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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

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9:30a.m., 13th December 2017, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th October, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Gillian Toole referred to the need to develop proposals to encourage greater usage of the cycleways in Ratoath, requested an update on the footpath condition survey and also asked that it be noted that she had made a number of proposals at the Municipal District budget meeting regarding The Venue, Ratoath. The minimum budget available for footpath works in 2018 was outlined and it was pointed out that the proposed works would form part of the 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works to be brought to the February meeting.



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Councillor Nick Killian referred to the outstanding works on the Inner Relief Road, Ratoath and requested a full report on the project to include a breakdown of all costings on the project, including the role of the consultants. It was pointed out that the project was substantially complete with a few outstanding items remaining following required works on behalf of the ESB. It was agreed to provide this report to the February meeting. Councillor Killian also requested clarification on the completed works at the junction at St. Paul's and whether the Council was satisfied that the traffic arrangements were fully completed and whether the developers of Broadmeadow Vale had contributed to the junction upgrade.

Councillor Brian Fitzgerald requested an update on the meeting that took place with TII and referred to the need to remove any obstacles to economic development in the area. It was confirmed that a meeting of the Council, TII and NTA technical officials was to be arranged as soon as possible. Reference was also made to the plans to provide hot desking facilities at Dunshaughlin Civic Offices and the need to find a suitable site to facilitate the expansion of the Dunboyne College of Further Education.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Dunboyne Ladies on winning the All Ireland Intermediate Championships.

4 Planning Matters

The planning list, circulated in advance, was noted.

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 a further update provided at the meeting. Matters raised by Councillors included:



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- Requested that the surface of the L62185 be checked – it was agreed to check which municipal district was responsible and refer, if necessary.
- The possibility of reinstating the yellow speed bars on Glascarn Lane following resurfacing works – it was confirmed that information was being gathered through surveys and proposals to address speeding would be considered if required.
- The locations of the big belly bins in Dunboyne – Main Street was suggested but proposals were welcomed.
- The possibility of locating a big belly bin, with wifi, at the bus stop at the Old Stand, Ratoath and at the bus stop in Dunshaughlin.
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- Queried whether contact had been made with the companies that had expressed an interest in sponsoring roundabouts following the adoption of the relevant policy.
- The erection of illegal dumping signage in Dunboyne Park – it was confirmed that these would be provided.
- Flooding locations around Dunboyne – it was confirmed that blockages would be rectified but that issues did exist if the problem arose on private lands.
- The possibility of adding the Kilbride and Skryne roads and the Dunshaughlin to Skryne Road to the winter gritting programme – it was pointed out that the Transportation SPC was to carry out a review of the programme for the coming year. The additional costs associated with doing 100% of regional roads were outlined.
- The progress made with regard to the footpath works on the Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin – the current situation was outlined.

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Requested an update on the number of estates taken in charge in the municipal district.

- Requested an update on traffic calming measures in Grange Hall/Hillview – it was confirmed that a scheme was being considered and it was agreed to get an update.
- Requested an update on the taking in charge at Tara News – it was confirmed that this was proceeding with a survey to be undertaken on works required and possible solutions for junction to be considered.
- The health and safety requirements, including traffic management, for companies that are given road opening licences – it was pointed out that there are requirements which each company must comply with.
- The timeframe for public consultation for the cycleways in January.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 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

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“Can Meath Council Housing Department, review its land bank at Dunsany and take suitability analysis for a low cost serviced site development at this location?”

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

The provision of low cost private sites will be considered in the context of the Strategic Development and Management Plan completed for Meath County Council owned lands, including the site in Dunsany. However, factors such as zoning, infrastructure and any



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existing recreational use by local community will inform any decision to proceed or not with a low cost private site scheme.

The response was noted. A short discussion followed on the need to deliver housing at a much quicker pace and the responsibility for delays in delivery, and the need to advertise the parameters for the allocation of sites.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy – Emergency Motion

"We call on Meath County Council to engage with Kildare County Council with a view to assessing the impact of flow controllers, culverts and bridges along the Rye Water River and related channels on the OPW's CFRAMS (2016) in light of surprising levels of flooding near new residential development in Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock in November 2017."

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

A lengthy discussion followed on the impact of residential development on both sides of the county boundary and of bridge remediation works, the need to ensure that all measures are taken from an engineering perspective to prevent flooding, the accuracy of maps on the OPW website, the need to assess and divert shores, the need to maintain trees along water channels, and the role of the public in flood prevention including in relation to litter/illegal dumping and the possibility of increased awareness raising.

It was confirmed that the Environment Section would attend the January meeting to discuss the issues at Kilcock and Dunboyne and was liaising with the OPW and developers. Reference was made to flood mitigation works, which were in construction stage. A survey of Castle Stream and Tolka was also planned to identify blockages.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 14th November, 2017.



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The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 23rd November, 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone for their work throughout the year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas. Best wishes were also expressed to Councillors Maria O’Kane and Darren O’Rourke.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach