

## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

### ***Ratoath Municipal District***

***10.00a.m, 09<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Nick Killian**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Caroline O'Reilly, Gillian Toole, Fionnan Blake, Gerry O'Connor

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** Councillor Maria Murphy

**Absent/Apologies:** Councillor Brian Fitzgerald

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Services:** Fiona Fallon

**Executive Engineer:** Philip Traynor

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Assistant Staff Officer:** Stephen Carey and Kathryn Fox C.O.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Nick Killian welcomed Director of Service Fiona Fallon to her first meeting and wished her well in her role.

#### **1.0 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 04th September 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

#### **2.0 Matters arising from minutes**

- Sought an update on road lining and re-instatement of the School Warden at Rathbeggan.
- Update on the meeting with the NTA regarding Active Travel projects.
- Clarification of the funding for Active Travel projects and where the 10m is allocated to.
- Request a breakdown of Active Travel projects for the county excluding Navan 2030 and to include income & expenditure.
- Referred to the Ballybin road junction onto the R125 where a yellow box is required.

#### **3.0 Expressions of sympathy and congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- Desmond Cahill, Council employee on the death of his brother Mark Cahill.
- To the family of the late Joe Carberry, Dunshaughlin.

Congratulations were extended to the organisers of the Harvest Festival and to all the local teams in reaching the football and hurling finals.

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### **4.0 To receive an update on projects from EirGrid.**

Eirgrid representatives- Grainne Duffy, Jason Kenna and Aisling O'Mahony gave a project overview update regarding the Fingal to East Meath Grid Reinforcement. They said that this is due to the growth in the region, the current system nearing capacity and an increase in the demand for electricity. Currently they advised that Eirgrid is at the project development stage and looking at the best technology options and the areas/zones under consideration. They said that a planning application will then be submitted in 12-18 months' time. Information events are scheduled in several locations during October and submissions can be made to the Eirgrid Portal.

The members thanked the representatives and raised the following:

- Does the private company on the Meath side need to change planning to include a substation.
- Enquired to the acreage for the substations.
- Has the DAA been consulted with.
- Concerned on the impact to the residents in the area.
- Referred to the digging of roads that have been re-instated already.
- Enquired to the Community gain and the amount of funding.
- Said that the study areas did not include Dunshaughlin or Dunboyne and enquired if the study area will benefit other areas outside of this.
- Enquired if extra capacity has been given to undergrounding versus the overhead capacity.

Eirgrid advised that the private company must construct a substation as part of their planning and thus through a connection agreement ESB will control this thereafter. They said that there is 4 acres for the GIS substations and 14/15 acres for the AIS substations. They referred to the study area and said other areas outside of this will benefit. They have consulted with the DAA and said that no flight paths will be interfered with. Regarding the impacts to traffic and residents, a forum has been set up with council, ESB and TII reps as part of this. They said that they are at the project development stage and deciding on options and will present again when the preferred option is agreed. They advised that once planning permission has been granted, they will have a better idea of the Community fund amount.

### **5.0 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

- 5.1.1** To receive the proposed housing estates for inclusion in the 30km/h special byelaws for housing estates.

Gillian Mangan Engineer, updated on the Housing Estates proposed for inclusion in the 30km special Byelaws for housing estates. She said that these will be placed on public display and will revert with any submissions and proposed changes for approval.

- 5.1.2** To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Beechdale Estate, Dunboyne in the Ratoath Municipal District.

Gillian Mangan Engineer outlined the proposed traffic calming works and is intended to construct in the interest of safety.

A discussion ensued whereby the members are not in favour of a chicane and asked that ramps be considered instead. It was agreed to review this and revert at a later date.

- 5.1.3** To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.

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

- Verges and signs need cleaning in Rathbeggan.
- Sought an update to the roadworks in Normansgrove, Bracetown where there has

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been very little information regarding the works.

- Referred to the R147 from the Workhouse to Circle K where verges need clearing.
- Referred to the public park where more public lighting is needed along the footpath.
- Hedge cutting notices need to be followed up.
- Referred to potholes on the Dunboyne to Maynooth road.

### 5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

#### 5.2.1 To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District.

The allocations were noted. Members were reminded to submit applications for processing as the closing date has now passed.

On the proposal of **Councillor Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Toole** the members agreed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

### 6.0 Notice of Questions

#### 6.1 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

*"With development imminent on the Lagore Road, Dunshaughlin and with development well under way on the R125, Dunshaughlin – Ratoath Road, are there any plans in the near future to construct the through road from The Willows housing estate, through the Lagore Road, joining to the R125?"*

#### **Response:**

There is no provision in the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 to construct a link road between The Willows housing estate, through the Lagore Road, to the R125 Ratoath Road. This link road therefore is not expected to be constructed in the near future.

#### **The response was noted.**

Clarification is sought regarding the link road and if it's provided for in the current County Development Plan.

### 7.0 Notice of Motions

There were none.

### 8.0 Correspondence

The correspondence from Cian O'Connor was noted.

### 9.0 Any Other Business

There were interventions from Councillors B Fitzgerald, G Toole, M Murphy, G O'Connor and N Killian. Matters raised included the following:

- Update on Dorey's Forge, Moynalvey

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- Enquired to a start date for the Castle stream works, Dunboyne.
- Referred to a cattle feeder put in on the Old Drumree Road.
- Requested an Invite issue to the IAA to meet with the members of Ratoath and Ashbourne MD's.
- Referred to the big belly bins and concerns that they are not working.
- Said that the queries to the Members Reps Portal are not being responded to.
- Asked that wet leaves be removed from footpaths, causing a hazard.
- Referred to dog bins where all rubbish is deposited into them.

Responses were provided by the Director and area engineer.

The meeting concluded at 12.15pm.

Signed:

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