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Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

10.00 a.m., 9th September 2026, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline O'Reilly presided.

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

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/Apologies: Nick Killian

Director of Services: Fiona Fallon

A/Senior Executive Engineer: John Carroll

Meetings Administrator: Alison Condra

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 8th July 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July 2026 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

2.0 Matters arising from minutes

Councillor Gerry O' Connor asked if there was any update on the phone box in Dunshaughlin. Fiona Fallon advised that the Gardaí have been requested to review the matter.

3.0 Expressions of sympathy and congratulations

The Members sent a vote of sympathy to the family of

- The late Seamus Foley.

The Members wish to extend their congratulations to:

- The Council Action Team for arranging a very successful Dunboyne DZ event with great potential.
- The organisers of Dunboyne Colour Run
- To Mr. David Coldrick, Batterstown on his retirement from his distinguished inter-intercounty-referring career.
- Mr. Brian Peters on his involvement with the Katie Taylor boxing event in Croke Park.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 To receive an update on Urban Special Speed Limits after completion of Public Consultation

Stephen Shorthall, Executive Engineer, gave members an update regarding the public consultation regarding Urban Special Limits. Twenty-three submissions were received in the Ratoath MD. The recommendation will be presented to Plenary Council for adoption in October. The Members felt that the changes were reasonable.

4.1.2 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Dunboyne Castle Estate in the Ratoath Municipal District

Following proposals and discussions with Gillian Mangan, Executive Engineer, it was agreed to proceed with bolt down cushions at the location. This measure would be reviewed once all of the adjoining residential building development was completed in six months.

4.1.3 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Fox Lodge Woods in the Ratoath Municipal District

Following proposals and discussions with Gillian Mangan, Executive Engineer, it was agreed to proceed with macadam speed cushions at this location.

4.1.4 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Supple Park, Dunshaughlin, in the Ratoath Municipal District

Following proposals and discussions with Gillian Mangan, Executive Engineer, it was agreed to proceed with chicanes at this location.

4.1.5 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Somerville Estate, in the Ratoath Municipal District

Following proposals and discussions with Gillian Mangan, Executive Engineer, it was agreed to proceed with speed cushions at this location.

4.1.6 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District. The progress report was circulated in advance and noted by the Members.

Queries were raised relating to

- tree pruning at locations in Dunboyne, Ratoath and Dunshaughlin Civic

offices,

- additional road sweeping routes,
- bus stop locations in Batterstown,
- traffic calming at Rathregan School and requested the assistance of the Road Safety Officer and gardaí enforcement;
- UÉ lack of action and response to concerns regarding water safety in Dunshaughlin.
- The impact of Navan Rail line on Dunshaughlin & development of relief road,
- yield signs at Lagore Road.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 To agree time for the Consultation Workshop regarding the Variation No 7of the County Development Plan 2021-2027.

Members noted that the in-committee workshop would; take place on Wednesday 7th October 12-2pm.

4.3 Corporate Services

4.3.1 To approve the Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting Allocation 2026 for Ratoath MD

Cllr Maria Murphy requested that the allocation for Clonee Tidy Towns (€500 allocation) be temporarily held in order to allow the new committee time to consolidate.

On the proposal of Councillor Brian Fitzgerald and seconded by Councillor Gerry O'Connor the members agreed to the following allocations:

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

- Kilcloon - €500

Review of the Clonee Tidy Towns allocation to be considered at the October meeting and reallocated if the committee is not consolidated.

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

This was noted.

5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline O'Reilly

"Can you please confirm the current status of the Taking in Charge process for Bracken Hill, Kilmessan, including whether an application for Taking in Charge has been received, what outstanding works or compliance issues remain, who is responsible for completing those works, and the anticipated timeframe for the estate to be formally taken in charge by Meath County Council?"

Response:

The Planning Department have received an incomplete application for Taking In Charge from the Developer in recent weeks. The technical team have followed up with the Developer and await the submission of a number of items in order to facilitate the validation of the request.

Once we receive these and the application has been deemed valid, we will carry out an inspection to identify any remedial works required to bring the development up to an acceptable standard for the purposes of Taking In Charge unfortunately we do not have a timeline for same at present.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

"Is there any update on the availability of the "Ready to Build" sites on Lagore Road, Dunshaughlin?"

Response:

Rural Regeneration section is currently reviewing the sites at Lagore Road and would hope to be in a position to actively seek applications via the Ready to Build Scheme on same in

either late Q4 2026 or Q1 2027.

6.0 Notice of Motions

There were none.

7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

8.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Maria Murphy queried when will a contractor be appointed to Phase 2 of works at Castle Stream Dunboyne, Fiona Fallon, Director of Services, will provide a progress update at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.40 am.

Signed:

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An Cathaoirleach