



## ***Miomtuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

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

***10:00 a.m., 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Ashbourne Civic Offices***

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

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

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** n/a

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Fiona Lawless

**Executive Engineer:** Mel Cronin

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Conor Tormey and seconded by Councillor Joe Bonner.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

#### **4 Statutory Business**



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

#### 4.1.1 To discuss the 2023 Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal budget.

Audrey Norris, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services advised the members that the allocation for 2023 is €7,500. The members agreed to allocate €1000 to Kentstown and Stamullen towards Christmas lights and €1000 to Ashbourne Tidy Towns for the St Patricks Day Festival. Mel Cronin was requested to prepare proposals for the balance of €4,500 for Christmas lighting in Ashbourne town centre.

#### 4.1.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ashbourne Municipal District.

The allocations circulated in advance were noted.

### **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 with a further update provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by the councillors included:

- Commended the safety improvement works carried out at the school in Tudor Grove and suggested a handrail along the pathway – will review both sides regarding handrails.
- Requested an update on Bus stops in Curraghera village- agreed location with NTA/Bus Eireann, they must fund the bus stops.
- The machine for pothole repairs has been very positive, could it be hired again - due to hire out in April.
- Asked when the contractor will return to Painestown to open drain spots.



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- Advised that the bend at the cottage at the Hill of Tara needs re-doing.

### 5 Notice of Question

#### 5.1 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O'Neill

*“How many 4, 3, 2 and 1 bedroom houses have been allocated in the Ashbourne Municipal District in the last quarter and how many are on the housing list for same, with a breakdown by areas please?”*

**Response:**

#### ***ASHBOURNE MD***

|              | NO. OF APPLICANTS | ONE BEDROOM | TWO BEDROOM | THREE BEDROOM | FOUR BEDROOM |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| ARDCATH      | 6                 | 2           | 1           | 3             | 0            |
| ASHBOURNE    | 490               | 183         | 211         | 79            | 17           |
| BELLEWSTOWN  | 9                 | 4           | 3           | 1             | 1            |
| JULIANSTOWN  | 4                 | 1           | 3           | 0             | 0            |
| KENTSTOWN    | 24                | 12          | 9           | 2             | 1            |
| KILBRIDE     | 1                 | 0           | 0           | 1             | 0            |
| SKRYNE       | 5                 | 2           | 1           | 1             | 1            |
| STAMULLEN    | 23                | 7           | 11          | 4             | 1            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>562</b>        | <b>211</b>  | <b>239</b>  | <b>91</b>     | <b>21</b>    |

There were 2 \* 2 Bed allocations with AHBS in the last quarter of 2022 and 1 \* 2 bed of our own Stock there were no other allocations in that period, above is the current housing need for the Ashbourne MD.

The response was noted.

CLlr O'Neill requested an update on the Peter McVerry trust site and what stage it's at.

### 6 Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.



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

- 7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The minutes were noted.

- 7.2 To note the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

The minutes were noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Municipal District Awards Night – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm in Buvinda House.

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services advised that one awards night will be held for all 6 Municipal Districts. She said it's a celebration and acknowledgment of achievements by groups and/or individuals. She requested that the members submit their suggestions to her and will revert to them in April with the agreed nominations.

The members raised the following issues:

Requested an update on bus stops for Greenogue as the residents are liaising with the NTA and had received a different response from the NTA.

Requested an update on the pedestrian crossing at Silverbanks, Stamullen.

Queried if any response received from the IAA regarding increased noise levels from the flight path over the Ashbourne area.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**