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Ordinary Meeting

Ashbourne Municipal District

10:00am, 09th July 2024, Ashbourne Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, Councillor **Alan Tobin** presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal, Amanda Smith, Conor Tormey, Helen Meyer.

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

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 14th May 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of May 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded **Councillor Helen Meyer**.

1.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 25th June 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of May 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Meyer enquired if there was any update from the department regarding Archers Glen. Barry Lynch, Director advised that he is still awaiting responses from the two sections of the department dealing with the matter.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There was none.

4.0 Statutory Business

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4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ashbourne MD. The report circulated in advance was noted and matters raised included:
- Commended on all the works being undertaken.
 - Swans' pub to St Declan's cemetery, road edges are collapsing.
 - Repairs required to the swing in Ashbourne playground.
 - Arkle statue requires a power wash.
 - Residents parking at the playground, Ashbourne.
 - Bridge tonnage required at Milltown Bridge, Ashbourne.

Responses to queries were provided by the area engineer.

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 To consider the taking in charge of Lemare, Stamullen 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 agreed to the Taking in Charge of Lemare, Stamullen on the proposal of **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

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.

5.0 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Conor Tormey

When is the proposed works due to begin on Greenogue Bus Stop?

Response:

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The preferred tender has indicated that subject to contract they are in a position to commence works by the end of next week i.e. week beginning 8th July.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

To ask the Executive to provide the following information:

- The total number of Social Housing applicants in the Ashbourne Municipal District Area.
- The number of applicants per category on the 1,2,3 & 4 bed lists and on the medical list.
- The average wait period per category.

Response:

- The total number of Social Housing applicants in the Ashbourne Municipal District Area.

502- By first area of choice.

- The number of applicants per category on the 1,2,3 & 4 bed lists and on the medical list.

House size	Ashbourne
1 bed	206
2 bed	206
3 bed	66
4 bed	24
Total	502

Medical need 91 applicants in total.

House size	Physical	Mental	Intellectual	Sensory	Other medical need



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1 bed	8	14	5	4	21
2 bed	5	8	2	3	5
3 bed	3	1	1	2	2
4 bed	2	0	0	4	1
Total	18	23	8	13	29

- The average wait period per category.

House size	Ashbourne
1 bed	3.6
2 bed	3.3
3 bed	3
4 bed	2.8
Total av per MD	3.18

County wide Av 3.63

The response was noted.

6.0 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Conor Tormey

To ask Meath County Council to install traffic calming measures such as ramps and flashing lights at Donaghmore Church to slow down the oncoming traffic on either side.

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

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The Transport Section of Meath County Council will carry out a review of the R125 at Donaghmore Church, taking into account surveyed speeds, collision history, number of vulnerable road users and the function and geometry of the road in question, to assess the requirement for traffic calming at this location in accordance with the current Department of Transport Traffic Management Guidelines.

The motion and response were noted on the proposal of **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner**.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

In the event the government moves ahead with Thornton Hall, I call on the council to perform an impact assessment for the Ashbourne, MD.

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

Meath County Council have no role in providing accommodation for international protection applicants, this is the responsibility of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability Integration (DCEDIY).

Through engagement with the local authorities, the Department determine whether a location is suitable as accommodation for international protection applicants. In this regard, Meath County Council has contacted the Department seeking information on the development of Thornton Hall however they have advised that there is no update as Government and services are finalising arrangements.

Separately, the Council have engaged with Fingal County Council in relation to the development of Thornton Hall and will continue to do so. The Council will continue to seek updates from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability Integration and Youth on the Thornton Hall development which can then be circulated to the Elected Members.

The motion and response were noted on the proposal of **Councillor Helen Meyer** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

The members requested a letter issue to the Department of Integration and three Meath East TD's seeking a meeting regarding Thornton Hall.

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7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

8.0 Any Other Business

The following items were raised:

- Referred to Ashbourne boxer and if signage could be provided in recognition of her participating in the Olympics.
- Referred to traffic calming at Skyrne NS.
- Slow down signs required for Ashewood estate, Ashbourne.
- Seek an update on the OPW flood report for next meeting.
- Sought update on meeting room beside chamber.
- Enquired about flag flying policy on council buildings.

Responses to queries were provided by the meetings administrator, director and area engineer.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach