



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

### ***Ashbourne Municipal District***

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

***10:00 a.m., 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Ashbourne Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Suzanne Jamal, presided.

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

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Fiona Lawless

**Executive Engineer:** Mel Cronin

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

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

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

Councillor Alan Tobin queried if a presentation had been delivered on the Countywide Speed Limit Review – it was confirmed that no presentation had been delivered and that all documentation had been circulated with the agenda.

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

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Councillor Conor Tormey on the death of his mother, Teresa (Terry);
- The family of the late former councillor, Oliver Brooks, Kilmessan/Dunshaughlin.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Fiona Lawless on the birth of her second grandson.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

- 4.1.1 To agree a date for the Ashbourne Municipal District Awards Night and list of recipients.

Audrey Norris, Senior Staff Officer outlined the protocol for the Municipal District Awards Night and provided responses to queries raised. Councillors were asked to submit the names of potential recipient groups and individuals and the decision regarding the final list and date can be made at a later meeting.

#### **4.2 Transportation**

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

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

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried if the council is responsible for the repair/replacement of the fence at Archerstown Estate – it was agreed to check this.
- Referred to the need for rumble strips, additional signs and boxes at Donaghmore Church since the roadworks were undertaken – it was confirmed that NTA policy does not allow the provision of rumble strips. Signage and road



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markings will be provided. The issue remains regarding the road alignment and a speed survey has been requested.

- Reference was made to the significant investment that has been made and continues to be made at Donaghmore Church and the junction off the Milltown Road. It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Joe Bonner and seconded by Councillor Conor Tormey, to write to the Parish Priest outlining the works completed, ongoing and planned, the cost of these works and seeking any further proposals.
- Queried the maintenance of the grass area at the traffic lights at Aldi – an agreement has been reached and the area will be maintained.
- Requested an update on the speed survey at Kentstown N.S.
- Requested that the road sweeper be used to clear the cycle lanes – it was agreed to check if a mini-sweeper needs to be hired.
- Queried if there were plans for road safety measures at Cushinstown N.S. – it was agreed to look at it.
- Queried if any of the road opening licences for solar farms were in Stamullen – they are not in Stamullen.
- Referred to a commitment made to deep clean the paving on Frederick Street twice per annum as part of the scheme – it was agreed to check this.
- Requested an update on the relocation of the solar traffic lights from Clonalvey N.S. to Ardcath N.S. – it was agreed to check this.
- Requested an update on a house in Garden City, which is on the Derelict Sites Register – it was agreed to seek an update.

### **5 Notice of Question**



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### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

"Following the taking in charge of Tudor Grove/Heights/Ridge/Grove and a change in a discrepancy in the county development plan now enacted, are there plans to develop the area as per original lane and can this open space be accessed and used by the public? (At a previous meeting ((2018) it was stated that money was available to open the site for public use)."

**Response:**

*Ashbourne Municipal District will carry out an inspection of the site to the east of the Tudor Estate in Ashbourne and investigate if a Public Open Space is feasible for this location and report back to the Members in the coming weeks.*

The response was noted. Councillor Alan Tobin confirmed that he was to provide further information on the funding reference made.

## **6 Notice of Motion**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

"To designate the parking area between AIB bank and the Church, an EV charging zone. Taxis are being given a generous grant to upgrade to an EV, there is a disability parking space idea for a disability charging space and one stand alone private car space (5 charge points in total). This will allow the public to charge while doing business in town and allow our public transport to transition to zero emissions easily."

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

*Ashbourne Municipal District currently does not have any plans to install Electric Vehicle Charge Points on Fredrick Street, Ashbourne. This is being looked at on a County wide basis, and a further update will be issue in due course, when a plan has been finalised. It should be noted that the installation of EVCP infrastructure may require the amendment of existing bye laws and/or the stipulation of new bye laws amending the 2020 Taxi Rank Bye Laws.*



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Councillor Alan Tobin introduced the motion by pointing out that there were no public charging points in Ashbourne and that there was an opportunity to encourage public transport to become carbon neutral. Councillor Joe Bonner queried who was responsible for providing charging points and funding their provision and the need for greater engagement with petrol stations and supermarkets to encourage them to provide these facilities. It was agreed to get an update from Environment on the countywide scheme being looked at, including how it is to be funded.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Joe Bonner, was agreed.

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

#### **7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

The minutes were noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

#### **9.1 Councillor Aisling O’Neill raised the following issue:**

**9.1.1** Referred to an artist in Curragha who had offered to paint a signal box but for which permission had been refused – it was pointed out the council does not own utility boxes and there is a policy not to paint them, including traffic signal boxes. It was also pointed out that there were technical considerations, e.g. hazard warnings, and it was suggested that this be raised at the Transportation SPC for consideration.

#### **9.2 Councillor Alan Tobin raised the following issue:**

**9.2.1** Referred to the 197 Ashbourne to Swords bus route via Greenogue, where



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buses had been stopping for two years at Broadmeadow Equestrian Centre but this has now stopped, causing serious issues for those who rely on it. It was agreed that a letter would issue to the NTA requesting that funding be provided to the council to provide a bus stop and public lighting at Greenogue.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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