

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

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

***9.30 am, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Nick Killian, Gerry O'Connor, Caroline O'Reilly

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** Gillian Toole, Maria Murphy

**Absent/Apologies:** **Councillor** 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**

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

There was none.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- Family of the late Noel Larkin, Dunshaughlin.
- Family of the late Gary Carolan, Ratoath.

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

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- 4.1 **Agreement in principle to disposal by way of Lease of 0.0220HA of land at Johnstown, Dunshaughlin. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.**

On the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** the members agreed in principle to disposal by way of a lease.

## **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:

- Thanked the outdoor crew for the preparation ahead of the late John Bruton's funeral.
- Commended the staff and crew on all the works during the heavy rain.
- Referred to a gully overflowing outside the Forge, Dunboyne, and have referred to Uisce Eireann
- Rooske road, has flooding and drainage issues outside houses- noted by engineer.
- Referred to speeding at Moulden Bridge estate where residents have requested a speed ramp.
- Concerns regarding the manholes overflowing in Foxbrook estate during the heavy rainfalls – advised incorrect connections in houses causing sewerage overflow into the stream.
- Requested that Uisce Eireann review the pumping station in Foxbrook prior to any new developments - advised will take concerns to planning however planning liaise with Uisce Eireann regarding capacity in pumping stations prior to granting of permissions.
- Raised the issue of overflow of manholes outside St Pauls School – advised of incorrect connections causing the issue.
- Advised that the traffic lights at the Arch Bar, Dunshaughlin be realigned as they are pointing in the wrong direction - noted by the engineer.
- Sought an update on the public lighting at Dun-Rioga estate, Dunshaughlin – advised it's a matter between developer and the ESB.
- Referred to the cycle lane on the Lagore road where it stops and cyclists have to go onto the road to access to the other side.

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- Requested drainage works to be completed on the road to Supervalu due to flooding during rain.

5.1.2 To consider the taking in charge of Millerstown Phase 2 Kilcock and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

On the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline O'Reilly** the members agreed to the taking in charge of Millerstown Phase 2 Kilcock.

Cllr Murphy enquired when the public road will open into this development- to seek update from planning.

Cllr O'Connor asked when Coldricks Pass, Dunshaughlin will be taken in charge- to seek update from planning.

### **5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance.**

5.2.1 To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District

The report circulated in advance was noted.

5.2.2 To approve the Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting Allocation 2024.

The members were advised that the allocation for 2024 remains at €7,500.

On the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** the members agreed to allocate the funding similar to 2023 as follows:

- Skane Valley Community Council - €1,000
- Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival - €1,500
- Dunboyne Tidy Towns - €1,000
- Clonee Tidy Towns - €500
- Ratoath Tidy Towns - €1,500
- Kiltale Enhancement Group - €500
- Batterstown Village Enhancement Association - €500
- Mulhussey Parents Association - €500
- Kilcloon - €500

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### **5.3 Environment**

- 5.3.1 To receive a presentation in respect of the inspection programme for septic tanks and other wastewater treatment systems.

David Keyes SEE, Environment gave a presentation on the scheme. He advised that there's a National Inspection Plan in place which is overseen by the EPA. He said that the plan is broken into 4 risk zones with zone 1 identified as a risk area to surface waters, zone 2, risk areas to household wells and zone 3, lower risk areas with zone 4 an overlap of the first two zones. He advised that the plan sets out the number of minimum inspections that must be undertaken per annum in each zone by a Local Authority. He also advised that the EPA have requested more inspections be carried out on farms.

He said that there has been an increase in requests for inspections due to the grant increase from €5k to €12k and the removal of the registering of a septic tank. The priority is to carry out inspections in the high-risk areas where a minimum of 38 inspections per annum is required in zone 1, 16 inspections in zone 2 with non-priority requests put on a waiting list.

## **6 Notice of Question**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

Please provide an update on works planned for the Castle Stream in Dunboyne during 2024 in particular the section of the river which runs from behind Larchfield to the bridge on the Maynooth Road. Please also advise timelines.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Specialised tree surgeon has been engaged, contact has been made with both Irish Fisheries and National Parks. Once we can agree on dates with both these organisations, works will take place.

**The response was noted.**

## **7 Notice of Motion**

There was none.

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

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8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft Report from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.4 To note the Draft Housing Community & Cultural Development SPC Meeting Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.5 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The minutes were noted.

## **9 Correspondence**

There was none.

## **10 Any Other Business**

The following issues were raised:

- As there is no land in this district to develop social housing units, that the council purchase some lands and referred to land at the rear of St Olivers, Ratoath.
- Suggested that the council consider purchasing some of the 2 bed units being built at the back of and adjacent to the Foxbrook Estate.
- Raised the issue of the lack of community lands in Dunshaughlin for community use.
- Enquired if the Warrentstown Arms will be used for applicants under the international protection.



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- Requested that Rathbeggan/ Growtown cul de sac pull in/ parking bay for bus commuters be levelled off with gravel- noted by engineer.
- Referred to Rathbeggan school where correspondence is being submitted by the principal.
- Requested regular updates from the Community Integration Forum- to refer to Community Director.

The meeting concluded at 11.00am

Signed:

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Cathaoirleach