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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 13th July 2016, 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

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 15th June, 2016.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th June 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th June, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th June 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

- Councillor Nick Killian requested an update on the allocation of additional outdoor staff to Ratoath Municipal District – it was confirmed that additional General Operatives were currently being recruited and the possibility of recruiting additional staff was being considered in the context of the 2017 budget, with priority being given



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to outdoor staff, where possible. It was also pointed out that there was no indication as of yet as to whether the Gateway scheme would continue.

- Councillor Nick Killian requested an update on the timeframe for the completion of works on The Avenue, Ratoath – it was pointed out that an update had been circulated by email following the June meeting and that this would be re-issued.
- Councillor Gillian Toole referred to the possible replacement of the watermains in Ratoath and confirmed that this had recently been raised with Irish Water, who were aware of it and who had committed to addressing the issue if the need arose.
- Councillor Damien O'Reilly referred to a recent public consultation held in Maynooth relating to the proposed Maynooth Outer Orbital Route.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Tom Corbett, Meath County Council – Ratoath Municipal District, on his retirement;
- Sarah Treacy, Dunboyne Athletic Club on qualifying for the European Championships.

4 Planning Matters

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Economic Development

- 5.1.1 To receive an update on the Local Enterprise Office – Services and Supports.

Joe English, Head of Enterprise, Meath County Council delivered a presentation to the meeting, which included an overview of the Local Enterprise Officer, the services provided and key contacts.



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Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The funding provided by Enterprise Ireland – it was confirmed that €250,000-€300,000 is provided for grants with additional funding provided for staffing and soft supports, the latter being €200,000 – €220,000. Funding had remained relatively the same for some time and the LEO Network hoped that this would increase to meet increased demand.
- The supports available to businesses that cannot avail of direct funding – it was pointed out that these businesses could avail of all other supports provided.
- Linkages with the Department of Social Protection and Meath Partnership – the LEO works with the Department through, for example the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, and, as Meath Partnership's programmes are just commencing, it was hoped to increase the level of coordination.
- The need to promote the assistance available – the role of Councillors in promoting the services provided by the LEO was highlighted, as was the cooperation with Meath Chambers of Commerce and the marketing campaign to be undertaken with Meath County Council.
- The importance of networks, for example the Innovation Enterprise Network – the various existing networks were highlighted.
- The availability of website supports – it was confirmed that a web grant was available, as was the Trading Online Voucher Scheme.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Joe for the presentation and information provided.

5.2 Housing

- 5.2.1 To receive a Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2016.



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The information circulated in advance of the meeting was noted.

5.3 Transportation

5.3.1 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:

- Welcomed the involvement of Council staff in the surface dressing programme and the improved quality as a result.
- Welcomed the strimming of the roundabouts in advance of the Tidy Towns judging and the need for strimming at a number of other locations.
- Welcomed the resurfacing works, e.g. at Castle Farm, and the improved drainage.
- The need to maintain roundabouts and consider sponsorship for all roundabouts, including those under the remit of the TII – it was pointed out that a draft policy on roundabouts was to be presented to the Transportation SPC.
- The ongoing storage of the sculpture provided by Tattersalls for the Fairyhouse roundabout – it was agreed to check if an agreement had been reached with TII.
- The ongoing issues at Mullinam Lane and the commitment to erect additional signage – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning & Design.
- The timeline for the resurfacing works to commence on Fairyhouse Road and the need to ensure that the gullies at the entrances to houses were not higher than road level – it was confirmed that works would



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commence on the programme next week and asked that details of locations be submitted.

- The need to repair the signage at the water tower – it was confirmed that this was being carried out today.
- The need to encourage the LMETB and college to repair the broken gate/fence at the entrance to the community college grounds as this access was used during recent burglaries at the community centre.
- The need to provide accessible footpaths on Main Street, Clonee – it was pointed out that additional funding would be required.
- The need to review the works between the two roundabouts at Steeplechase, Ratoath where road is deteriorating at joints.

5.4 Corporate Services

- 5.4.1 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 is Meath County Council’s position on the below application to the EPA:

Licence application by Enrich for thermal drying of municipal solid waste for incineration. Dioxin levels from waste drying are double that of incinerator?”

Response:

On the 25th February 2015, Enrich Environmental Ltd. of Larch Hill Stud, Newtownrathganley submitted an application under Reference 1013-01 for an Industrial



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Emissions Licence (IED) to the EPA for Classes of activity set out in the First Schedule of the EPA Act 1992. The application was accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as well as statutory public notices (Newspaper & site Notices), as required under Article 6 of the legislation. Full details of the application, including any submissions thereon, are available on the EPA web site.

The consideration and decision making in respect of the IED application rests entirely with the EPA and Meath County Council have no role in respect of same. It is pointed out that current operations at the Enrich facility are the subject of a Waste Facility Permit granted by Meath County Council.

The response was noted.

Clarification was sought on the views of Meath County Council regarding the company's compliance with the Waste Facility Permit - it was agreed to refer this to the Environment Department.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Pride of Place 2016

9.1.1 It was agreed that the date of the Ratoath Municipal District Pride of Place Awards take place on Thursday, 15th September 2016.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach