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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

9:30 a.m., 6th September 2023, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, **Councillor** Brian Fitzgerald, presided.

Councillors Present: Nick Killian, Gerry O'Connor, Gillian Toole, Maria Murphy

Councillors Present via Zoom: Damien O'Reilly

Absent/Apologies: Deirdre Geraghty-Smith.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating & Ann Monaghan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 5th July 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

The following matters were raised:

- Update from DAA on Dublin Airport.
- Update on School Wardens
- Update on the Moulden Bridge art piece- advised that the arts officer has tried to make contact with the evaluation team members to arrange.
- Update on site visit to Drumree lands – advised that email circulated with a map of lands and to contact Una McNamara who will organise a site visit.
- Cabinhill junction update – advised that 3 accidents occurred that were 3 different scenarios, erected reduce speed signs and VMS signs. Await the road safety officer to revert back with details of the accidents.



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- Update on the taking in charge of Loughlinstown Road – advised that it may be scheduled for the October meeting and will be checked with Transportation.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended:

- To the family of the late Ciarán Briody, Dunshaughlin
- To the family of Pat Gleeson, Solicitor, Slane

Congratulations were extended to the following Ratoath BMX winners in the EU events:

- Evan Bartley finished 3rd overall in UCI World Championships
- Reuben Byrne finished 6th overall in UCI World Championships
- Reuben Byrne finished 4th overall in UEC European Championships
- Carly Hayes finished 6th overall in UEC European Championships
- Carly Hayes finished 1st overall in UEC European Cup and first Irish female rider to come first.
- Summer Glynn reached finals in UEC European Cup finishing 8th.
- Kurts Storkis received finals in UEC European Cup rounds finishing 6th.
- Commended the works of the Community section on the re-development of the Dunboyne playground.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.075Ha. of land at Folistown, Dunboyne. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

On the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** the members agreed in principle to the disposal.

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0202Ha. of land at Derrypatrick, Grange, Kiltale, Co. Meath. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

On the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** the members agreed in principle to the disposal.



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- 4.3 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.336Ha. of land at Jamestown, Ratoath. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

On the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** the members agreed in principle to the disposal.

Cllr Toole requested that the folio's be checked, and the map amended to include both persons names on the disposal map. It was agreed to get clarification on the folios and circulate the updated map prior to going to the full council meeting.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

- 5.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.

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

- Enquired if members want a Christmas tree erected in Dunboyne – agreed to this.
- Enquired when works will be carried out to the playground equipment – advised works to be carried out 25th September.
- Referred to hedging at Foxlodge House which needs to be trimmed back.
- Referred to the bench at the entrance to Greenane estate, if it can be removed as it is causing anti-social behaviour.
- Enquired if an area of overgrown grass can be cut outside Moulden estate and which is outside the council's boundary?
- Can the council buy a sweeper for groups to use in district- advised that only the council could use the sweeper if acquired with a small one costing up to €100k.
- Enquired if the tree pruning list can be circulated to ensure there is no overlap of requests being submitted.
- Referred to cars parking and blocking footpaths from the school to Dunboyne Castle Hotel and if bollards can be installed.
- Asked if a sign can be put on the Rooske Road to direct traffic to the playground.
- Enquired if the railings can be removed from around the watertower on the Navan Road, Dunboyne as they are unsightly and cannot get in to clean up inside them.
- Referred to the grate over the gully which has dropped at Peter's Park, Millfarm -



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advised on the list to look at.

- Enquired if the Chicane into the park in Dunshaughlin be removed for the Harvest Festival- advised that they cannot be removed as they are cemented to the ground.
- Referred to the current works on the Curragha road that are still ongoing and the road closure due to take place on the Ballybin road from next week. Both roads cannot be closed at the same time and can this be reviewed. - advised that the council is liaising with Uisce Eireann daily regarding works, both roads will not be closed at the same time.
- Referred to anti-social behaviour in the park in Dunshaughlin and can CCTV be installed – advised that through the JPC a sub-group assess and agree on CCTV schemes and locations, this can be referred to Community for inclusion.

5.1 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 5.1.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District.

The report circulated in advance was noted. Members were reminded to submit their completed applications by the end of September.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“I request Meath County Council to provide an update on the proposed pathway from Summerseat, Clonee along the R149 to the Meath / Fingal border? “

Response:

Planning permission RA/191224, which is currently under construction provides for pedestrian / cycle facilities from this site (The Gallops) north along the R149 to Clonee (Planning Condition3). Footpaths have been constructed along the northern and eastern boundaries of the 'The Gallops' development. However, the proposed footpath/cycleway north along the R149 to link up with the existing Summerseat development at Clonee has not been agreed by way of compliance under Planning Condition 3 (C) and therefore construction has not progressed on this part of the pedestrian / cycleway. Development



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within the Gallops is limited to the occupation of 12 houses until such times as the aforementioned footpath / cycleway are constructed and completed.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to implement a speed survey review of Kilmessan village and all urban approach roads to the village, if data is deemed significant, I request traffic calming measures to be implemented in locations across the village."

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

Ratoath Municipal District Engineer has requested a speed survey be carried out to determine if traffic calming measures are required. The implementing of any measures will be subject to suitability and the available resources and funding.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

Cllr O'Reilly asked that funds be allocated to support this motion as all access routes into the village need to be surveyed. It was requested that the traffic lights be reviewed in the village as they are on green continuously.

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 30th June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee minutes of 30th June, 2023.



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The minutes were noted.

- 8.3 To note the draft minutes from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 6th July, 2023

The minutes were noted.

- 8.4 To note the Draft minutes from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 7th July 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from the Department of Education and Skills in response to Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Damien O'Reilly for the February meeting of Ratoath MD.

The members referred to the correspondence and said that the data used is not realistic of the new census figures. They said that new build applications submitted to An Bord Pleanála have not been factored in nor has inter class transfers and families moving around. Members asked that a reply issue to the department and to liaise with Planning as they are collating accurate data for inclusion in this reply.

- 9.2 Correspondence received from Moynalvey local community regarding lands owned by RTE.

The members referred to the correspondence and said that Minister Helen McEntee met the group and herself and Thomas Byrne TD gave a commitment to speak to Minister Catherine Martin on the matter. Members requested that a letter issue from the Municipal District to Minister Catherine Martin TD -Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht, requesting that 20-30 acres of RTE lands at Clarkestown, be released to the Moynalvey community, now that the Radio Tara Mast is decommissioned. It was agreed to C.C Ministers McEntee and Byrne, Council's Chief Executive and the Moynalvey Group in the response.

10 Any Other Business



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- Requested a report on the locations of Solar Farms – to re-circulate details.
- Enquired about the new speed limit review announced nationally – await on legislation to advise on reviews.
- Seeking a report on the percentage for art allocated within the Ratoath MD – will seek details from the Arts Office.
- Referred to the back roads where Uisce Eireann have completed works where a review is needed of the verges.
- Enquired about the Solar Farm off the Kilbride Road and who looks after the verges- advised the council looks after the road and verges and company look after inside the hedge.
- Referred to the blind spot at Donnelly's cross where two accidents occurred.
- Raised the issue of drivers going through the red light at Moulden Bridge coming from Ashbourne as it is difficult to see the lights – advised will refer for a review.
- Referred to the resurfacing works completed on the Curragha road where some areas are in poor condition close to Ratoath.
- Referred to the roadworks in Ashbourne which are causing delays in Ratoath.
- Members were advised that Planning are doing a workshop on the Maynooth LAP following the October meeting.
- Members were advised that Tattersalls have requested a meeting following the November MD meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach