



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

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

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

***9:30a.m., 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Brian Fitzgerald, Nick Killian, Gerry O'Connor, Maria O'Kane.

**Apologies:** Councillors Maria Murphy, Damien O'Reilly

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Executive Engineer:** Philip Traynor

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Claire King, Meetings Administrator

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

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

Kevin Stewart, Director of Services attended the meeting and provided an update on the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR).

Councillor Gerry O'Connor referred to the motion sent to the Full Council regarding Winter Gritting. He proposed a new winter gritting route for Ratoath MD for next year.



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Councillor Gillian Toole requested an update on the name for the Part 8 in Ratoath which might be acceptable to Meath County Council and the NTA – It was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to Captain Fitzpatrick and the missing crew members of the R116 Rescue helicopter.

### **4 Planning Matters**

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

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Asked about Shire and Avoca from a roads perspective – Des Foley advised that Shire is currently under construction and it will be 18 months to 2 years before it opens. As part of their Planning Permission they have to install a set of traffic lights at the new junction and the anticipated time for them to be installed is May/June. It was confirmed that notification was received from Avoca that they are opening on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Discussions have taken place with Avoca as to what they expect in terms of traffic, hours of operation, visitors, staff, peak times etc. A number of options have been discussed with Avoca as to how traffic at that junction may be managed. Options available for managing traffic at this junction were outlined. Councillors were advised that a Transportation study is being carried out for the area which involves what is happening currently in terms of Shire and Avoca coming on stream, plus there is a lot of land zoned in and around Dunboyne including Dunboyne North. Officials met with TII and touched on the study and where it is at. It is hoped to meet with the TII again when the study is finalised and give a briefing to the Councillors.

Councillors outlined the following as possible solutions to the traffic problems:-

- Suspension of the Toll Bridge on a 6 month trial period.
- Reduction of bus lanes from 24 hour period to peak times only.



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- A pedestrian access be delineated by Shire.
- The need to deal with the M3 Parkway to the Batterstown roundabout.
- Radio Tara will cease as a longwave transmitter on the 7<sup>th</sup> May – It was agreed that a request would be referred to the Planning to check the original Planning conditions to see if the transmitter was to be removed when not in use.
- Asked if Part 8 could be looked at for the road at Kilcock to take traffic away from the bad section of road by linking in where roads are now under construction to access houses.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **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:

- Requested an update on the town enhancement project – It was pointed out that the Engineer is still trying to advance this with a representative of the relevant landowner.
- Requested an update on Mullinam Lane – It was confirmed that the Road Safety Officer was out with the landowner last week to try and reach an agreement.
- Issues regarding interconnectivity between Irish Water and Meath County Council following a shortage of water in Ratoath over the weekend.

- 5.1.2 To receive an update on Speed Limit Review.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation confirmed that the



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Speed Limit Bye Law process had commenced and outlined the process involved in the making of Speed Limit Bye Laws. He advised that 260 submissions have been received over the last number of years and he and Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation would be available after the meeting to go through any of the submissions received with Councillors.

### **5.2 Corporate Services**

5.2.1 To discuss the 2017 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services confirmed that a balance of €15,000 was available for Ratoath Municipal District (€7,000 carried over from 2016 and €8,000 allocated for 2017) and asked if Councillors had any proposals on how they wished this money to be spent.

It was agreed that submissions would be made by Councillors and these would be considered at the April meeting of Ratoath Municipal District.

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

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

## **6 Notice of Question**

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

*“What are the details of the current 5 year capital programme for Ratoath Municipal District and the timelines for the delivery of projects?”*

#### **Response:**

It is intended to review the Capital Programme at the April Meeting of the full Council and matters pertaining to Ratoath Municipal District can then be considered further at the subsequent Municipal District meeting.



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The question was withdrawn as Councillor O'Reilly was absent.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

### **8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes**

- 8.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise CPG meeting of 23 February, 2017.

The report was noted.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

### **10 Any Other Business**

- 10.1 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:-

- Expressed concern at the timeframe from the allocation of funding to the construction of 17 houses for St. Oliver's. Disappointment was also expressed that this Municipal District received no funding for 2017 for the construction of houses.

A short discussion followed on the housing situation in Ratoath Municipal District and it was agreed to invite Barry Lynch, Director of Services, Housing or David Jones, Senior Executive Officer, Housing to the next meeting of Ratoath Municipal District to deal specifically with the housing crisis in this District.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**