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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 12th July 2017, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**, presided.

Councillors Present: Brian Fitzgerald, Nick Killian, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Maria O'Kane, Gillian Toole.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 14th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Congratulations were extended to:

- The Meath Ladies Team on winning the Leinster Final.

4 Planning Matters

A short discussion took place on the number of planning applications for solar farms in the county, and particularly in Ratoath and Ashbourne Municipal Districts, and the varying degrees of community engagement that was taking place. Whilst support for renewable energy was expressed, the absence of national policy regarding solar farms was also highlighted and it was suggested that local policy could form part of the forthcoming County Development review.

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 further updates provided in respect of illegal dumping signage, surfacing programme, verge cutting, footpath works and the village enhancement funding at Glascarn Lane and Dunshaughlin.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Road marking from Killeen Castle to the roundabout;
- Update on traffic calming works in Batterstown;
- Update on the Part 8 for the Kilcock Road;
- The need to complete the footpath and pedestrian works in Kilmessan before the school reopens – it was confirmed that these would be completed;



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The need to finish signage works in Dunsany;

- Update on the exit junction from Avoca;
- The provision of No Parking signs at Mullinam Lane to prevent HGVs parking – it was confirmed that a meeting with residents was planned;
- The need to complete works at The Avenue before the schools reopen;
- The issue of backflow of the public lighting into residential gardens as part of the Inner Relief works in Ratoath;
- Queried the costs involved in the Ashbourne Connect bus proposal, e.g. kerbing;
- Welcomed the verge cutting and roundabout maintenance works;
- Update on the timeframe for the completion of road frontage works on the R149;
- Update on the report for the roundabout on the R149;
- The impact of the new road connector from the M4 to the M3 on traffic volumes on local roads within the Municipal District;
- The possibility of installing deflectors on the public lights in Meadowbank Hill, Ratoath;
- The provision of bus stops at Harlockstown and Baltrasna – it was confirmed that this was being looked at;
- The provision of the traffic study – it was confirmed that this would be brought to the September meeting;
- The need to proactively engage with the companies planning the development of data centres;

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- The provision of signage on the Maynooth Road – it was confirmed that this would be done once the resurfacing works were completed and that the survey report would inform further measures to be undertaken.

- 5.1.2 To consider and, if thought fit, to approve for public display the “Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.2) 2017, subject to there being no objection from An Garda Síochána on or before the 27th July 2017.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

5.2 Housing

- 5.2.1 To receive and consider the Chief Executive’s Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2016 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2015 on proposed housing development of 17 houses at Saint Oliver’s Park, Ratoath and if thought fit to approve the report.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

Following a query raised, it was agreed to discuss traffic calming measures with the Transportation Department.

5.3 Planning

- 5.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2016.

- Somerville, Ratoath

Following a short discussion, this was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

5.4 Corporate Services



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- 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 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 6.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 15th June 2017.

The report was noted. Councillor Nick Killian referred to the role of social housing in tackling the housing crisis and the need to secure lands for the provision of same. He enquired as to whether any expressions of interest had been received for Ratoath Municipal District and requested that a report on social housing provision in the Municipal District be provided at the September meeting.

7 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

8 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 To discuss European Funding for Town Twinning (The Europe for Citizens Programme).

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services provided a background to this EU funding and the constraints that apply. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that Corporate Services would assess what areas in Northern Ireland might be



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suitable for twinning and that Councillors would also look at local business, sporting and community linkages that would support a twinning initiative with an area within Northern Ireland. It was agreed to consider this again at the September meeting.

10.2 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Responsibility for water pressure problems being experienced in three housing estates due to a water leak in Corballis.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach