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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

9.30 am, 15th May 2024, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Deirdre Geraghty-Smith

Absent/Apologies: Councillor

Officials in Attendance:

Senior Executive Officer: Larry Whelan

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

Apologies: Director of Service, Dara McGowan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 10th April 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

- Referred to potholes on the L62183 to Padinstown and asked if they will get filled shortly – engineer advised that they would get filled by the patching unit.
- Sought an update on the school warden for Rathbeggan.
- Referred to the speed survey done in Kilmessan village and asked that other locations be surveyed in the village as locals/ councillors suggested that the traffic counts done previously were at the wrong locations – the engineer advised that he met with representative of Kilmessan community group the day before to pinpoint locations for the traffic counters and to carry out another survey.
- Raised the issue of lack of communication from Uisce Eireann regarding works being carried out in Ratoath village this week which led to delays.

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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of Johnny McEnroe, Dunboyne
- The family of Tom Corbett, former employee
- The family of Dessie Keating, former employee

Congratulations were extended to:

- Michael Callery, Summerhill who bred the winning horse in an event in the Badminton Horse Trials
- Daragh Byrne and Sarah Ennis in competing in the Badminton Horse Trials.
- Des O'Neill local photographer who launched his first exhibition recently.

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

There was 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 following raised:

- The members thanked the area engineer and outdoor crew for all the work completed.
- Referred to speeding on Johnstown Lane, Dunshaughlin.
- Referred to Ratoath playground which needs upgrading.
- Update on Porterstown lane.



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- Proposed that the Go Safe Van be located on the Skyrne road.
- Sought status on the speed limit review.
- Referred to some utility works which are creating diversion routes.
- School markings on road required outside the Community School, Drumree road, Dunshaughlin.
- Speeding in Maelduin estate, Dunshaughlin.
- A ramps policy in housing estates is needed, to refer to the SPC.

The area engineer noted the issues raised.

- 5.1.2 To propose a road for winter gritting, for consideration by the Transportation SPC.

A discussion ensued regarding various roads for consideration and the following roads proposed for the SPC:

- Kilbride road, Ratoath up to the MD boundary.
- Skyrne to Ratoath Road
- Rooske road, Dunboyne
- Batterstown/Blackhall/Jeninstown/ Mulhussey to Maynooth road.

5.2 Planning

- 5.2.1 To consider the taking in charge of The Arches, Dunshaughlin 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.

The members raised a number of issues with the estate in regard to access to neighbouring estates and referred to the western boundary fence which is timber instead of wrought iron as per the planning permission.

The members agreed to **defer** the taking in charge to the July meeting on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

- 5.2.2 To consider the taking in charge of Kilcloon Lawns, Kilcloon 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.

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The members agreed to the taking in charge on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline O'Reilly**.

5.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

What is the timeline for the completion of the pillars/railings and entrance gates to Rooske Graveyard (new section)?

Response:

All the railings and entrance gates are made and ready to fit, the contractor is waiting for the ESB connection to the site, and he will complete the installation and automation.

The ESB connection is due in the next 2 weeks.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

There was none.

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting minutes of 05th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee meeting minutes of 05th April 2024

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The minutes were noted.

- 8.3 To note the Draft Minutes of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC meeting of 01st May 2024.

The minutes were noted.

- 8.4 To note the Draft Minutes of the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 24th April 2024

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

The members raised the following:

- Enquired when the apartments in Clonee are due to open.
- Referred to the Cycleway scheme in Ratoath which needs to take into account the Age Friendly survey that was done.
- Sought an update on Collegland, Summerhill (IPAS)
- Sought update to road to Stonebridge/ Corballis estates.
- Referred to the Wellfield development, Ratoath and if the council is purchasing the apartment block under Part 5 agreement.
- Sought an update on the provision of bus stops for Ratoath.
- Referred to the outer relief road, Ratoath where the traffic lights need adjustments prior to the schools re-opening.
- Referred to the cycle lane from St Seachnails to Aldi, Dunshaughlin where young cyclists have to cross to other footpath at a busy junction, proposed that a pedestrian crossing be put here.



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- Referred to the application submitted for URDF funds for Dunshaughlin which was unsuccessful in this phase. Requested that the junction in the centre of town be now reviewed and upgraded instead.
- The Cathaoirleach thanked the officials and outdoor staff for all their support and works over the last five years and wished the members success in the elections.
- The members thanked the Cathaoirleach and staff and wished everyone well in the upcoming elections.

The meeting concluded at 11.25am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach