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Ashbourne Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 11th January 2022, Via Zoom

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Suzanne Jamal, presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Amanda Smith, Alan Tobin and Conor Tormey.

Apologies: Councillor Aisling O'Neill.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Fiona Lawless

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Mel Cronin

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 7th December 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th December 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Conor Tormey and seconded by Councillor Alan Tobin.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late Ciarán Benville, The Hawthorns, Ashbourne;
- The family of the late Joe Carthy, Milltown Estate, Ashbourne.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ashbourne Municipal District.

The report had been circulated in advance and a further update provided at the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked Mel and his team for the significant amount of work undertaken throughout the municipal district, including at Donaghmore and Clonalvey.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin & Conor Tormey

“To ask the Transport Department to select the most appropriate location for a pedestrian and cycle crossing on the R135 between Cherry Court and Hickeys lane. Considerations must include traffic speed, bus stop locations, schools, pedestrian entrance to school and community centre, residential estates in the area (Baldara Court and The Briars) and the local convenience shops.”

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



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Meath County Council will shortly be undertaking very significant improvements to the R135 North which will include pedestrian and cycle infrastructure. This project has been through extensive development including outline design, project appraisal, detailed design, planning, project approval, funding approval and the tender process. You will be aware that there are plans to carry out upgrade works to the R135 South along the section mentioned in the Notice of Motion. These plans will incorporate an overall design that best meets the needs of road users (including pedestrians and cyclists) but are only at initial outline stage and are not yet at design, planning or funding stage. Currently, there is no funding for pedestrian facilities at the R135 South.

In response to queries raised, it was agreed to seek a timeframe for the planned improvement works and whether the works referred to in the Notice of Motion could be prioritised.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Amanda Smith and seconded by Councillor Suzanne Jamal, was agreed.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Joe Bonner raised the following issue:

8.1.1 Requested that an education programme be developed and rolled out, to increase awareness of the different types of pedestrian crossings and the way each should be used. It was agreed to refer this to the JPC and also to suggest that a programme be developed in relation to the use of roundabouts.

8.2 Councillor Suzanne Jamal raised the following issue:

8.2.1 Referred to a recent accident at Swan's Cross, Skyrne – it was confirmed that negotiations were underway with landowners to undertake more substantial tree pruning works. Whilst additional signs have improved the situation, discussions are also ongoing with Transportation in relation to the provision of additional public lighting, to facilitate the provision of ramps and

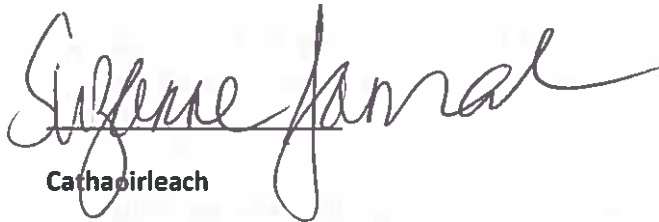


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slow traffic.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



Cathairleach