



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Ratoath Municipal District***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***9:30a.m., 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Gillian Toole**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Brian Fitzgerald, Nick Killian, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly.

**Apologies:** Councillor Maria O'Kane.

#### **Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Maurice Kelly

**Executive Engineer:** Philip Traynor

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

## **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** 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 of the late Maura Delany, Gaulstown House, Dunshaughlin.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The coaches and players of the Ratoath Intermediate Hurling Team who recently won the Intermediate County Final;
- The Cathaoirleach, staff of the Community Department and everyone involved in the recent Ratoath Municipal District Pride of Place event;
- Dunshaughlin Tidy Towns on their performance in the Tidy Towns Competition;
- The organisers of the Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival.

### **4 Planning Matters**

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

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Planning**

- 5.1.1 To receive and consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2015 for the construction of the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route from Mariavilla Co. Kildare to the R157 Moygaddy Junction in Co. Meath.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, Billy Joe Padden, Executive Planner and Jim Gibney, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting and Wendy Bagnall outlined the report that had been circulated in advance under the following headings:

- Introduction
- Site Description
- Planning History



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- Planning Policy
- Referrals
- Submissions and Responses to Issues Raised
- Development Description & Principle
- Archaeology
- Layout & Design
- Flooding
- Appropriate Assessment
- Summary & Recommendation

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors commended all involved in Meath County Council for their work in preparing the report and thanked the executive for the briefings held, including the briefing held the previous day, at which a number of clarifications had been made and concerns addressed. It was agreed that the recommended conditions addressed many of the concerns that had been highlighted previously by Councillors and residents. Councillors also acknowledged the role of the community, particularly residents in Kilcloon, for their contribution.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The inclusion of this objective in various development plans since 2007.
- Welcomed the clarification around the financing of the proposed road and noted that there would be no offset against development levies with the Council's only exposure limited to the tie in with the existing road network.
- Welcomed the condition relating to single phase construction.
- Underlined the significance of the project in facilitating high quality employment opportunities in the area.
- The need to ensure that the proposed roundabout at Carton would be completed in tandem with the new road – it was confirmed that this would form part of the project.



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- The opportunity for all stakeholders to engage in and be consulted regarding the future phases of the proposed development of the lands in question.
- Welcomed the recreational aspects of the project to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists.
- The need to ensure that the R157 from the Carton wall to the roundabout is upgraded in tandem with the new road – it was confirmed that it was intended that this road improvement scheme would proceed as quickly as possible subject to funding allocation from the TII.
- The possibility of implementing additional speed control measures in Kilcloon village – it was confirmed that the issues relating to the road network in Kilcloon and environs were known, with surveys having been carried out, and that measures would be implemented to address these issues.
- The need to present the draft Traffic Management Plan to Councillors and residents to ensure that it is acceptable in terms of construction traffic, etc. – this was agreed.
- The need to undertake further remediation works on the river to prevent flooding.
- The potential for increased traffic at Blackhall and Moygaddy and the need to assess potential measures to improve road safety at these locations.
- The role of the project in meeting statutory obligations of realising an objective of the development plans whilst bringing new infrastructure to an existing community.
- Welcomed the commitment to address traffic issues on local roads.



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- The potential for local communities to gain from developments benefitting from this infrastructure.
- The need to ensure that all appropriate means of public notification are used, including the PPN, social media, community centres and other facilities, etc. for large scale planning projects.
- The late receipt of the report for consideration – it was pointed out that the report had been revised following the receipt of submissions and the briefing that had taken place the previous day.
- It was resolved on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** to submit a formal motion to Meath County Council to seek funding for the Dunboyne to Maynooth road in 2017.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Gillian Toole, then proposed that the Chief Executive's report and recommendation be noted on the basis of the discussion on the matter and this was unanimously agreed by each of the Councillors who had contributed to the discussion. Councillor Damien O'Reilly requested a vote on the matter and the Cathaoirleach indicated that this would not be necessary based on the unanimous support for the project of the other Councillors in attendance at the meeting.

