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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30a.m., 14th December 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

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 16th November, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th November 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Gillian Toole enquired as to whether any further updates had been received from Bus Éireann and Councillors responded that emails and Facebook updates were the only updates received.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:



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- Dunshaughlin Choral Society on their recent performance in Culmullen Church;
- Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival on the Christmas tree and lights;
- Cian Carey, Mooretown, Ratoath on winning the Motorsport Young Driver of the Year award;
- Ratoath Leinster Intermediate finalists;
- The Council's Arts Department for organising the performance by four Meath schools in the Deirdre Kinahan performance;
- The Local Enterprise Office and Meath County Council on Meath Enterprise Week and the Young Entrepreneur winners from Kilmessan and Killeen.

4 Planning Matters

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

A short discussion followed on issues including the confusion caused by a new sign erected at Ballinagh Cross that has always been known as Belper Cross, the need for the outer ring road for Ratoath to alleviate traffic issues, the refusal by An Bord Pleanála for permission for the Aldi development in Dunshaughlin and the need to deal with an unauthorised development at Lagore.

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 the other work being undertaken by Transportation Operations was outlined. Councillors were asked to submit proposals for the 2017 programme of works for housing estates.



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Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Problems encountered with signs erected in estates in Dunboyne as part of the speed limit review and the need to keep Councillors informed of the scheme as it is being rolled out.
- The possibility of publishing online a list of trees suitable for planting in estates.
- Complaints received regarding speeding in St. Oliver's following road improvements – it was confirmed that this location was included in the speed limit review.
- The need for action at Mullinam Lane – it was confirmed that Transportation Planning & Design were reviewing this location.
- The need to improve accessibility for wheelchair users from Parkview to McCarrys.
- The need for a pedestrian crossing from Leigh Valley to Ratoath village.
- The need to coordinate works relating to footpath repairs and public lighting.
- A request for more bins, including Big Belly Bins, in Ratoath and Dunshaughlin – it was pointed out that a study was needed to assess the effectiveness of the Big Belly Bins, possible locations, etc. before these were provided and it was agreed to bring a report on this matter to a future meeting.
- The need to issue hedge cutting notices to owners of private dwellings where trees and shrubbery were impacting on footpaths – it was confirmed that this is done.
- The need for a pedestrian crossing at Dunshaughlin Community College.
- The need for works on the footpaths on Main Street, Dunshaughlin.



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- The need to progress the taking in charge at Tara News.
- Eligibility criteria for the CIS and the need to divide the funding available equally across the municipal districts.
- Welcomed the cutting of trees at Kilmessan and urged similar action by private landowners on the opposite side of the road.
- The possibility of a road safety review of junctions on regional roads where overgrown hedging is impairing visibility.
- The possibility of obtaining a court order to enter a house where illegal activity is suspected.
- Welcomed the new surface on the Rooske Road and the need for ongoing pothole repair.
- The hedgeline and signage on the Maynooth road.
- Update on the road safety issues on Glascarn Lane and Baltrasna – it was confirmed that surveys would inform traffic calming measures to be included in the 2017 roadworks programme.
- The need for a continuous white line at Leigh Valley.
- Welcomed the Coill Beag boundary resolution.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Philip and his team for their hard work and the progress made throughout the year.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 To discuss the Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services attended the meeting and confirmed that a balance of €7,000 remained in this budget and



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could be allocated or deferred to 2017. It was unanimously agreed to defer this balance to 2017 and that the 2017 allocations would be discussed further at the February meeting. It was also requested that the 2016 allocation of €200 for Ratoath be deferred to 2017 also and this was agreed.

- 5.2.2 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

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to implement a "Dunsany / Kilmessan area action plan" to assist the residents of this area with road safety concerns regarding the Kilsaran Quarry / Land Fill development."

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

This matter will be discussed further at Municipal District meeting.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy



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“I call on Meath County Council (Transportation Department) to pursue changing the status of St. Patrick's Park in Dunboyne from a through road into a cul de sac by closing off the road at its junction with the Navan Road.”

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

St Patrick s Park was included within Meath County Councils Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-laws (No. 1) 2016, which introduced a 30km/h speed limit at this location from 3rd of Nov 2016. This location will be monitored with this speed limit in place.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

Councillor Maria Murphy outlined the background to this motion and, following a short discussion on the issues that impact on the area and the possible solutions, it was agreed that the matter would be referred to Transportation with a presentation of proposals at the January meeting.

The motion was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Lightsource Renewable Energy Holdings Ltd. re Lightsource Solar Project.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Gillian Toole thanked all the officials, outdoor and engineering staff, and Councillors for their work and support throughout the year and wished everyone a happy Christmas and good health for the New Year.

- 9.2 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:



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- 9.2.1 Acknowledged the amount of progress made during the year.

- 9.2.2 Highlighted the forthcoming review of the County Development Plan and Local Area Plan and the role of Councillors in respect of this process. It was agreed that representatives from the Planning Department would be invited to the January meeting to set out the review process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach