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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 14th September 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

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Philip Traynor, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 13th July, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th July 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** 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:

- Councillor Maria Murphy, on the death of her father-in-law.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- All the Meath athletes who had participated in the Olympics and Paralympics– it was agreed that Councillors would submit the names of the participants in order that letters of congratulations could be issued.

4 Planning Matters

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

A query was raised in relation to traffic management issues in the old Navan Road area of Dunboyne and it was agreed to refer this to the Planning Department.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Community

- 5.1.1 To consider applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department attended the meeting and outlined the key elements of the scheme, including the funding available, the timeframe that applies and the projects being proposed for Ratoath Municipal District.

Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that one application would be submitted on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District, which would include the footpath on the Dunsany Road, Dunshaughlin, town enhancement works in Ratoath and footpath upgrades in Clonee.

Corporate Services

- 5.1.2 To receive a report on the proposed Protocol for Twinning Arrangements.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation, which outlined the key elements of the proposed Protocol.



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Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The need to ensure that the available funding is distributed equally across the six Municipal Districts;
- The possibility of identifying alternative funding sources in the Protocol;
- The need to ensure that locations selected are easily accessible;
- The need to focus on the economic and tourism potential;
- The role of the diaspora;
- Consideration to be given to the languages being taught in local schools.

5.1.3 To consider proposals for Council owned recreational land in Dunboyne.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services outlined the proposals for the 8 acre site and circulated drawings, relating to the playing fields, riverwalk and bridge. The progress made to date with the Gaelscoil and more recent contact with the GAA were outlined and approval was sought to proceed with the discussions with both parties to finalise the details of the licence and lease agreements.

A discussion followed on the requirements of both parties in terms of the agreements, the responsibility for the site, community and other access, parking facilities, and the need to consider other sites for use as sporting and community facilities. It was unanimously agreed that the discussions should proceed and it was agreed that further discussions would take place at Municipal District level, as appropriate.

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

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



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Councillors were reminded of the deadlines that apply to applications for internal and external allocations and the relevant terms of the Protocol.

5.2 Environment

- 5.2.1 To receive an update on Dunboyne burial ground.

Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department sent her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Maria Murphy provided an update to the meeting, which confirmed that discussions with the manager of the land containing Site No. 1 were to take place. It was pointed out that, if agreement was reached to access this land, that the necessary trials take place immediately to determine if the site was feasible.

5.3 Transportation

- 5.3.1 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Law statutory process.

Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department, confirmed that the draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No. 1) 2016 had been on public display from 05th July to 05th August and no objections had been received in relation to the proposed document. It was now proposed that the draft Bye-Law be submitted to the full council meeting in October for formal ratification.

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

A short discussion followed on the types of signage and other traffic calming measures to be installed in the estates and how these were to be funded.

- 5.3.2 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.



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5.4 Planning

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

- Kilmessan Green, Kilmessan Village

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

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“How much has Meath County Council spent on illegal dumping collections per year for the last 5 years and what is the projected figure for 2016?”

Response:

Meath County Council has engaged a contractor to provide a service for the removal of illegal dumping since 2011. The costs incurred from 2011 to 2015 are as below.

Year	€
2015	59,482
2014	65,115
2013	63,425
2012	46,518
2011	58,818

The estimated costs for 2016 are €58,000.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion



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7.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to allocate and ring-fence the first tranche of NTA capital budget for the proposed Dunboyne Cycle Network for the construction of a pathway and cycle lane to Dunboyne Soccer Club, Summerhill Road, Dunboyne and begin the design process for these works immediately."

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

The project for Dunboyne does not extend past the roundabout. If and when funding is allocated by the NTA for this project, any works proposed will have to be approved first by the NTA. It is therefore most unlikely that any funding will be forthcoming from the NTA for this work.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**.

Councillor Damien O'Reilly emphasised the need to ensure an overall view is taken to provide the necessary linkages in the village and with other projects.

The motion was adopted.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** to submit a motion to a meeting of Meath County Council on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District calling on the Government to ensure that the relevant aspects of '*Putting People First*', which gives greater discretionary powers and funding to Municipal Districts, be implemented.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issues:



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- 9.1.1 The need to ringfence income from the large companies in Ratoath Municipal District to provide the necessary infrastructure and village improvements in the area.

- 9.2 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:
 - 9.2.1 Update on Moygaddy – it was confirmed that the Part 8 could proceed despite the legal challenge and that an update would be provided for the October meeting.
 - 9.2.2 Concerns of residents in Corballis regarding insufficient parking spaces and access by trucks, etc.
 - 9.2.3 Complaints received regarding traffic delays at peak times in Ratoath as a result of works being undertaken on The Avenue and the need for a traffic management scheme for school times.
 - 9.2.4 The need to further consider the need for additional bins in Ratoath, their location and maintenance.

- 9.3 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issues:
 - 9.3.1 Requested an update on the capital programme allocation to Dunshaughlin for the October meeting.
 - 9.3.2 The Council position on businesses/individuals carrying out commercial activities in public parks – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.
 - 9.3.3 Requested an update on the introduction of parking bye-laws for Ratoath Municipal District – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.
 - 9.3.4 The benefits of the Big Belly Bins in terms of reduced maintenance costs and their potential as WiFi hubs.

- 9.4 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issues:
 - 9.4.1 The need for a safe crossing and other traffic measures at the entrance to St.



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Peter's College, where a new extension is to be built.

9.4.2 Confirmation that it was agreed at a recent meeting of the JPC to develop a traffic emergency management plan for the M3.

9.5 Councillor Brian Fitzgerald raised the following issues:

9.5.1 The South East Meath Chamber Golf event taking place on 29th September, with a delegation from Cary taking part.

9.5.2 The Comhairle na nÓg commemorative project taking place on either 8th or 15th October.

9.6 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

9.6.1 Agreed that further discussions would take place between the Tidy Towns and Ratoath based Councillors with regard to the number and location of bins to be provided.

9.6.2 The Pride of Place event taking place on 15th September and the format for the event.

9.6.3 The Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival taking place next weekend.

9.7 Maurice Kelly raised the following issues:

9.7.1 Confirmed that the illegal encampment at Bracetown had moved on, that work was ongoing in cleaning up the site and that a barrier was being considered.

9.7.2 Confirmed that a walk through survey had commenced along the Castle Stream so as to identify any maintenance issues that need remedial works. He also informed Councillors that that this would be a slow operation but once complete, would provide a record of the overall project and prove easier to monitor going forward.

9.7.3 Confirmed that a structural survey was being undertaken on the wall and railings at Culmullen Church and that a report would follow.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

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