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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 13th April 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

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 11th March, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th March 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Jack Irwin, Roestown, Drumree;



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- The family of the late Brian Smyth, former employee of Meath County Council;
- The families of the late Martin Brady, Rory Smith and Neil Lyons, all of whom recently died in road accidents in the area.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Dunshaughlin & District Historical Society and the people of Culmullen and Drumree parishes on the opening of the James Fox Bridge;
- Ciarán Mangan and Dara McGowan, Meath County Council on the Battle of Ashbourne Commemorative Events.

4 Planning Matters

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

Reference was made to the developments recently proposed for the Dunshaughlin, Bracetown and Raynestown areas and the traffic management implications arising from these, if they are to proceed. Whilst Councillors affirmed their position in welcoming all economic development opportunities, they did underline the need to deal with the impacts of these on residents and traffic in the area.

It was agreed that a separate meeting would take place prior to the scheduled monthly meeting in May with a representative(s) from Transportation Planning & Design to discuss traffic management issues in the Municipal District.

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:



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- Update on St. Oliver's, flooding on road caused by blocked gullies and the impact of proposed works on the road surface – it was confirmed that the planned works were quite extensive and that the gullies would be checked.
- Welcomed the allocation of €2.7 million for Ratoath and requested a breakdown of how this will be spent.
- The allocation of €140,000 for footpaths – it was confirmed that a list of suggested locations would be circulated to Councillors and works would only proceed once the list was agreed.
- The need to consider rural footpaths for this funding, e.g. Baltrasna, Harlockstown and Powderlough – it was pointed out that NTA funding would be required for the footpath at Baltrasna.
- The need to repair the damaged footpath from Steeplechase to Ratoath village to allow for wheelchair accessibility – it was confirmed that consideration may be given to this under the capital programme, for which an update was being prepared.
- The need to replace or repair the slabs on the footpath in Dunboyne – it was confirmed that this would be included in the overall scheme for Dunboyne.
- Update on traffic calming at Mulhussey school – it was confirmed that the Road Safety Officer had indicated that a short footpath was required at this location.
- The need for central government to allocate more funding for roads in Meath, relative to the contribution being made under motor tax receipts.
- Update on the proposed cycle networks in Dunboyne.
- Update on the Dunboyne Local Area Plan review.



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5.2 Corporate Services

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

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

Clarification was sought on making allocations to projects for which planning permission was required and it was confirmed that, under the Municipal District Allocation Protocol, no allocation can be made to a project unless and until such development consent is obtained.

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 To receive an update on the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route.

Jim Gibney, Senior Executive Engineer, Strategic Infrastructure and Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting and circulated an update and map to Councillors on the proposed Part VIII process for the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route, which included the background, the scheme design, environmental appraisal and project delivery and funding. A Section 85 agreement was in place with Kildare County Council, with Meath County Council dealing with the Part VIII for the entire route. An update is also being given to Maynooth Municipal District. It was confirmed that it was



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expected to bring the Part VIII to the June or July Municipal District meeting for approval.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The river from old Kilcloon that floods due to debris and the need for maintenance – it was confirmed that this had been accounted for in the plan.
- The funding model and its possible application to other projects – it was confirmed that the Meath County Council would not be solely bearing the cost, that the development levies would not be offset in total and would be used for other projects, and that the new Development Contribution Scheme has a very pro economic development focus.
- The need to deter traffic from using the shortest route and to consider the remainder of the road to Moyglare Cross – it was confirmed that measures will be put in place to prevent this.
- The potential of this area for economic development.
- The possibility of considering roundabouts instead of junctions with traffic lights – it was confirmed that the junctions on the map were indicative.
- The flood risk associated with the development lands – it was confirmed that there was no flood risk to these lands.

9.2 To identify additional Bus Stops within Ratoath Municipal District.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The introduction of six new bus stops in Ratoath village, one of which was on the inner relief road, near the entrance to Woodlands, which was not accessible and presented a traffic hazard as no bus bay was in place – it was confirmed that this stop was not intended to be a terminus and was at the wrong location and confirmation was awaited from Bus Éireann that this would be rectified.
- The accessibility requirements imposed as part of the NTA licence.



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- The impact of the Atkins report on the designation of these new bus stops.
- The impact of the new bus routes and timetables on commuters.

9.3 Councillor Brian Fitzgerald raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Commended the works undertaken by Tayto Park on the roundabout.

9.4 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issue:

9.4.1 The implications for traffic management in Dunshaughlin if the secondary school opening hours are amended in September.

9.5 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issue:

9.5.1 The pressure on Council staff, particularly once the roadworks programme commences – it was confirmed that a new outdoor staff member is due to commence in Ratoath Municipal District and that works are also being undertaken in Ratoath Municipal District by a Trim Municipal District crew.

9.6 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

9.6.1 Update on Riverwalk Court – it was confirmed that works were ongoing and that certificates of compliance would be available as required.

9.7 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:

9.7.1 Update on the civic event for sporting clubs and individuals and requested that the date be changed from 5th to 12th May – it was confirmed that arrangements were being made by Corporate Services and that the request for the date change would be made.

9.7.2 Acknowledged the opening of the 1916 Commemorative Garden taking place at 12 noon.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach