

## ***Miontuairiscí/ Meeting Minutes***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

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

***9.30 am, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

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

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

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

**Absent/Apologies:**

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Dara McGowan

**Executive Engineer:** Philip Traynor

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Staff Officer:** Ann Monaghan

Cllr Brian Fitzgerald welcomed Cllr Caroline O'Reilly to the meeting and wished her well in her role.

#### **1 Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

On the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** the members agreed to elect **Councillor Maria Murphy** as Leas Cathaoirleach.

#### **2 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **2.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

##### **2.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The minutes of the special finance meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

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

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Cllr Toole said that she is still awaiting the report on the road safety inspection carried out at Rathbeggan school. She was advised that it had been circulated to her and can circulate again.

### **4 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late James Mangan, Rathfeigh, former councillor and chairperson of Meath County Council.
- The family of the late Eimear Gilligan, Dunboyne.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Annmarie O'Grady on winning bronze in the World Kickboxing championships
- Ratoath Minor ladies' football on their win
- Brian Peters, Manager of Katie Taylor, World Boxing Champion
- Barbara Kelly, Community Guard on her promotion.

### **5 To nominate a Representative to the Eirgrid Committee to replace the late Councillor Damien O'Reilly.**

On the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**, the members agreed to nominate **Councillor Caroline O'Reilly** to the Eirgrid committee.

### **6 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.**

There were none.

### **7 Statutory Business**

#### **7.1 Planning**

##### **7.1.1 Update on the Maynooth Joint Local Area Plan**

Linda O'Grady, Executive Planner gave an update on progress to the plan. She said that the plan is due to go on public display in February 2024 and will bring a report to the members

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prior to going on display. There were several interventions from the members, and these were responded to, by the planner.

### **7.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

- 7.2.1 To receive an update on the non-statutory consultation process for determining the future use of the Ratoath Town Centre Lands.

Pat Shore, Town Regeneration Officer gave a synopsis of progress to date. He advised that following the review of the data collected from the public consultation process, the public has identified several provisions for the lands to include a community hub, housing for older persons, a park area and car parking.

The members were advised that the next step is to apply for funding for the preparation of a design of the scheme based on the feedback received from the initial public consultation. If the funding application is successful, then a consultant will be procured to do this design in preparation for a Part 8.

The members raised queries around carparking spaces, height restrictions, community hub having rooms available for other usage, inclusion of independent living and a variation to zoning. These were responded to by Dara McGowan.

The members unanimously agreed to proceed as recommended in the report.

### **7.3 Transportation**

- 7.3.1 To consider the Chief Executives Report on the Part 8 Application P8/23007 Batterstown Traffic Calming.

Fergal McCabe, EE, Transportation updated the members on the proposed Traffic Calming scheme for Batterstown. A discussion ensued and it was agreed unanimously that an additional ramp on the Dublin side of the school should be included within the designated boundary area outlined in red.

It was agreed to consider this request and revert to the members with the outcome of this consideration within the six-week period.

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

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The report circulated in advance was noted. The members thanked Philip and the outdoor crew for their work throughout the year.

The following were raised:

- An update on the gullies that were due to be cleared – advised will follow up.
- Ponding outside estate on the Summerhill Road – advised will look at the issue.
- Referred to potholes on Rooske road that need to be filled – advised will include these.
- Referred to the speed survey to be carried out in Kilmessan village and if the survey could be extended to the bridge at the Station house and to the Ringlestown / Kilcarty road – to refer to Transportation section to include.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

In relation to the road project to connect Dunboyne Industrial Estate with the Dunboyne Bypass please advise:

1. When the detailed design will be completed.
2. When the project for the completion of the road will be tendered.
3. When we can expect the road to be completed.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Detailed design is progressing and is expected to be completed in Q2 2024. The next phases are dependent on discussions with the landowners, and the priorities for improving the capacity of the network in respect to implementing the Traffic Assessment objectives for Dunboyne/Clonee.

**The response was noted.** Maria Murphy asked if discussions had been held with the landowners and the outcome/agreements from these. Advised that we will liaise with transportation for an update.

### **9 Notice of Motion**

#### **9.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

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Given the periods of reduced water pressure and water outages in Dunboyne/Kilcloon over the last year, we call on Meath County Council to write to Uisce Eireann to outline what plans have been put in place to improve the water supply especially given recent planning permissions granted for large scale development in Dunboyne.

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

The Council will write to Uisce Eireann seeking an update on the plans that are in place to improve the water supply in the Dunboyne/Kilcloon areas.

On the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** the motion and response were noted.

Cllr Murphy stated that a technical solution is required to the pumphouse to cater for the demand due to the increase in housing in the area. Dara McGowan advised that Uisce Eireann look after water issues and this matter will be referred to them for a response.

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

10.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

The minutes were noted.

10.2 To note the Protocol Committee Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

The minutes were noted.

10.3 To note the draft minutes from the Housing, Community, and Cultural Development SPC of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

The draft minutes were noted.

10.4 To note the draft minutes from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

### **11 Correspondence**

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There was none.

### **12 Any Other Business**

Cllr Killian referred to Ratoath Athletic Club holding a road race next year where they wish to close some roads – advised that the group should speak to the area engineer in this regard.

Cllr Toole advised that the DAA are meeting with Fingal Councillors next week and a delegation will attend from the Ratoath area.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Brian Fitzgerald and Director Dara McGowan thanked and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 11.10am

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