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Ordinary Meeting
Ashbourne Municipal District
10.00am, 6th October 2026, Ashbourne Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Suzanne Jamal presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Helen Meyer, Conor Tormey & Alan Tobin, Amanada Smith.

Apologies/ Absent: n/a

Councillors Present via Zoom: None

Director of Services: Barry Lynch

Senior Executive Engineer: Shane Nugent

Meetings Administrator: Alison Condra

Staff Officer: Edita Asaicova

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

The minutes were proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner.**

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

Regarding the Expression of Interest process for Ned's Cottage, Councillor Joe Bonner expressed his view that the Council should rescind its decision to grant the licence for the cottage.
Barry Lynch advised the Members that the building was limited in the use to which it could be put and that the Facilities Management team was reviewing the building and liaising with the Fire Department and Building Control. He further advised that no date had yet been confirmed for occupation of the cottage. The granting of a short-term licence was an executive function. The licence was to be granted for a 12-month period and could be revoked if the licensee was not complying with the terms of same.
Councillor Bonner stated that he wished the facility to be used by a variety of groups rather than by a sole occupier. During the discussion, Councillors Alan Tobin, Conor Tormey and Helen Meyer stated that the groups involved were dissatisfied with the outcome of the Expression of Interest process and that the views of the Members had not been taken into account.
On the proposal of Councillor Joe Bonner, seconded by Councillor Conor Tormey, the Members agreed to request that the Executive reconsider the decision-making process and include both a workshop and an interview process for groups interested in using Ned's Cottage.

Festive Lighting Allocation 2026-on the proposal of Councillor Alan Tobin and seconded by Councillor Conor Tormey the Members agreed to pay the Festive lights allocation of €4,500 allocated to Ashbourne Town Centre to High Street Management Traders who will purchase 525 metres of lighting for use in the town.

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3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

The Members extended a vote of sympathy to the Family of Niamh O'Brien Flatley, Kilbride and Fermoy.

The Members wished to send a note of Congratulations to the following:

- Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA U18 Team on its recent success.

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 was circulated in advance of the meeting. The Members raised the following matters for attention:

- Additional signage at Stamullen Graveyard and Mill Road, Stamullen, additional signage at Greenogue Road to assist walkers;
- Removal of dead trees at The Hawthorns, Ashbourne;
- Surface-dressing repairs on the L50161 and pothole repairs at Primeline;
- Repairs to the playground in Ashbourne;
- Fence and hedgerow maintenance at Churchfields, Crestwood, Cherry Court and Conc Neil Grove;
- Reinstatement works to the footpath near Ned's Cottage and repairs to the cycle lanes at Castle Street;
- Works required at the bus stops in Curragha;
- Line marking at the Danestown staggered junction.

The Members requested that the arborist's report and details of the process for the collection of green waste be circulated to all Members.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2026, on the proposed development which will consist of: Martins Road Footpath Scheme in the townland of Gormanston, Co. Meath. Planning Reference (PT8MH399).

Brian Murray, Senior Executive Engineer, gave an overview of the proposal.
Councillor Smith welcomed the scheme and asked when it would be completed. Mr Murray confirmed that ducting infrastructure for lighting would be provided and that a fence would be reinstated. He advised that, subject to approval, the works could be completed by the end of the year. There was no provision for a bus stop under the current scheme.
All Members indicated their agreement with the proposed Part XI development.

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4.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

4.3.1 To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ashbourne Municipal District

The allocations were noted by the Members.

5.0 Notice of Question

There was no notice of question.

6.0 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

"That Meath County Council provide Elected Members of the Ashbourne Municipal District with a quarterly written update on the proposed Ashbourne Town Park, commencing in October 2026, and continuing until the park is completed and open to the public.

The quarterly update should include progress on the planning and design of the park, land and ownership matters, funding and anticipated timelines and milestones, and any issues or delays which may impact on the delivery of the project."

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

The Council will endeavour to provide quarterly updates to the Municipal District each quarter once the consultants have been appointed and progress on the project has been made.

The motion, together with supporting information, was proposed by **Councillor Helen Meyer and** seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin.**

7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

8.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Alan Tobin requested an update on the RIC Barracks and a review of the courtesy crossing and pedestrian crossings at the school campus. Alison Condra agreed to follow up on these matters with the relevant departments.
Councillor Tobin requested that all Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors compile a list of bus stops within the Municipal District that required upgrading and that a comprehensive list be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
Councillor Joe Bonner requested that a traffic survey be carried out in the town due to the extensive delays being experienced on Milltown Road.
Following contributions from Councillors Helen Meyer, Joe Bonner and Conor Tormey, the Members requested that a workshop be held between the Members and the Executive to formulate a plan for Ashbourne. The purpose of the plan would be to identify future projects for

the town and ensure that proposals were in place and ready for applications under larger Government grant-aided capital measures.
Barry Lynch advised that Ashbourne Town Park would likely be the first project in this pipeline.

The meeting concluded at 11.20 am.

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Cathaoirleach