### **5.2 Environment**

#### **5.2.1 To receive an update on Dunboyne burial ground.**

Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department, delivered an update to the meeting, which highlighted the issues in terms of the unsuitability of one site identified, the difficulties in securing permission to access other potential sites for trial holes, the suitability requirements in terms of access, and the ongoing efforts to identify other possible sites available for purchase. It was pointed out that the procurement process to put in place a framework of architects, engineers and landscapers had commenced so that work can start immediately upon a suitable site being identified and made available.



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It was agreed that a list of criteria would be made available to Councillors as well as the map that had identified the initial potential sites.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The timeframe that would apply once a site was selected – it was confirmed that the Part 8 could proceed immediately and that it would depend on the number of objections received, which underlined the need to select the most suitable site in the first instance.
- The standards that are being applied in relation to burials and the impact this has on site suitability – it was pointed out that accepted standards and best practice are followed.
- The policy regarding provision of burial grounds in other locations – it was confirmed that, whilst extension of existing burial grounds are supported, the policy was to provide larger burial grounds that have better facilities in place.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Caroline for the update.

### **5.3 Economic Development**

#### 5.3.1 To receive a report on EU Funding Opportunities.

Ciara OhAodha, Economic Development & Enterprise, delivered a presentation on a number of relevant EU funding programmes and the current status of applications made. The approach to be followed was outlined, as were the challenges and requirements.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The possibility of local authorities submitting joint applications;
- The potential for securing funding for town twinning – it was agreed to circulate relevant information to Councillors;



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- Welcomed the approach being adopted by Meath County Council in relation to EU funding;
- The role of the different regional assemblies in assessment and monitoring;
- The potential for Meath to apply under Programme no. 8 – it was confirmed that this was being considered.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Ciara for the update.

### **5.4 Transportation**

- 5.4.1 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:

- The Town & Village Renewal Scheme applications – it was confirmed that two applications had been submitted for Ratoath Municipal District, i.e. the footpath from the GAA club in Dunshaughlin and the works in Ratoath. It was also pointed out that the footpaths in Clonee would be looked at next year.
- The schedule for emptying bins in Dunboyne – it was suggested that a meeting be set up with the engineers, the new overseer and relevant Councillors to discuss this and other relevant issues.
- Concerns of residents regarding the junction at Mullinam Lane – it was confirmed that Transportation Planning & Design had undertaken a review of this location, following improvement works, this scheme was now complete. In order to carry out any other works at this location, talks would have to be reopened with adjoining landowner, which Ratoath technical staff will endeavour to do.



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- An update on the R125 at Baltrasna – it was confirmed that communication would issue on this separately.
- The need for the OPW to clear the culvert at Broadmeadow on the Fairyhouse Road to prevent flooding – it was agreed to contact the OPW on this.

### **5.5 Corporate Services**

- 5.5.1 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**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

### **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the Notice of Item 4 - from June Ordinary meeting re upgrading of the water pipe from Dunshaughlin to Ratoath be included in the Irish Water capital upgrade programme.

The correspondence was noted. Councillor Nick Killian pointed out that a development was planned that would necessitate this upgrade to be included on Irish Water's capital programme – it was agreed to refer this to Water Services.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Lightsource Renewable Energy.

The correspondence was noted.





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### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Des Foley raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Confirmed that approval in principle had been received for the refurbishment of Dunshaughlin Fire Station, with a funding allocation of €139,000.

9.2 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Update on the taking in charge of the business park, for which the developer has undertaken the necessary works.

9.3 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

9.3.1 The forthcoming meeting with Minister Damien English with regard to housing issues and the lack of available land in Ratoath Municipal District for social housing development.

9.4 Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Update on the proposed extinguishment of a public right of way on the L22085 – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

9.4.2 The need for a traffic management plan in respect of planning developments at Bective Lodge.

9.4.3 The impact on the local road network arising from the proposed backfilling of the Kilsaran quarry and related heavy traffic.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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