



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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

#### ***Ashbourne Municipal District***

***10.00am, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Ashbourne Civic Offices***

**An Cathaoirleach**, Councillor Conor Tormey presided.

**Councillors Present:** Helen Meyer, Joe Bonner, Amanda Smith

**Apologies/ Absent:**

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** Suzanne Jamal & Alan Tobin

**Director of Service:** Gerry Boyle deputised for Barry Lynch

**Executive Engineer:** Mel Cronin

**Meetings Administrator:** Francis Regan

**Staff Officer:** Kate Lomza

**Assistant Staff Officer:** Stephen Carey

#### **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 10th June 2025**

The minutes of the annual meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey**

##### **1.2 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 10th June 2025**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey**

#### **2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Members would like further confirmation on:

- Pedestrian Crossing at the Mews, Stamullen.
- Pedestrian Crossing at Silverbanks, Stamullen .
- Path from Stadalt to Redwood.
- An update on Ardcah road safety measures.

#### **3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- Cllr Amanda Smith on the passing of her Uncle John Byrne, and the Byrne family, Ashbourne.
- The Louth family on the passing of Karla Louth.



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### **4.0 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and matters raised included:

- Thanked Mel Cronin and the outdoor crew for all the work being done.
- Can Meath County Council Outdoor staff be trained to use a velocity patcher?
- Reference was made to the possible wall collapse at Greenogue on the R125 and asked how it will be fixed and what are the consequences if the landowners do not address the issue?
- Enquired when manhole lids on the R135 will be fixed as the noise is deafening, especially at night.
- Can graffiti at the Bridge at Lidl be removed?
- Why is hedge cutting happening on the N2 out of season?
- Can the junction at the Cock Tavern be included for hedge cutting?
- In Deerpark, construction debris is still being dumped – can this be addressed?
- Can the dining area in Stamullen be power washed?
- Can a waterproof Perspex cover be sought for the AED in Ardcaith/Clonalvy?

The area engineer responded to the queries raised.

#### **4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

##### **4.2.1 To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ashbourne Municipal District**

This was noted.



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### **5.0 Notice of Question**

#### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer**

*"Can I have an update on the Public Park and the Skatepark in Ashbourne?"*

**Response:**

- The Ashbourne Linear Park (Skate Park) is set to be complete by mid to end of August, apart from some landscaping which will take place in October due to the seasonal planting.
- The Skatepark will start mid-July and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.
- Surfacing of the paths and carpark will commence in the next 2 weeks. The bridge is currently being painted and will be installed in the next few weeks.

**In relation to the Public Park:**

An Archaeological Geophysical Survey of study area is completed. A Design Team, The Paul Hogarth Company, have been appointed to prepare a Conceptual Plan for the study area. A draft park scheme will be brought before the Ashbourne MD Members in Q3/ Q4 later this year and will then go out for public consultation.

This was noted.



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### **6.0 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer**

*"I call on Meath County Council to liaise closely with Bus Eireann to ensure passenger capacity is increased for the buses in Ashbourne, in conjunction with the almost 1000 housing units that will be completed in the next few months in Ashbourne."*

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

Meath County Council Transportation Department regularly liaises and cooperates with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and relevant bus services authorities and operators in relation to bus routes and services in the County. The County Development Plan includes MOV POL 8 'To cooperate with the NTA and other relevant agencies to have ongoing reviews of the network of bus routes in Meath, and to support and encourage public transport operators to provide improved bus services in, and through the County'. In relation to bus services in Ashbourne, we have highlighted the matters raised in Cllr Meyer's Notice of Motion with the NTA.

For clarity, the responsibility for the provision of the bus services is a matter for the relevant bus operators and the National Transport Authority (the Authority) in the first instance. The Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 (the "2008 Act") provides that the Authority has the function to secure public transport in the State in relation to, among other things, bus stops, contract services, bus shelters, bus stations, stands and bus fleets.

Meath County Council provides assistance to the National Transport Authority in respect of the delivery of the sustainable infrastructure, such as the project management of the construction works relating to bus stops, and those necessary for example to facilitate the erection of new or replacement bus shelters.

Please note, it is possible for Elected Members to make contact directly with the NTA in relation to the provision of bus services via email to [oireachtasliaison@nationaltransport.ie](mailto:oireachtasliaison@nationaltransport.ie).

The motion proposed by **Councillor Helen Meyer** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was agreed.

Members also asked that a letter be sent on their behalf to the NTA outlining concerns which include:

- Will there be an increase bus services based on increased population?
- Do Bus Eireann plan to replace older buses with more reliable services?



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Members also asked for an update on where the proposed Park and Ride will operate in Ashbourne.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer**

*"I call on the Transportation department to include the High Street, Ashbourne in the street power washing schedule."*

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

Ashbourne Municipal District will review the condition of Killegland Street and subject to suitability, resources and funding, it will be considered for mechanical cleaning. It should be noted that power- washing of sand or grout jointing can result in jointing material loss which in turn can lead to movement in the paving slabs or cobbles. This is expensive to make good, and it can expose Meath County Council to Public Liability claims and the associated costs in dealing with PL claims.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Helen Meyer** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was agreed.

#### **7.0 Correspondence**

There was none

#### **8.0 Any Other Business**

- Requested an update on completion dates for the private housing estates of at The Coach, Egland Park and Milltown Manor.
- Members asked for an update on what the plans will be for the lands as a result of the rejected planning application PTBMH194.
- Can the Office of Public works (OPW) be contacted asking for an update on the amenities at Hunters Lane?
- Can enquiries be made to find out if a resident's association has been formed in the newly allocated social housing development of Millrace.
- Members enquired to how many dog wardens are currently employed by Meath County Council and are there plans to recruit more.
- Can we get an update on how the proposed bus stops are progressing from the February meeting?
- Can grass cutting be arranged in Westfield Green.

The meeting concluded at 11.06

Signed:



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