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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

9.30am, 10th January 2024 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:

Absent/Apologies: Cllr Deirdre Geraghty-Smith

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Ann Monaghan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 6th December 2023

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 6th of December 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

The members raised their concerns regarding the water outages and disruptions to businesses and property owners over the Christmas period and requested that an invite issue to Uisce Eireann to attend a meeting to discuss the issues that arose with the Windmill Hill Reservoir.

Cllr Toole requested the report on the School Wardens at Rathbeggan – Dara McGowan advised that all information had been sent to her on the matter and that he would organise a meeting with the Transportation section for her to raise her concerns.

Cllr Toole referred to correspondence received by locals that works were imminent on the public realm in Dunshaughlin – Dara McGowan advised that the council would be applying for approval for RRDF funding to complete the works.

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Cllr Toole sought an update on the speed survey for Kilmessan – advised will seek an update.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Sinead Murphy LMETB on the death of her father Michael Ludden
- Senator Regina Doherty on the death of her father Paddy Dalton.

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

There were none.

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 and the members thanked Philip and his crew for all the works being done. The following issues were raised:

- Referred to the following roads that are raised every year and need to be included on the gritting routes due to high traffic usage - Kilbride, Skyrne, Rooske, Steeplechase link road - advised that any additional routes require funding. Routes should be submitted to the Transportation SPC prior to agreement of the gritting routes.
- Enquired if the Arborist report is completed – advised will circulate when available.
- Referred to the big belly bins where a review is required on the capacity allowed as some bins are filling quickly.
- Enquired if the council could assist with the illegal parking by non-residents on a cul de sac beside Elton Grove development in Dunboyne – advised that this would be a matter for the gardaí.

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- 5.1.2 To resolve to modify the Part 8 Application P8/23007 Batterstown Traffic Calming as requested by the Ratoath Councillors at the December 6th, 2023, Ratoath Municipal District Meeting.

Fergal McCabe Executive Engineer updated the members regarding the modification to the Part 8 as requested by the members.

On the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** the members agreed to this modification.

5.2 Housing

- 5.2.1 To receive a report in accordance with the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023, and the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Act 2022, giving notice of Meath County Council's intention to construct a social housing development on local authority owned land at, 10 Woodview Heights, Dunboyne, Co. Meath, A86 CK12.

Corrina Elder Senior Engineer, Housing updated the members on the proposed works with construction works due to commence the end of 2024.

The members welcomed the proposed development which will accommodate two families when constructed.

5.3 Corporate Affairs

- 5.3.1 To approve amendments to the Municipal District Standing Orders Regulating the proceedings of the meetings

On the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** the members approved the amendments.

6 Notice of Question

There was none.

7 Notice of Motion

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There was none.

8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports

There was none.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

The members raised the following:

- Referred to the CRM member-reps portal where some cases are being resolved but members are not informed of the resolution.
- That an updated list of senior staff be circulated and to include the staff over the various housing sections – advised that an updated list is due to circulate shortly.
- Enquired if there is a GDPR form to sign if submitting reps on behalf of a person – advised that there is a form and will circulate this.
- Enquired when the apartments in Clonee might be allocated - advised that the water needs to be connected and works completed to the junction on the main road.
- Referred to issues with the road surface at a bend at Knockmark church, Drumree- area engineer to look at this.
- Referred to the pumping station at Foxbrook housing estate, Ratoath where issues arise when there's heavy rain, logged issue with Uisce Eireann but no response.
- The pull in bay at the bus stop, Dunsany needs to be marked to prevent parking- noted by the engineer.
- Referred to the old Navan Road at Rathbeggan and L50466 where the public wait for the bus and if this area could be tidied up – noted by the engineer.
- Advised that a public meeting is being held at Coolquay on 18th January, 8pm regarding the flight paths issue.
- Referred to a large planning application recently lodged to Fingal Council, and could a brief report be done on this – Dara McGowan advised that the council has no role in this but said he had done a brief synopsis of the site notice and could share this.
- Enquired if the council submitted submissions to An Bord Pleanala regarding the flight issues – Dara McGowan advised that three submissions were received from the members which were collated and submitted, and this can be circulated to the members.



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The meeting concluded at 11am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach