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Ordinary Meeting

Ashbourne Municipal District

10:00 a.m., 4th July 2023, Ashbourne Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Alan Tobin presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal, Amanda Smith, Helen Meyer

Apologies/ Absent: n/a

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Conor Tormey

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Barry Lynch

Executive Engineer: Mel Cronin

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 20th June 2023.

Councillor Tobin welcomed Councillor Helen Meyer and congratulated her on her appointment. Cllr Tobin also welcomed Director of Service Barry Lynch.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 20th of June 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 20th June 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

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An update was given on the Ashbourne flood alleviation scheme and members were advised that this will be circulated to all. The members requested a completion date for the scheme.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were none.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant of the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to dispose of 0.0008Ha of lands, zoned A2 – new residential, at Mill Race, Castle Street, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.

Una McNamara, AO, Assets section updated the members on the background to the disposal.

On the proposal of **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** the members agreed in principle to the disposal.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

- 5.1.1 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws statutory process.

Fergal McCabe EE gave an update on the proposed Special Speed Limit for Housing estates byelaws which were on public display until 7th June 2023. He advised that no objections were received in relation to the proposed byelaws and therefore will proceed to full council for approval.

On the proposal of **Clr Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Clr Joe Bonner** the members agreed to proceed as outlined.

Members raised the following:

- Referred to a few estates that don't have the 30kph signage in place.



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- Enquired if the new estates automatically are set at 30kph – advised that new estates stay at 50kph until a request is received to reduce to 30kph.
- Requested Archerstown Wood be included in the speed limits.
- Suggested publicising the 30kph speed limit through the PPN.
- Members were advised that the Countywide Speed limit review will be brought to the MD meetings in September.

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

The report circulated in advance of the meeting was noted with the following raised:

- Members were advised of another water burst where council crews were out distributing water and thus delayed other planned works being undertaken.
- Referred to the Moby Bike stands located in green areas- advised the scheme is a 12-month pilot project so any issues can be raised with the company.
- Suggested more promotion by the company on the bike scheme.
- Line markings required for drivers coming from Arkle Hill to Bourne Avenue.
- Require road lining outside school for Deerpark residents.
- Enquired when tree pruning will be done as Ash trees causing problems with roots – advised carry out inspections for pruning and tender out annually, will only get a tree surgeon in for an emergency due to the costs involved.
- Requested verge cutting along R132 from City North Hotel to Julianstown road as Ukrainians were walking on the road to access hotel – advised to review road safety and maintenance in this area.
- Commended works in Ardcath, could verges be reviewed as very high- advised contractor to finish off works on verges, walls and entrances.
- Enquired on upgrading lights at Garden City and at school- to procure contractor to do works.
- When will works on footpath in Tudor Grove be completed – advised expect works to commence in two weeks.

5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

The allocations were noted. Members were requested to submit completed applications

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in prior to the closing date of the end of September and these will be processed if everything is in order.

6 Notice of Question

There was no notice of questions.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Suzanne Jamal

"I call on Meath County Council to implement safety measures at Walterstown GFC. There has been numerous incidents here in recent times due to a high volume of cars parking on the road."

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

Regarding request for safety measures along the L5050 at Walterstown GFC, this location will be inspected and assessed for feasible and appropriate road safety options. However, it should be noted that there are already several proposed traffic calming and road safety projects listed within the Ashbourne Municipal District and these are awaiting funding and various approvals.

On the proposal of **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** the motion was agreed.

Cllr Jamal advised that several accidents have occurred here especially when training sessions are on. She was advised that the area will be reviewed again.

8 Strategic Policy Committee, Corporate Policy Group & Protocol Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 9th June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

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8.2 To note the Protocol Committee minutes of 9th June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 15th June 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

- Requested an update on revised timeframes and phases for completion of works by Fox Contractors.
- Can be difficult to push buggies in areas, complaints in from the public on delay in works.
- Referred to traffic issues at Racehill Manor which relate to these road works.
- Do not want Uisce Eireann mentioning the Council when referring to water outages.
- Referred to inviting ADCC to the next meeting – advised that the group need to submit a delegation form for approval prior to being invited to attend a meeting.
- Seeking €500 contribution towards flags for the upcoming U18 Baseball matches.
- Await confirmation on dates to visit Corcubian.
- Seating required at bus stop at Racehill.
- Members reminded to submit nominations for the Economic Forum.

The business concluded at 11.10am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach