall plan for the site – it was confirmed that the pitch design and the legal agreement for the lease were being prepared, that it was intended to develop a framework plan and that an update would be provided to Councillors as soon as possible.

Councillor Nick Killian referred to a recent meeting he attended in his capacity as Chair of the Housing SPC where the issue of shortage of land available in Meath for the construction of social housing was discussed and he urged that all parties make every effort to address this.



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### 3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Laurence Wren, former Garda Commissioner and father of Anne Moran, Dunboyne who was recently interred in Derrockstown Cemetery, Dunshaughlin.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Paddy Sheils, Senior General Services Supervisor, on his recent retirement.
- Dunshaughlin Community College on their recent sporting achievements, including the Leinster Final win by the Senior Girls, the North East Division 1 win and the new Pentathlon record.

### 4 Planning Matters

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

Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the issue of the planning application made by a private operator for a large service area in Dunshaughlin and the M3 motorway service area being proposed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) at Raynestown and it was agreed to take Item 8.2 – Correspondence received from Halcrow Barry at this time.

A short discussion followed on the merit of the proposal by TII, the correspondence received and the follow up required. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** that a response to the letter should issue on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District Councillors and that a motion should be brought to the April meeting of Meath County Council on this matter.

### 5 Statutory Business

#### 5.1 Corporate Services

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation on Event Management Guidelines.



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Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation on the event management guidelines, which included information on procedures, event categories, pre-planning, risk management and requirements.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The support provided by Meath County Council to community groups organising events – it was pointed out that there were no new obligations on groups and that the guidelines were intended to provide assistance.
- Welcomed the consistency in approach and the single point of contact.
- The availability of the guidelines – it was confirmed that they were available on meath.ie and had been circulated to relevant groups.

It was agreed to circulate the Guidelines and the HSE documentation to Councillors.

Following a request by the Cathaoirleach, it was confirmed that the opening of the 1916 Commemorative Garden would take place at 12.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, following the monthly Municipal District meeting.

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

The revised list of proposed recipients, as received from Councillors, had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that the civic event would take place at 7.30pm on either Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May in Dunshaughlin Civic Offices. Councillors agreed to submit any information outstanding and to confirm the list by email once finalised.

5.1.3 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.



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A short discussion followed on the allocation of funding to projects to be carried out by Meath County Council and the availability of resources to undertake same. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** to submit a motion to Meath County Council on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District to request that a countywide review of all staffing levels, including outdoor staff, be undertaken.

It was agreed that those projects having received funding under the Municipal District Allocation would be assessed in terms of how they can be progressed and an update provided at the April meeting.

### **5.2 Environment**

#### 5.2.1 To receive an update on Dunboyne burial ground.

Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, and Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department attended the meeting and provided an update on Dunboyne burial ground, which included the additional sites assessed on the basis of a desk study. The sites were prioritised on the basis of their desk top assessment and it was confirmed that the next step would be trial holes, to determine their suitability, and for which landowner consent would be required. Due to the status of the site search, it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** to deal with this matter in committee in future.

The Cathaoirleach expressed thanks and congratulations to all involved in the opening of Derrockstown Burial Ground, which was an excellent facility. It was confirmed that the cemetery would be managed by the Environment Section, with protocols, forms and caretaking to be provided.

### **5.1 Transportation**

#### 5.1.1 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 issue with the trees in College Park.
- Welcomed the works in Copper Alley and Hillview and the works undertaken under the Low Cost Safety Scheme.
- Update on Ratoath playground – it was agreed to check the signage and to look at closing the gate.
- Update on Dunshaughlin playground – it was confirmed that a countywide review of the capital programme was to be undertaken in the next few months, after which a full update would be provided.
- The possibility of providing road markings and stop signs at Lagore Road, where the community childcare facility and seven houses are located – it was confirmed that, due to budgetary constraints, road markings were generally not provided in estates.
- The funding allocation for road markings in 2016 – it was confirmed that some of the additional €140,000 allocation to Ratoath Municipal District could be used for road markings and any suggested locations should be submitted.
- The large pothole at the Ninemilestone roundabout – it was agreed to check if this was the responsibility of the Council or the TII contractor.
- Potholes in Ratoath village – Councillors were requested to submit details of their location.

### **6 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

#### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly**



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“I call on Meath County Council to provide allocated parking spaces to the residents of 6A,7, 8 and 9 Bective Lodge, Kilmessan Village in front of their homes.”

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

*Meath County Council does not provide allocated parking spaces and the proposal, as outlined, would not be enforceable as it would require resources to implement and considerable operational costs such as traffic wardens, administration overheads to deal with complaints, appeals, court and legal issues, etc.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O’Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O’Connor**.

It was pointed out that the EU standard for disability parking spaces was white on blue but that several such spaces in Ratoath village were not marked out in this way – it was agreed to check this.

The motion was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Anna Darragh.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Gary Turley, Halcrow Barry in response to Notice of Item 4.1.1 from October monthly meeting re The Proposed M3 Motorway Service Area.

See Item 4 – Planning Matters.

- 8.3 Correspondence received from Secretary to Maynooth Municipal District in response to Notice of Item 8.2 – Correspondence from October monthly meeting re follow up meeting between Maynooth and Ratoath Municipal Districts.

It was pointed out that, since this correspondence had been received, Kildare County Council had since confirmed that this meeting was no longer required as officials from



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both local authorities were in regular contact and could update Councillors as appropriate.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

- 9.1.1 The availability of a policy on solar speed signs – it was confirmed that a policy was being developed.
- 9.1.2 The route changes being proposed by Bus Éireann – it was confirmed that a meeting with Bus Éireann and Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors was planned to discuss the 103 and 105 route changes but that Bus Éireann's responses to feedback had improved.
- 9.1.3 The provision of reciprocal tree planting and National Tree Week – it was confirmed that once trees are planted by residents a minimum distance from public lighting, they will not be removed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**