



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

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

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

***9.30a.m., 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Brian Fitzgerald, Nick Killian, Maria Murphy, Maria O'Kane, Damien O'Reilly, Gillian Toole.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**A/Director of Service:** Joe Fahy

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Maurice Kelly

**Executive Engineer:** Philip Traynor

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Dunboyne and Ratoath St. Patrick's Day Committees on their parades;



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- Eddie Lynam, Dunshaughlin based racehorse trainer on his contribution to the local equestrian economy.

Councillors also welcomed the recent launch by Fáilte Ireland of ‘Ireland’s Ancient East’, the new “touring region” that includes several Meath sites. Councillors pointed out that other counties are promoting their own counties whilst Meath is part of the Boyne Valley brand. It was agreed to raise this at the May Meath County Council meeting, when Meath Tourism was due to deliver a presentation.

### **4 To receive a presentation from Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership - Overview of the LSP.**

Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership (MLSP) delivered a presentation to the meeting that provided an overview of MLSP, its structure, funding, activities and key events planned.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- The hugely positive progress made by MLSP and the physical and mental health benefits accruing to the citizens of Meath;
- The consideration of increased support by Meath County Council as part of the budgetary process;
- The possibility of developing further linkages with health service providers within the community;
- The use of school facilities during the summer months.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Mary for her presentation.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

- 5.1.1 To consider the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way on the by-passed section of the old Cookstown Lane, L-22151-0, Cookstown, Batterstown, County



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Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** 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**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Anne Graham, Chief Executive, National Transport Authority in response to Notice of Item 4 – Update from Bus Éireann as agreed at the March monthly meeting.

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the NTA at their offices in Dublin for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May to discuss bus and train connectivity. Joe Fahy agreed to provide a draft agenda/issues paper for review at the May meeting. Councillors requested that an official from the Transportation Department also attend.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Community and Enterprise Department, Meath County Council with regard to 2015 Meath Pride of Place Competition.

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillor Brian Fitzgerald raised the following issue:

9.1.1 The need to review the role of the Municipal Districts and the devolution of functions from the full Council, allowing the local authority to focus on issues of strategic importance to the county. It was agreed that this should be raised



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with the Protocol Committee and the Party Whips.

9.2 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Request for an update on the completion of works in Ratoath village by Tayto – Philip Traynor agreed to request an update;

9.2.2 Request for an update on the introduction of the new speed limits;

9.2.3 Request for an update on housing issues specific to Ratoath Municipal District – it was pointed out that the Chief Executive's monthly report to Meath County Council included updates on housing activities.

9.3 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Request that an invitation be extended to the Operations Manager, Dublin Bus to attend a meeting of Ratoath Municipal District to discuss issues relating to bus stops in Dunboyne and Clonee – this was agreed.

9.4 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issue:

9.4.1 The continuing issue of the public lighting at College Park, including the angle of the back plate and the actual location of the light.

9.5 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issues:

9.5.1 The need for Councillors to input into any decisions taken in relation to the new speed limits in estates;

9.5.2 Request for an update on the meeting that took place with Maynooth Municipal District in March;

9.5.3 Welcomed the allocation under the capital programme for Dunboyne Park and Turner Bridge – it was pointed out that a number of locations were being considered for the bridge.

9.6 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issues:



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- 9.6.1 The core strategy as it applied to Ratoath Municipal District and specifically the need to follow up with regard to enforcement in Coldricks Pass;
- 9.6.2 The allocation of additional resources to implement the adopted Schedule of Municipal District Works – it was pointed out that this was under review;
- 9.6.3 The removal of a sign at Rainestown.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**