

## ***Clár / Meeting Agenda***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

#### ***Ratoath Municipal District***

***9.30am, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

Leas Chathaoirleach, **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**, presided.

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

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** Deirdre Geraghty-Smith

**Absent/Apologies:**

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Dara McGowan

**Executive Engineer:**

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Staff Officer:** Ann Monaghan

**Apologies:** Philip Traynor

**Leas Chathaoirleach, Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** paid tribute to the late Councillor Damien O'Reilly RIP. He said that he will be remembered as a great friend, colleague, hard worker and devoted to his family and community. Councillor Fitzgerald proposed that the park in Clonee be named in his memory.

Tributes were paid to Councillor O'Reilly by **Councillors Nick Killian, Gerry O'Connor, Maria Murphy, Gillian Toole, and the officials**. Condolences were offered to Councillor O'Reilly's fiancée Lisa, daughter Carly, stepson Kyle, Mother Phil and extended family, friends and colleagues.

The members supported the proposal of naming a park in his memory and suggested also having a special prize in his name at the Pride of Place awards. It was agreed to submit this to the next Commemoration Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes.

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### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

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

- The members raised the issue of noise disruption from the new airport runway causing concerns for some residents. It was requested that a letter issue to Fingal County Council to enforce the planning conditions- advised that Fingal County council is the Enforcement Authority and that the DAA is currently in the courts regarding this issue.
- Referred to seeking an update on the percentage for art allocated within the Ratoath MD.
- Referred to the resynchronising of traffic lights at Moulden Bridge where cars are driving through a red light, can a letter issue to the Traffic Corp to monitor the situation.
- Sought an update on when new routes will be added to the Gritting Routes schedule- advised that there is no budget for extra routes to be included.
- Sought an update on school wardens.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family and friends of our late friend and colleague Councillor Damien O'Reilly RIP.
- The family of the late Tommy Sheehy, Dunshaughlin RIP

Congratulations were extended to:

- Kilcloon Development Group who won first prize in the Irish Planning Institute awards.
- Organisers of the Harvest Festival, Dunshaughlin
- Ratoath Senior Football and Hurling teams in the finals
- Royal Gaels Ladies Football team reaching the finals.

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### **4 To receive an update from EirGrid on the best performing option for the East Meath-North Dublin grid upgrade**

The members noted the presentation.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Planning**

##### **5.1.1 Taking in charge of: Cnoc Tiarnach, Dunshaughlin**

On the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**, the members agreed to the taking in charge Cnoc Tiarnach.

##### **5.1.2 Taking in Charge of Cairn Manor Ratoath**

On the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**, the members agreed to the taking in charge of Cairn Manor.

#### **5.2 Transportation**

##### **5.2.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.**

The report circulated in advance, was noted. The members raised the issue that extra administrative and engineering staff were needed in the area. Dara McGowan stated that staff are leaving due to transfers and promotions and these vacant positions are advertised however it is difficult to get engineering staff and to retain them.

##### **5.2.2 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Kilbreena Estate in the Ratoath Municipal District**

Paul Phelan SEE, updated the members on the proposed Traffic Calming measure. On the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** the members agreed to the details.

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### 5.2.3 Declaration of a Public Road in the Townlands of Peacockstown & Loughlinstown

Brian Murphy AO, Transportation advised that the process to make a road, a public road was advertised, and no submissions were received.

On the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** the members agreed to the making of a declaration of a Public Road.

### 5.3 **Corporate Affairs and Governance**

#### 5.3.1 Receive an update on the non-statutory consultation process for determining the future use of the Ratoath Town Centre Lands.

Stuart Hart, BDP consultants gave an update on progress and findings from the recent consultation session with the public. He advised that he would be meeting each councillor for their input and will come back later with a detailed design.

The members suggested the following:

- Can look at zoning when a design is in place.
- Public do not realise what libraries offer in terms of activities, events.
- Concerns that a playground would be too small at this location.
- Suggested speaking to Age Friendly Ireland regarding Age Friendly housing.
- Consider rightsizing options for older people to re-locate here.
- Not an ideal site for affordable housing.
- Members were advised that the next steps are to agree a design for the site and then apply for funding to deliver as one project or as phases.

#### 5.3.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath District

The allocations were noted.

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1. To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

The minutes were noted.

### **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Letter from Office of Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Re: RTE Land.

The members noted the correspondence and requested that a copy be circulated to the local TD's as they were unhappy with the response.

### **8 Any Other Business**

- Dara McGowan proposed that an item be on the November agenda to elect a Cathaoirleach
- Members were advised that the CRU responded to their correspondence seeking a meeting – the members agreed to meet them on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10am by hybrid and in person. Members requested that the Ashbourne members be invited to attend as well.
- Members were advised that Tattersalls were due to meet the councillors after the November meeting.
- The members welcomed the news of the state purchasing lands at Dowth which will see a new Boyne Valley national park developed.

The meeting concluded at 11.25am

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Leas Chathaoirleach