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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

9:30 a.m., 6th April 2022, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Nick Killian, presided.

Councillors Present: Brian Fitzgerald, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 9th March 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th March 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Maria Murphy and seconded by Councillor Gillian Toole.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

2.1 Councillor Maria Murphy requested an amendment under Item 10.1.1 – this was noted. She confirmed that the Road Safety Officer had visited both the Junior and Senior Primary Schools in Dunboyne and subsequently wrote to the Boards of Management, recommending that the schools start after 9am.

2.2 Councillor Nick Killian referred to the discussion at the March meeting with Mr. Tom Oxley, HSE and requested an update from Councillor Gillian Toole on any related discussions that took place at the Regional Health Forum meeting held on 28th March.



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Councillor Toole confirmed that the matter had not been on the agenda and that no local HSE management representatives were in attendance. Having raised the matter, with reference to the discussion at the March municipal district meeting, she had received an email, which was similar to previous responses received. A reply had issued, outlining the commitments that had been given in March, but no response has since been received. It was agreed to discuss this further under Item 9 - Any Other Business.

- 2.3 Councillor Gillian Toole requested updates on the artwork for Moulden Bridge and the concerns expressed by three residents at Moulden Bridge regarding the wooden panels erected.
- 2.4 Councillor Nick Killian requested a report at the May meeting to cover traffic issues at Moulden Bridge, including issues at the traffic lights.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late former councillor, Oliver Brooks, to whom tribute was paid;
- Councillor Conor Tormey on the death of his mother, Teresa, whose contribution to women's sport was acknowledged.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Chief Superintendent Christy Mangan on his retirement from An Garda Síochána, who was originally from Dunshaughlin;
- Nina Carberry on her success on Dancing with the Stars.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Planning



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- 4.1.1 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 2000-2021.

- Seachnall Abbey, Dunshaughlin.

This was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gerry O'Connor and seconded by Councillor Gillian Toole.

Councillors Gerry O'Connor and Gillian Toole referred to the need for traffic management measures, including road maintenance, and road widening on Johnstown Lane, which council staff use for accessing the depot, and for which the entrance is opposite the church car park. It was also requested that consideration be given to improving sightlines at the entrance to the estate.

4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 4.2.1 To agree a date for the Ratoath 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 suitable recipient groups and individuals and the decision regarding the final list and date can be made at a later meeting.

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

Following a short discussion, the following allocations were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Damien O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor Gillian Toole:

Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal Budget	2022: Amount Allocated €7,500
Ratoath Municipal District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skane Valley Community Council - €1,000



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival - €1,500• Dunboyne Tidy Towns - €1,000• Clonee Tidy Towns - €500• Ratoath Tidy Towns - €1,500• Kiltale Enhancement Group - €500• Batterstown Village Enhancement Association - €500• Mulhussey Parents Association - €500• Kilcloon - €500
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- 4.2.3 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District.

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

4.3 Transportation

- 4.3.1 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:

- Queried whether public lighting is required for ramps, e.g. at Culmullen school – this was confirmed.
- Referred to the need for line markings at Tesco junction at the R155 – this section of road is to be overlaid.
- Welcomed the replacement of older bins.



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- Queried the date for the return of the Turner Bridge - there are two elements to the project, each of three months duration, with the first being the pitches and walkway.
- Referred to requests by residents of Glascarn Lane for a ramp.
- Requested that the street sweeper be deployed prior to the Fairyhouse Racing Festival at Easter.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I request Meath County Council to provide an updated derelict site Register for Ratoath Municipal District."

Response:

There are currently two properties on the Derelict Sites register for the Ratoath Municipal District – one is located in Ratoath and the other in Dunshaughlin . There are four other properties in the MD which are the subject of investigation and engagement under the Derelict Sites legislation but have not been included on the Derelict Sites register as yet - these are located in Clonee, Ratoath and Dunshaughlin.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

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

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



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The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Maria Murphy raised the following issues:

- 9.1.1 Referred to pressures on schools arising from the number of Ukrainian refugees arriving in the municipal district and the requirement for schools to comply with enrolment policies.
- 9.1.2 Suggested that a bus stop be provided at the entrance to the M3 Parkway as buses are losing time crossing the ramps in the car park.

9.2 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issue:

- 9.2.1 Commended Dara McGowan and the council staff for their work in facilitating refugees arriving in Navan – the accommodation options for Ukrainian refugees were outlined, as were the different challenges being experienced.

9.3 Councillor Gillian Toole raised the following issues:

- 9.3.1 Referred to GPs not taking on any new patients, including Ukrainian refugees.
- 9.3.2 Requested that the HSE be invited to attend a municipal district meeting to provide an overview of community and primary healthcare in Ratoath Municipal District.
- 9.3.3 Requested that Irish Water be invited to attend a municipal district meeting to answer queries in relation to water supply in Ratoath.
- 9.3.4 Queried whether an alternative road closure would expedite watermain works in



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Dunshaughlin.

9.3.5 Queried whether road surfacing would be carried out on the Drumree Road.

9.4 Councillor Brian Fitzgerald raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Referred to ongoing water issues in Batterstown.

9.5 Councillor Nick Killian raised the following issues:

9.5.1 Referred to the meeting with the NTA, where no confirmation was given that a link would be provided to the M3 Parkway that would include Ratoath.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

