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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

10.00 a.m., 7 October 2026, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline O'Reilly presided.

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Maria Murphy.

Absent/Apologies: John Carroll.

Director of Services: Fiona Fallon

Senior Executive Engineer: Paul Donlon

Meetings Administrator: Alison Condra

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 September 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2026 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

2.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Gerry O'Connor raised the matter of the phone box. **Fiona Fallon** advised that she was in contact with An Garda Síochána, that they were aware of the Councillor's concerns, and that she would continue to follow up on the issue.

Councillor Fitzgerald asked whether there was an update on the Batterstown bus stop and was advised that the bus stop had been installed in advance of the footpath works being completed. The footpath works are due to commence shortly.

Councillor Murphy enquired regarding the start date for work at Castle Stream. Fiona Fallon advised that a contractor was appointed and would commence by the end of the month. The work is expected to take two to three weeks to complete.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

The Members extended a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Paul Fitzpatrick, Dunboyne.

The Members agreed that a vote of congratulations be sent to the following:

- Meath County Council's Climate Action Team on its highly successful decarbonisation event in Dunshaughlin;
- Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival Committee; and

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Dunshaughlin Ladies Football Team, Ratoath Under-14 Ladies Team and Ratoath Junior Team on their recent victories.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 To receive a progress report on works undertaken and planned for Ratoath Municipal District. The report was circulated in advance, and the Members raised the following matters:

- Public lighting on the Ratoath outer road now that the Wellfield developments will be coming on stream.
- Footpath Works at Fairywood — due to the large number of road-opening licences in this location, the footpath will require complete resurfacing.
- The kerbing at Knox Housing Estate, Dunshaughlin, requires attention.
- Signage — additional signage is required for the Well Road to direct road users from the Link Road, the graveyard and the Curragha Road.
- Roadworks — planned works by Uisce Éireann on the Curragha Road will involve a stop/go system. The Members requested that disruption to residents and commuters be kept to a minimum. They also requested that the area engineer notify them of road-opening licence applications.
- Road Markings — the refreshing of road markings was requested at Fairyhouse Road, Ratoath, including the yellow box and the ramps at Ratoath National School.
- The Members stated their preference for red and white markings to assist with traffic calming. These would provide drivers with a visual prompt to slow down.
- Traffic Matters — speeding and traffic congestion on the Mooretown Road were raised, and additional signage was requested in the 60 km/h zone. Traffic-calming options are to be investigated on the L2214 Dunboyne-to-Kilcloon Road at Blackhall. Concerns were also raised regarding traffic delays on the new road at Ballybin, and it was requested that the timing of the traffic lights and crossings be synchronised to minimise delays.
- Pothole repair: required at Pondhill on the Moyglare to Moygaddy Road.
- Street Sweeping and Bins — the Members raised the issue of roads

being omitted from street sweeping in Dunboyne, the replacement of the Big Belly bin that was recently burned, and the replacement of the aluminum bollards at Kepak Park.

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 Members.

4.2.2 To consider the Arts, Festival, Festive Lighting 2026 allocation and reallocate the funds.

On the proposal of Councillor Maria Murphy, and with the agreement of all Members, it was agreed to reallocate the funds for Clonee Tidy Towns to Dunboyne Tidy Towns, which would administer the funding on Clonee's behalf.

5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

"Can I please get an update on the status of the taking in charge of An Crannog housing development in Dunshaughlin"

Response:

The Planning Department received a valid taking-in-charge application from residents in January 2026. A list of outstanding remedial works required to bring the development to an acceptable standard for taking in charge has been sent to the developer for attention. The Council is currently awaiting the developer's comprehensive response before the matter can be progressed.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Yvonne Everard

"In what year was the sewage line installed in the townland of Curkeen, Ratoath, Co. Meath?"

Response:

Sewage infrastructure comes under the remit and responsibility of Uisce Éireann. However, insofar as the Council is aware, the Ratoath wastewater network does not extend into the townland of Curkeen.

The nearest wastewater sewer is within the Somerville housing estate, which abuts the north-eastern boundary of Curkeen. Somerville was constructed circa 2006.

6.0 Notice of Motions

There were none.

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7.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8.0 Any Other Business

Following contributions from Councillors Killian, Everard, Murphy and O'Connor, the following matters were raised:

- A permanent solution is required for the dished kerb on the Curragha Road, Ratoath, as the current gradient is too steep for users to negotiate safely.
- The relocation of the Jamestown Lady statue, originally located on the Ballybin Road, was queried. Fiona Fallon advised that the sculpture is currently being refurbished and that its location would be decided once the refurbishment is complete. The "Gateway to Meath" statue was also discussed, as further works to the M3 will necessitate its relocation. Fiona Fallon will revert to the Members at a later stage.
- The use of CCTV cameras to record traffic movements in Ratoath was raised. Fiona Fallon advised that this was not being carried out by Meath County Council and that any reports of such activity should be referred to the Data Protection Commission.
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The meeting concluded at 11.10 a.m.

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An Cathaoirleach