



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

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

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

***10:15 a.m., 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Ashbourne Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Amanda Smith**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal, Alan Tobin and Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:** Councillor Aisling O'Neill.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 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 and colleagues of the late Tony Kinsella, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Planning**

- 4.1.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2021 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2021 on the proposed development which will consist of - The construction of linear walkways throughout the area, installation of a skateboard park installation of a pedestrian footbridge linking areas either side of the river, installation of public lighting throughout the site, upgrading of roadside boundary treatment, construction of a riverside board walk to link to Churchfields Housing Estate and landscaping throughout the site. Location: Killekland, Ashbourne, Co Meath. (P822007).

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department outlined the Part 8 process, in terms of the consideration of the Chief Executive's report and to accept, amend or reject the recommendations within six weeks. If it is accepted, no further action is required. If it is to be amended or rejected, a Notice of Motion would need to be brought to either the July or a specially convened municipal district meeting within six weeks of receipt of the report and detail provided of the nature of/reason for the amendment or rejection.

Following a short discussion, where a number of concerns were raised in relation to the boardwalk, it was agreed that a related Notice of Motion, requesting an amendment, would be brought to the July meeting for agreement.

#### **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 provided at the meeting.



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Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested that red road markings be provided at Donaghmore church.
- Queried if works were complete at Milltown bridge – this was confirmed.
- Queried if the Meta grants were still available for signage in playgrounds.
- Queried if signage and/or bollards were planned following the removal of trailers at Ashbourne Retail Park – bollards are to be provided.
- Welcomed the works on the cycleway on the Dublin Road.
- Referred to the ongoing issues of the locks being broken to access the beach at Gormanston – more substantial measures will be considered.
- Referred to the lack of public lighting in the middle of Mountainview, Stamullen and queried if the MD Allocation Scheme can be used towards the funding of lights.

### **4.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

- 4.3.1 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 Conor Tormey**



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*"I call on Meath County Council to erect bus stops in Greenogue on the R125 Ashbourne – Swords, bus route 197."*

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

*Please note, under the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 (as amended), one of the principal functions of the National Transport Authority is to secure the provision of public transport infrastructure (being infrastructure constructed or provided, or proposed to be constructed or provided in connection with the provision of public passenger transport services, and which includes bus stop infrastructure). Accordingly, the provision of bus stops is a matter for the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the relevant bus operators in the first instance. Meath County Council does not have a direct responsibility for the provision of such infrastructure, our primary function in relation to bus stops is the approval (or revocation) of stopping locations for licensed bus transport services (Section 85 of the Road Traffic Act). Under the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), Meath County Council may, as part of the maintenance and construction of roads, provide such infrastructure as is necessary to facilitate public transport and public transport users.*

*Following a previous assessment, which identified a requirement for off-line bus stops at this location and associated infrastructure, we understand the Authority currently has no plans to install public transport infrastructure in Greenogue, nor to provide the Council with grant funding to do so.*

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Conor Tormey and seconded by Councillor Alan Tobin, was noted.

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*"Can the naming of the road now taken in charge from the Thomas Ashe roundabout to Millbourne be referred to the Civic Commemoration Committee for consideration."*

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



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*The naming of infrastructure by the Council is considered under the Protocol on Civic Commemorations. If the MD Members agree to this Notice of Motion, the request will be forwarded to the Civic Commemoration Committee to consider the request.*

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Suzanne Jamal, was agreed.

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

“Call on Meath County Council to erect a columbarium wall at St. Declan’s multi-denominational graveyard in Ashbourne.”

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

*The Council are looking at the provision of a columbarium wall in a number of graveyards which are under our control and including St Declan’s graveyard in Ashbourne.*

The supporting information and motion, proposed by Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Suzanne Jamal, was agreed.

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

### **7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The minutes were noted.

## **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **9 Any Other Business**

### **9.1 Councillor Joe Bonner raised the following issues:**



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- 9.1.1 Referred to the number of traffic incidents on the Ballybin Road, which was not designed for heavy traffic usage and requested that consideration be given to options to address this.
- 9.1.2 Referred to some confusion arising from the roadwork signs on the Ratoath Road and requested that flagmen be used in the interim.
- 9.2 Councillor Conor Tormey raised the following issue:
  - 9.2.1 Referred to the need for a ramp at the pedestrian crossing at Harlockstown – a S38 process is required for such traffic calming measures.
- 9.3 Councillor Suzanne Jamal raised the following issue:
  - 9.3.1 Requested an update on Oberstown Cross, Skryne – the contractor is due to finish up at another site soon and these works will follow. An update will be provided when the programme for remaining works issues.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach