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Ordinary Meeting

Ashbourne Municipal District

10:00am, 9th April 2024, Ashbourne Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor **Conor Tormey** presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal, Amanda Smith, Helen Meyer, Alan Tobin.

Apologies/ Absent:

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Barry Lynch

Executive Engineer: Mel Cronin

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 5th March 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of March 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

- Enquired on the start date for construction of the Greenogue bus stops. – advised will follow up with Transportation.
- Sought an update on St Marys NS pedestrian crossing – advised that the design is completed and due to go through the tender process.
- Referred to Archers Glen proposed housing development and if there was any update from the Department – advised that no update and to issue a reminder to the department.

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- Enquired when the OPW report on the remedial works will be available - advised will follow up with the Environment section.
- Referred to the Housing for All sign on Castle Street and if it could be relocated as it cannot be seen. - to refer to the housing section for follow up.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to a member of the Community who recently died tragically.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

There was none.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and the following raised:

- Commended the outdoor crew on the works undertaken during the bad weather.
- Referred to signage at Skryne NS that needs to be cleaned- noted.
- Enquired if a digital speed sign could be installed at Skryne NS – advised that this location does not meet current criteria for Vehicle Activated Signage
- Asked that the road sweeper do the cycle lanes - advised that they can be done with a lighter road sweeper and the MD is looking into hiring a unit on a trial basis.
- Enquired when tree pruning will be done - advised that outdoor crew are doing this.
- Referred to the carpark in Tara Lawns which is waterlogged – noted.
- Requested vacuuming of drains at Fleenstown – advised drains were unblocked a few times here.
- Enquired about bins for Milltown road- advised that bins are being installed here as funding allows.
- Referred to the flower beds on the approach roads be tidied up – noted.
- Referred to the flashing lights in Ardcah which are still out of order – noted.



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- Flashing lights at Cushionstown school are not working- noted.
- Asked if a copy of the trees that need attention could be circulated- to circulate.
- Referred to the Healthy Ireland signs installed at Milltown Road bridge which are in the wrong location.
- Enquired about the footpaths in Garden City – advised progressing these.
- Referred to the surface and carpark in Brindley Park which are not finished properly- advised will carry out an inspection.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To receive details of the proposed grant allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2024.

Brian Hora SEO, Community gave a presentation on the applications received and proposed allocations.

A discussion ensued and on the proposal of **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** the members agreed to the following allocations:

Balrath GBFC	€55,000
St Vincents GFC	€20,000
Ashbourne United	€25,000

5.3 Planning

- 5.3.1 To consider the taking in charge of Ashewood Lawn and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

The members did not approve the Taking in Charge of the estate and requested that a planner attend the next meeting to respond to queries on the estate.

The members were advised that this is the final area within the estate to be taken in charge and that the area engineer cannot carry out any maintenance works to the roads and services until this is in the charge of the council.

5.4 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 5.4.1 To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of

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Ashbourne Municipal District.

The allocations were noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Conor Tormey

To ask Meath County Council if Baltrasna Manor development at Baltrasna, Ashbourne, Co. Meath will be Taken in Charge during 2024

RESPONSE

Baltrasna Manor development at Baltrasna, Ashbourne will not be Taken in Charge during 2024 as Meath County Council has not received a request to do so from either the Developer or the Residents.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Conor Tormey

That Meath County Council install more traffic calming measures on the Milltown Road (L5019), as the speed of traffic has increased since the road was resurfaced / upgraded.

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

In 2021, Meath County Council delivered several traffic calming elements under the L-5019 Milltown Road upgrade works. Works included pedestrian crossing facilities, speed ramps, signage upgrades and new public lighting. These works were completed with a project cost of €3.8m and resulted in a significant reduction in vehicle speeds (detailed below).

Pre-Construction Average speed: 45.9 – 52.8km/hr; 85th Percentile 51.8 – 62.2 Km/hr

Post Construction Average Speed: 28 – 44km/hr; 85th Percentile 36 – 54 Km/hr

Meath County Council are satisfied with the project outcomes and have no plans to carry out additional works along this route.

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The motion and response were noted on the proposal of **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. Cllr Tobin is to provide further information in relation to a recent road traffic incident on the road.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Conor Tormey

That the elected members of Meath County Council fully support the efforts of the officials of Meath County Council regarding identifying lands for a community park and furthermore the elected members do not want these efforts confined to lands determined by the zoning decisions of the members.

The officials should look at all options whether zoned or not and where suitable lands are found to be available the members can zone accordingly.

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

Following the adoption of the Meath County Development Plan, Meath County Council has contacted the relevant landowner to progress the Ashbourne Town Park however the landowner did not wish to engage in discussions on the land. The Council will explore all options for the development of a town park and would welcome the Members in assisting to identify suitable lands which can then be considered further.

The response and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Amanda Smith

In the interest of public safety, I call on Meath County Council to install additional road safety and traffic calming measures on the R152 at the junctions at Scoil Naomh Cianan as a matter of urgency.

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

Traffic movements and existing road signage, road markings and road layout will be inspected on site to investigate any issues arising and to determine if any engineering measures would be appropriate.

The response and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

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8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st March 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 1st March 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Special Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 2nd April 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.4 To note the Draft Housing Community & Cultural Development SPC Meeting Minutes of 20th March 2024

The minutes were noted.

8.5 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 21st March 2024

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

The members were presented with proposed dates for the AGM's and July Ordinary meetings for noting.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach