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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

10.00a.m. 8th July 2026, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline O'Reilly presided.

Councillors Present: Fionnan Blake, Brian Fitzgerald, Gerry O'Connor, Yvonne Everard, Maria Murphy & Nick Killian.

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/Apologies: n/a

Director of Services: Ms. Fiona Fallon

A/Senior Executive Engineer: John Carroll

Meetings Administrator: Alison Condra

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

Observer: Mr. Tom Wilson. Bingham University

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 10th June 2026

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10th June 2026 were proposed by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian.**

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 10th June 2026

The Minutes of the meeting dated 10th June 2026 were proposed by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Fionnan Blake.**

3.0 Matters arising from minutes

Councillor Maria Murphy raised the issue of the Type B crossing at Dunboyne Castle estate and requested an upgrade to a zebra crossing. Councillor Murphy also raised the matter of appointing a caretaker at Dunboyne Graveyard to oversee grave openings and use of the public toilets. Fiona Fallon undertook to investigate the matter and will revert to the Members.

Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the matter of hoardings placed around the Phone box in the village which was obstructing sightlines. Fiona Fallon agreed to follow up with the Gardaí.

4.0 Expressions of sympathy and congratulations

Expressions of sympathy were extended to:

The family of the late John (JW) Walsh.

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Expression of Congratulations were extended to the following:

Special Olympians Matthew O'Connor, Aaron Deighnan and Katie Gaynor.

Ratoath Athletic Club- Under 20 team

Stewarts Equestrian Centre, Kilcloon.

The Members enquired if there was any way the Municipal District could recognise the sporting achievements. Fiona Fallon agreed to investigate the matter and report back to Members.

5.0 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

Mr. John Carroll provided an overview of the monthly report and noted that substantial works on the Ballybin Road were due to begin on the 16th of July for a six-week period.

There were interventions from **Councillors Nick Killian, Brian Fitzgerald, Gerry' O Connor, Fionnan Blake, Maria Murphy, Yvonne Everard and Caroline O Reilly**. Matters raised included the provision of a footpath from Ratoath Rugby Club to Foxhall Lodge, queries re traffic signal synchronisation on the Ballybin Road following completion of works, additional traffic calming in Dunshaughlin and on the Drumree road, pavement resurfacing queries, the possibility of installing a handrail to assist pedestrians adjacent to the area office steps, facilitation of pedestrian movements on the Dunboyne bypass while construction works continue at Bennettstown, road marking renewals at various locations, signage scheme for Lough Lane, provision of disabled parking spaces, footpath repairs at The Gallops, Clonee.

Responses to queries were provided by Mr. Carroll.

5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

Noted by the Elected Members.

6.0 Notice of Questions

No Questions received.

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7.0 Notice of Motions

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian

"To ask Meath County Council to erect signage on the Dunshaughlin Road, Ratoath, to indicate and name "Lough Lane"

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

A signage schedule is being reviewed/developed for the overall Lough Lane scheme. This requested can / will be incorporated into that body of work.

This motion and response were noted on the proposal by **Councillor Nick Killian** and was seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

8.0 Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

9.0 Any Other Business

The deadline for the ORIS scheme was noted and any suggested projects should be referred to John Carroll for consideration.

Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised matter of the rail line route. He encouraged all Municipal District members and staff to assess the implications for the town of Dunshaughlin, such as the sterilisation of land and implications on previously planned infrastructure for the town. The submission period for the matter closes on the 17th of July.

Other matters discussed included the Shop Front scheme and the Taking in Charge of Village Green and Stonebridge estates in Ratoath and use of Council owned lands at Drumree.

The meeting concluded at 11.14 am.

Signed:

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An Cathaoirleach