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Ashbourne Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 10th January 2023, Ashbourne Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Amanda Smith, presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal, Aisling O'Neill, Alan Tobin and Conor Tormey.

Officials in Attendance:

Senior Executive Officer: Larry Whelan

Assistant Engineer: Trevor Markey

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Fiona Lawless, Director of Service and Mel Cronin, Executive Engineer.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 6th December 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6th December 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Suzanne Jamal.

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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- Mel Cronin on the death of his cousin, Pat Keogh.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Planning

- 4.1.1 To receive an update on the Taking in Charge of Archerstown Wood, Ashbourne.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer and Neville Carolan, Planning Enforcement attended the meeting. The councillors were advised that, as there was a live planning application on the site, any matters raised relating to the application could not be discussed.

The background to the proposed revision to the taking in charge was provided, with the original taking in charge having been originally approved approximately two years ago. Having identified a mapping error, it is proposed to put a revised map on public display for four weeks, with a further two weeks for submissions, following which a report will be brought back to the municipal district, possibly in March. The possible implications of not rectifying the matter were also outlined.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Referred to the need to repair the fence and the fire hydrants – the fence is a matter for the municipal district to consider as part of its work programme whilst the fire hydrants are the responsibility of Irish Water.
- Requested that the notices published make clear the reasons for the area to be removed from the area previously taken in charge – the information to be published will clarify this.
- Queried the criteria for the Social Infrastructure Assessment – this can cover anything, e.g. if a developer cannot provide the minimum 15% open space in a development, consideration can be given to how this can be provided, such as through adjacent green space. Similarly, a developer can assess the number of creche facilities and spaces available in the area.



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- Queried whether the plans permitted under the previous planning permission must be complied with – that planning permission has expired and newer legislation now applies, based on the number of houses and the services needed to support those houses.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Conor Tormey to proceed as outlined.

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:

- Requested that the green and white bollards on the new footpath on the L5023 at Baltrasna be replaced before works are completed.
- Commended the works at Swans Cross, Curragha and suggested that this be used as a model for similar junctions in the county as a low-cost effective solution for slowing traffic.
- Referred to the absence of lights at Tudors, Ashbourne.
- Queried the overall cost of works at Oberstown Cross.
- Requested an update on measures to improve road safety at Rathfeigh N.S. including traffic controls and a visit by the Road Safety Officer.
- Requested that the Winter Gritting Programme be extended to include roads that correspond with the Priority 1 & 2 routes gritted by Fingal County Council.



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- Requested a bus stop at Oberstown.
- Referred to the Bus Éireann service to Tayto Park, which does not stop in Curragha.
- Welcomed the new machine for pothole repairs, which is making a significant difference.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Conor Tormey raised the following issue:

8.1.1 Requested an update on the provision of bus stops at Greenogue.

8.2 Councillor Amanda Smith raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Requested a list of official bus stops in the municipal district.

8.2.2 Requested an update on the provision of lighting outside Silverbanks estate in Stamullen.



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The meeting concluded at 10.50am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

