



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

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

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***9:30 a.m., 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, Via Zoom***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Nick Killian**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Brian Fitzgerald, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Gillian Toole.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Dara McGowan

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Philip Traynor

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Asaciova

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 7th July 2021.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Gillian Toole requested an update on the Part 8 for the Ratoath Pedestrian and Cycling Project – the drawings and reports are being finalised and it is intended to bring the Part 8 to the October meeting. Councillor Toole also referred to the footpath along the Curragha Road to the rugby club and queried if it could be progressed as a separate project as to include it in the Part 8 could delay its provision – it was pointed out that funding was required before it could be commenced and it was agreed to check with Transportation as to the overall cost and funding availability.



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### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- Ratoath College and the family of the late Fr. PJ Nyland, Chaplain, Ratoath College;
- The family of the late Ray Fox, Ratoath;
- Andy Faulkner, Transportation on the death of his father, Colm.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Kerry Leonard on her performance in the Paralympics;
- The Meath Ladies and Minor teams on winning their respective All Ireland Finals as well as the underage coaching and mentoring teams and it was requested that their achievements be recognised – it was agreed to arrange an appropriate event at a future date.

### **4 To receive a briefing on the Eirgrid Kildare Meath Grid Upgrade Project, including an update on the project and detail on the proposed routes.**

Gráinne Duffy, Community Liaison Officer, Michael Mahon, Chief Infrastructure Officer and Graham Parker, Public Engagement Team Lead attended the meeting on behalf of Eirgrid and delivered a presentation which included an introduction to Eirgrid, information on the Kildare Meath Grid Upgrade, what has happened to date and the current project status. Information was also provided on the four route options and the engagement plan during the consultation phase of the project.

Matters raised by councillors included welcoming the progress made, particularly the plan to underground the infrastructure and the clarity around the route options, complimented the extent of public consultation and engagement undertaken and planned, and queried a number of aspects relating to the route options, e.g. from the R125 to R156, to which responses were provided.



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The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked those attending for the presentation.

### **5 To consider the nomination of a Councillor to Local Bodies & Committees**

- 5.1 Nomination of one Councillor from Ratoath Municipal District to the Eirgrid Community Forum.

**Councillor Damien O'Reilly** was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Brian Fitzgerald and seconded by Councillor Gillian Toole.

### **6 Statutory Business**

#### **6.1 Planning**

- 6.1.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2020.

- Moynalvy Manor

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith**.

#### **6.2 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance.

It was confirmed that the mapping exercise of bins in the county had been completed, with a link available on meath.ie. Councillors were requested to review this information and submit proposals for any that might be suitable for relocation.



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It was pointed out that the three-year roadworks programme would be brought to the November meeting.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried the procedure in requesting that notices be issued to landowners regarding the cutting back of trees and hedges – these should be submitted via Members Reps and copied to the district engineer, providing an Eircode if possible.
- Queried whether one of the skips, of which there are currently two at the Dunshaughlin depot, could be relocated to Dunboyne to minimise the need for staff in Dunboyne to travel to Dunshaughlin – the key consideration is the amount of space available and there is inadequate space available in the Dunboyne depot.
- Requested that the raised pedestrian crossings at Ratoath N.S., the Gaelscoil, and at St. Seachnalls, as well as the footpath works at that location, be provided during the mid-term break – it is hoped that the three raised pedestrian crossings will be provided during the mid-term break. The footpath works will be delayed until such time as the contractors, working on behalf of Irish Water, have completed their works.
- Referred to complaints that drivers are breaking the lights at Moulden Bridge as they are too high and asked that advance warning signage be provided.
- Requested information on the number of outdoor staff available in Ratoath Municipal District, where the population is increasing – it was agreed to review this.
- Requested that solar compacting bins be provided in suitable areas to minimise the resources required to empty them.



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### **6.3 Corporate Services**

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed application and deferral forms.

### **7 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **8 Notice of Motion**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian**

"That due to the dangerous nature and the increased level of traffic on the Glascarn Lane at the junction of the Glascarn Lane exiting onto the Fairyhouse road, that traffic lights be erected at the earliest opportunity at this junction."

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

*Meath County Council is currently exploring the safety requirements at the junction in question, as well as the issue of increased traffic on the lane, and will keep the Members informed of developments in this regard.*

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**, was agreed.

#### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

"Following the grant of planning permission for the permanent Building for St. Peters COI NS under Planning reference 211293, we call on Meath County Council to do a traffic



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audit of the area within Dunboyne Castle estate and the junction with the Rooske Road with a view to improving safety for pedestrians and traffic in the area."

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

*The development of a new school can result in increased pedestrian, cycle and vehicular movements local to the site. The safety for all uses is a key priority for Meath Co Council when assessing planning applications and in this case the Applicant, i.e. the Louth & Meath Education & Training Board, was requested to complete a Road Safety Audit for the development. The planning permission, Condition 3(e) PI Ref: 211293, requires the applicant to submit for agreement details of the works required to ensure that the recommendations of the audit are fully implemented. The works when complete will improve safety for pedestrians and traffic in the area.*

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

## **9 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes**

- 9.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

The minutes were noted.

- 9.2 To note the report from the Joint Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

The report was noted. It was requested that the solar farm presentation be provided to Ratoath Municipal District, due to the number of applications made in the district.

## **10 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.



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### **11 Any Other Business**

#### 11.1 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

11.1.1 Referred to an email submitted in August relating to outstanding concerns of residents in Moulden Bridge and requested an update on the planned opening of the road and the outstanding commitments given to residents. It was also requested that a meeting with representatives of the residents be arranged – it was agreed that an email response would issue.

11.1.2 Expressed concerns that the footpath on the Curragha Road would be delayed or not proceed if included in the Part 8 for the Ratoath Pedestrian & Cycling Project, particularly if full NTA funding was not received and elements of the project were to be prioritised.

#### 11.2 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

11.2.1 Requested that an item be added to the October agenda regarding the Ratoath Outer Relief Road and that a report be provided at the meeting, to include the opening of the road, the gate and the revised junction layout – the Director of Service suggested that the detailed response to the queries raised in the email referred to under 11.1.1 would be circulated to all Councillors and this would provide the information requested in this item.

#### 11.3 Councillor Damien O'Reilly raised the following issue:

11.3.1 Requested an update on the remote working hub at Dunshaughlin Civic Offices and queried when meetings will resume in the civic offices – all building works have been completed, including the chamber. An update will be sought from Meath Enterprise in relation to the remote working hubs. Whilst it is planned to resume in person meetings in October, these will initially take place in the County Hall chamber, with social distancing measures to remain in place.

#### 11.4 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issue:

11.4.1 Reminded councillors that Culture Night was taking place in Dunboyne 17<sup>th</sup> September with a Poetry Trail planned.



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11.5 Dara McGowan raised the following issues:

11.5.1 Reminded councillors that the closing date for receipt of applications for the Facebook Community Action Grants was 15<sup>th</sup> October.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**