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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

10.00a.m, 13th May 2026, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brian Fitzgerald, presided.

Councillors Present: Fionnan Blake, Caroline O'Reilly, Gerry O'Connor, Yvonne Everard & Maria Murphy

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/Apologies: Nick Killian

Director of Services: Corrina Elder Senior Engineer, Housing deputised for Ms. Fiona Fallon

A/Senior Executive Engineer: John Carroll

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 15th April 2026

The minutes of the meeting of 15thApril 2026 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Fionnan Blake.**

2.0 Matters arising from minutes

Cllr Caroline O'Reilly requested an update to her motion submitted at the March Municipal District Meeting regarding a review of traffic management measures on the R154 through Batterstown.

Cllr O'Reilly reiterated ongoing road safety concerns, particularly in relation to children accessing Rathregan National School, where heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), school traffic, and pedestrians currently share the same route. She stated that, in her opinion, and based on feedback from teachers and parents, the existing safety measures are not sufficient.

Cllr Gerry O'Connor, Maria Murphy, and Fionnan Blake supported these concerns, agreeing that the current arrangements appear inadequate.

Cllr O'Connor suggested that the €100,000 discretionary fund for traffic calming could be utilised to address the issue. He also raised concerns regarding HGVs queuing along the road while waiting to access Kilsaran and queried whether this could be staggered or better managed.

Cllr Brian Fitzgerald proposed that the installation of a traffic calming ramp on the Dublin side of the road (as previously agreed) may assist in reducing vehicle speeds. He also referenced a previously suggested footpath on the Red Road to Woodland.

In response, Mr John Carroll confirmed that the €100,000 discretionary traffic calming fund has already been allocated for 2026, as outlined in the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

3.0 Expressions of sympathy and congratulations

Expressions of sympathy were extended to:

- The family of the late Ollie Callaghan
- The family of the late Caroline Murphy
- The family of the late Patsy Farrell

Expressions of Congratulations were extended to:

- Ms. Roisin Blake who has been shortlisted for Meath Chronicle Volunteer of the Year.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.

Mr. John Carroll presented the above report to the Members.

Interventions raised by Councillor **Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Yvonne Everard, and Fionnan Blake** were noted by the Area Engineer. These included concerns regarding verge cutting in connection with water cut works, drainage issues on the Kennedy Road, and the presence of excess rubble following ESB pole installations.

Additional matters highlighted included the provision of additional belly bins in Dunboyne, the need for footpath repair works in Dunshaughlin, and the inclusion of "Keep Meath Tidy" branding on public bins. Issues were also raised in relation to road markings at Lagore and Mulhussey National School, playground maintenance, and the installation of double yellow lines where appropriate. Preparations for the upcoming Dunshaughlin 10K in June were also noted. Further concerns were expressed regarding line of sight and speeding at Hanson Wood.

It was noted that Tattersalls has engaged with the Municipal District in relation to upcoming events. Councillor Everard requested that Lagan Developments be contacted and encouraged to liaise with Tattersalls to coordinate traffic light management and overall event arrangements.

4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

This was noted by the Elected Members.

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5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Yvonne Everard

"Why is Meath County Council applying for funding of over 12 million of the tax payers money to complete the Ratoath outer relief road , considering the first section that was funded by 6.32 million of the tax payers money, when this was supposed to be developer led and the center of the village not been addressed."

Response:

Meath County Council made an application for funding under Call 1 of the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF), which is a Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Scheme aimed at supporting direct investment in infrastructure needed to unlock the development of housing sites in towns and cities nationwide.

The HIIF Grant Application for Phase 2 of the Ratoath Outer Relief Road was for €9,051,945.

Noted by the Elected Members.

6.0 Notice of Motions

There was none.

7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

8.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Murphy requested that the Housing Section, together with all stakeholders involved in the launch of the Affordable Housing Scheme in Dunboyne and Ratoath, be formally commended for the high standard of information provided on the day. She further enquired whether this model of delivery could be adopted for similar initiatives in the future. Councillor Murphy also requested to be kept informed of the number of applications received for the affordable housing units.

Councillor Everard conveyed her appreciation to Ms. Fiona Fallon and Deputy Gillian O'Toole for their role in the successful delivery of the Lough Lane Rural Walking and Cycling Trailway, supported through ORIS funding. She noted that she looks forward to the official opening of the trail.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 am.

Signed:

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An Cathaoirleach