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Ashbourne Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 8th March 2022, Ashbourne Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Suzanne Jamal, presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Amanda Smith, Aisling O'Neill and Conor Tormey.

Apologies: Councillor Alan Tobin.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Fiona Lawless

Executive Engineer: Mel Cronin

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by acknowledging the current situation in Ukraine and urging that all possible support be provided for its people.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 8th February 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th February 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Aisling O'Neill and seconded by Councillor Amanda Smith.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- Former Councillor John Fanning on the death of his wife, Mary;
- The family of the late Billy Kinsella, Wexford County Council.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Those involved in establishing the Meath Women's Caucus, following its launch on the eve of International Women's Day.
- Meath County Council executive and staff on the progress being made in Ashbourne Municipal District.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Community

- 4.1.1 To receive details of the proposed skate park in Ashbourne in advance of commencing the Part VIII planning process.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department delivered a presentation, which included the proposed layout in the context of the Linear Park. Reference was made to the constraints of the site and the assessments required. The proposed facilities were outlined, including the access points, parking, walkways, fencing/screening and skate park. The next steps were also outlined, with a view to bringing the report to the June meeting. Subject to planning, the construction options will be decided. It is hoped to commence the public consultation in late March/early April. The Part 8 process was outlined, with updates to be provided as appropriate.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried the plans for the boundary treatment of the site and skate park – this was outlined.



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- Queried whether the skate park could be designed in such a way so as to facilitate other uses – whilst the skate park can also serve as a play area for children, it is difficult to provide a skate park and multi-use facility, particularly in an area prone to flooding.
- Queried the need to provide a bridge – this will facilitate the full use of the site, providing linkages between facilities, and fulfilling the intention of providing a walkway the full length of the Linear Park.
- Queried the possible funding streams available – whilst funding streams are limited, applications will be made as opportunities arise.
- Queried whether public lighting will be provided – this will be provided similar to other areas within the park, e.g. Zone 4, with ducting for CCTV also to be installed.
- Queried the access to be provided by the gated entrance – this will be restricted to pedestrian access.
- Queried whether parking will be monitored – a height restriction barrier will be in place and, whilst usage will be monitored, it is not likely to be misused as there is no paid parking elsewhere.
- Queried the proximity to residences – these are along one side only, with good buffer and screening provided. The linkage to Churchfields can be closed if considered appropriate.

4.2 Transportation

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

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

Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Queried the planned footpath works in Garden City would include Crestwood – it was agreed to look at this.
- Referred to the poor condition of the road in Stamullen, where, following the works on behalf of Irish Water, the road will only be partially reinstated – the resurfacing of this road has not been included in this year's Schedule of Municipal District works and would be subject to a PSCI assessment. The licence issued includes conditions to rectify issues.
- Queried the timeframe for the speed survey at Kentstown N.S. – speed surveys are managed centrally and requests submitted regarding specific locations.

- 4.2.2 To inform the Members of the commencement of a Review of Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye Laws and seek representations in relation to any roads or locations which the members feel should be included for review.

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the key points included in the letter, circulated in advance. Submissions are to be made by 29th April. All roads submitted will be subject to engineering, speed and traffic volume surveys, following the national guidelines. It is expected to be the end of the year before the initial draft revised bye-law will be available for discussion in advance of commencing the statutory process.

4.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 4.3.1 To discuss the 2022 Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal budget (Christmas Lighting Fund - €7,500)

Fiona Lawless referred to the Community Grants Scheme, which includes a category for festivals and events, details of which were circulated by email. The 2021 allocations from this budget were outlined. It was agreed to allocate €1,000 each to Kentstown and Stamullen for Christmas lights. Mel Cronin was requested to prepare proposals for the balance of €5,500 for Ashbourne town centre.



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- 4.3.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ashbourne Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"To ensure that Meath County Council is compliant with the UN charter for people with a disability and access for all, can Meath County Council rectify the pedestrian bridge in the area circled - it is not fit for purpose and cannot be accessed by a person with a disability or a person with a push chair or buggy."

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

Ashbourne Municipal District will carry out an inspection at this footbridge and report back on the matter.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Conor Tormey and seconded by Councillor Aisling O'Neill, was noted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 4th February 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence



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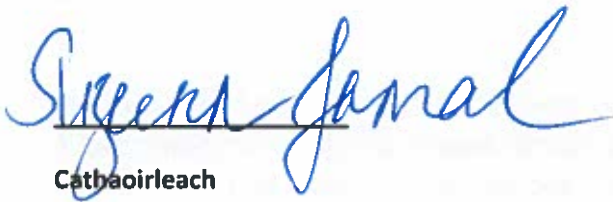
There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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Cathaoirleach