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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 14th October 2015, Ratoath 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 16th September, 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** 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:



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- The family and colleagues of the late Garda Anthony Golden, Blackrock, County Louth who was killed in the line of duty;
- The families of those who were killed and injured in the fire at Carrickmines;
- The family of the late Professor Austin Darragh, Tara, County Meath.

The Cathaoirleach, who is chair of the Housing and Community SPC, confirmed that fire officers are to undertake a review of safety issues at Traveller accommodation in County Meath and that a report would be presented to the Council.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Ratoath GAA for their win in the Meath Intermediate Championship;
- The organisers of the Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival;
- The organisers of Dunboyne Motorshow;
- Kilmessan Senior Ladies Team for their performance in the camogie final.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 Proposed M3 Motorway Service Area

To receive a presentation from Halcrow Barry Consulting Engineers on behalf of TII (formerly the NRA) with regard to the proposed Motorway Service Area for the M3 as highlighted in the 'NRA Service Area Policy' document (August 2014).

Gary Turley and Peter Morehan, Halcrow Barry Consulting Engineers delivered a presentation on the proposed Motorway Service Area for the M3, confirming that they were at site selection stage.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

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- The need to consider the issues previously experienced when considering a location close to Tara;
- The impact of the two M3 tolls on traffic using the motorway and alternative routes, including towns and villages;
- Questioned the need for a service area on this length of motorway and the possible alternative projects that could be implemented with the funding that may be allocated;
- The jobs that will be created;
- The possible inclusion of a park and ride facility;
- The need to advertise the public consultation on media other than the Meath Chronicle, including the Meath Forum and parish bulletins;
- The need to consider other policies when deciding on the location, for example the County Meath Heritage Plan;
- The need for a robust business case to justify the project proceeding and the consideration of socio-economic impacts.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Gary and Peter for their presentation.

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

A report was circulated at the meeting. Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The enhancement crew – it was confirmed that the crew would be working on issues such as bus bays, sign cleaning, playgrounds, etc.
- Complimented the Gateway staff on works undertaken.



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- Ratoath Village Enhancement – it was confirmed that €200,000 had been allocated under the capital programme over 5 years and that ideas for projects would be sought as soon as feasible.
- The Tidy Towns reports for Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin that highlighted the need for bins to be emptied.
- The money allocated to enhance business parks, for example signage, in Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin – it was agreed to refer this to Economic Development.
- The snag list for Kilsaran works.

It was unanimously agreed that **Item 10 – To discuss ‘in committee’ Riverwalk Court** would be brought forward.

4.2 Corporate Services

4.2.1 Ratoath Municipal District – Capital Programme Works.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The status of the roadworks programme – it was confirmed that works remained at Baytown and Rathbeggan and in Hillview, St. Oliver’s and College Park estates.
- The closure of the Curraha Road and Cemetery Road and the planned works/closure of the remainder of the road – it was confirmed that the works on the remainder of the road would be undertaken following the watermain works and that the timeframe for this would be checked with Water Services.
- The standard of the finish following works undertaken by UPC on footpath at the Council station to the end of the Jamestown Road.
- The works planned for St. Oliver’s – it was confirmed that the works included the footpath, road resurfacing and new gully.



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- Query as to whether it was possible to move the gated access in the palisade fencing to avoid damage to the green area – it was agreed to check this.

5 1916 Commemoration

The Cathaoirleach pointed out that Proclamation Day would take place on 15th March 2016 and that a small formal event should be organised in Dunshaughlin Civic Offices, for example flag raising and the erection of a proclamation plaque, and to which local schools, the army, etc. would be invited. Councillors were invited to email suggestions to the Cathaoirleach.

It was pointed out that Ciarán Mangan was coordinating a county wide programme of events and that ideas should be submitted to him. It was agreed to add this to the agenda of the November meeting.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“Can Meath County begin the process of surveying, designing and pricing for the replacement of pathways in Dunboyne village as the current material (white slabs) has become a health hazard particular for elderly people, tripping and falling?”

Response:

Ratoath Municipal District has an approved schedule of works with an approved budget for 2015. Meath County Council regularly receives proposals for new works which are logged on a database. The cost of the proposed works on the database far exceeds the funding and resources available. Meath County Council proposes to draft a 3 year works programme in consultation with the members for each Municipal District, commencing in 2016, for works such as those outlined in this Notice of Question. This programme will be based on the prioritisation of schemes following an engineering screening/evaluation assessment. Notwithstanding the above, the existing pavements will be assessed and any local spots will be repaired, to remove the said trip hazards.

The response was noted.



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7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"That Meath County Council calls on Fingal County Council to remove all references to Clonee inside the Fingal/Dublin border as these lands, that are now referred to as Clonee, Dublin 15 are Mulhuddart and Clonsilla lands."

The motion was withdrawn.

Councillor Damien O'Reilly was invited to contact Des Foley separately with a view to discussing the issue further with the Planning Department.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from Superintendent James Cannon in regard to the Item 12.3.2 – Any Other Business of the September meeting.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that an invitation would issue to Superintendent James Cannon to attend the November meeting and discuss relevant issues 'in committee'.

8.2 Correspondence received from Josh Hannigan, Secretary to Maynooth Municipal District Committee in regard to Joint meeting of Maynooth and Ratoath Municipal District Committees.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that a follow-up meeting would be beneficial but that officials from the Transportation Section should first indicate that they were ready for such a meeting.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Kilsaran snag list – it was confirmed that this had been prepared.



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9.1.2 Rathbeggan NS – the need for additional traffic calming measures.

9.2 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Concerns for the safety of cyclists using Boylans Bridge, Dunboyne – it was confirmed that a cycleway was available and that the bridge would be checked.

9.3 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issue:

9.3.1 The lowering of bollards at the Civic Offices to improve traffic flow at school peak times – it was agreed to check the background to the management of the bollards.

9.4 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:

9.4.1 The need to improve the appearance of the Civic Offices, for example power washing the external façade and treating the wood – it was agreed to refer this to Facilities Management.

9.4.2 The speed limit review for housing estates and the enforcement of same – it was agreed to discuss this with Superintendent Cannon at the November meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach