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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 16th September 2015, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Nick Killian**, presided.

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

Apologies: Councillor Damien O'Reilly.

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 15th July 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 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:



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- Tony Kennedy, Ratoath who represented Ireland at the European Young Rider Eventing Championship in Poland and won a bronze medal.
- Dunshaughlin Community Games on their success in the recent Community Games.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

5 Planning Matters

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

A short discussion followed on the application of the planning policy relating to local need of one-off housing and the need for consistency in its interpretation and application. It was agreed that the Planning & Economic Development SPC was the appropriate forum to consider this matter and it was agreed that it would be referred for consideration.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Corporate Services

- 6.1.1 To consider and, if thought fit, to recommend to Meath County Council the making of the Polling Scheme in accordance with the Draft and subject to such amendments as are considered necessary. The Scheme, if adopted, will come into operation on 15th February 2016.

A presentation was delivered by Olive Falsey, Administrative Officer and Sheila Sheridan, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

A short discussion followed on the changes proposed for Kilbride and it was confirmed that electors affected by any changes would receive direct communication as soon as the draft Polling Scheme was adopted.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** to recommend to Meath County Council the making of the Polling Scheme in accordance with the Draft.



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- 6.1.2 To receive a presentation on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.

A presentation on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 was delivered by Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

- 6.1.3 To receive an update on the lands in Dunboyne.

Des Foley outlined the issues that need to be considered in advance of any decisions being taken in relation to this land. Councillors agreed that the potential of the land must be maximised and meet the needs of the community.

6.2 Transportation

- 6.2.1 To receive a progress report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The standard of recent resurfacing works at Black Bush Golf Club;
- The number of incidents at Baytown Cross – it was confirmed that additional signage would be erected and that other measures, such as tidying the two junctions and improving skid resistance, would be looked at;
- Welcomed the additional funding allocated for roads and footpaths and the need to consult with Councillors as to how this funding is expended;
- The NTA cycle survey – it was confirmed that the study was complete and the drawings were being reviewed with a plan to be developed;
- The completion of works prior to the new school opening in Ratoath in November 2016 and the need for Councillors to be made aware of plans;
- The appearance of tracks on roads following resurfacing works;



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- The poor skid resistance at the roundabout on the north side of Clonee following works at that location;
- The status of the roadworks programme – it was confirmed that Rathbeggan is the only location outstanding and that additional works were undertaken at Lagore and Baytown;
- The damage caused to the wall at Kilmullen Church by traffic vibrations;
- Vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the playground in Ratoath – it was confirmed that signage had been replaced but that the delivery of replacement parts for the equipment had been delayed;
- Road markings needed on the R147 at Rathbeggan at the junction for Porterstown Lane;
- Complimented Gateway staff for their work and Council staff for the works undertaken.

6.3 Planning

6.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following estates and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estates shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015.

- The Old Forge

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

- Seagrave Park

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

- Seagrave Hall



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This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Maria O’Kane**.

- Summerseat

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O’Connor**.

- Cul De Sac

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by Councillor **Gerry O’Connor**.

Councillors requested information on how an estate can be taken in charge and what can residents do if an estate is not taken in charge but are experiencing water issues. It was agreed to refer this query to planning.

7 Ratoath Pride of Place Awards

The Cathaoirleach outlined the background to the local Pride of Place awards, taking place on 29th October in Dunshaughlin Civic Offices, and the planned county event that will follow in Solstice in November. Councillors made a number of suggestions, including the attendance of Meath Youth Musical Society at Municipal District awards and the offer of assistance from Dunshaughlin Community Centre.

8 1916 Commemoration

Des Foley referred to the presentation delivered at the September meeting of Meath County Council and the planned follow-up presentation at the October meeting, which will include information on initiatives to be undertaken by Meath County Council and applications submitted by community groups for local events. An update on events in the Ratoath Municipal District would be provided at the October meeting.

9 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.



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10 Notice of Motion

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"To call on Meath County Council to place extra road signage along the R157 at Grange, Maynooth Road, Dunboyne."

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

The existing signage at the said location on the R157 will be assessed and, if required, additional signage will be provided.

The motion was deferred to the October meeting.

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"To call on Meath County Council to request the OPW to clean and maintain the flood alleviation works which took place on the Castle stream and the river Tolka."

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

Following the serious flood event of 2000 and 2002, the Tolka Flood Relief Scheme was designed and approved through the Part VIII Planning Process. The Flood Relief Scheme incorporated flood prevention works along the Castle Stream and was completed between 2003 and 2009. Since the completion of these works there have been no reports of flooding in the Dunboyne area.

As the works were approved under the Part VIII Planning Process it is the responsibility of each of the local authorities involved (Meath, Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council) to carry out maintenance of the flood prevention works and with same being provided for in their Annual Works Programme.

The OPW have not carried out maintenance of the flood prevention works. If weather events are forecasted, Meath County Council staff does carry out checks of the stream to ensure it is clear of all debris and blockages.



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The motion was deferred to the October meeting.

11 Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence received from Joe Doyle, iVision.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that contact would be made with Mr. Doyle to confirm agreement that a snapshot of part of the meeting could be recorded and transmitted.

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

12.1.1 The overgrowth and illegal dumping at Castle Stream, posing a flood risk, and the removal of the gate at the back of Larchfield – it was pointed out that the maintenance of the stream channel was the priority and that the Council would liaise with the OPW but that there would be a cost involved, that the illegal dumping would be reported to the Environment Section and that the gate would be looked at in terms of replacement.

12.2 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issue:

12.2.1 Ratoath Village Enhancement Scheme – it was confirmed that initial reports on the four main projects identified for Ratoath Municipal District under the capital programme, including this scheme, would be brought to the October meeting and that Councillors would be asked to submit suggestions.

12.3 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

12.3.1 Dunboyne Cemetery – it was confirmed that further assessment was being undertaken and that an update would be sought.

12.3.2 That the Garda Sergeant or Superintendent responsible for the Traffic Corps in the area be invited to the October or November meeting along with the Council's Road Safety Officer to discuss speeding in and around all villages in the Municipal District.



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12.4 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issue:

12.4.1 The need for barriers on the roundabout from the Drumree Road to the motorway.

12.4.2 Problems of anti-social behaviour past Supervalu, the gap in the boundary around the houses and the need to erect a barrier, to be funded by the Discretionary Fund and for which a cost and letter of authorisation is needed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach