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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

10.30a.m, 06th November 2024, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Caroline O'Reilly, Gillian Toole, Fionnan Blake, Gerry O'Connor, Maria Murphy, Brian Fitzgerald

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/Apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Services: Fiona Fallon

Executive Engineer: Apologies

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird & Francis Regan

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

Clerical Officer: Kathryn Fox

Apologies: Philip Traynor, Area Engineer.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of October 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

2.0 Matters arising from minutes

Asked for an update on a school warden for Rathbeggan NS, funding costs for the Active Travel projects, yellow box requirement for the junction of the R125 and Ballybin road, capacity review of the big belly bins, update to the enforcement issue at Collegelands.

The Director Fiona Fallon updated on Collegelands and said that the issue of a possible unauthorized development is with An Bord Pleánala for decision and that no works can be done until such time that a decision is made.

3.0 Expressions of sympathy and congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Captain Con Power, Summerhill.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Brian Walsh and Fiona McAuley who facilitated workshops at the Puca festival.
- Dunshaughlin Royal Gaels ladies winning the senior football.
- Ratoath football groups on winning their divisions.
- Dunsany ladies on winning their division.
- Paul Healy, owner Supervalu, Dunshaughlin, on his retirement from Supervalu. It was agreed to write to MR Healy and thank him for all his work with the local Tidy Towns groups.

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- Batterstown and Dunshaughlin on winning bronze in their category of the National Tidy Towns competition.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

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

- Commended the engineer and outdoor crew on all the works done.
- Enquired to the hours that the works on the R147 will take place.
- Asked for a bin outside Apache pizza, Dunshaughlin.
- Referred to Ardlea where the public are crossing the wall to access the bus stop and if the wall can be raised.
- Asked that the traffic lights in Dunboyne be looked at as causing issues.
- Enquired if ramps outside schools can be painted red and white.

5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

"Can the council please provide an update on the new streetlights, on the Bog Road (L5013), being switched on?"

Response:

The Council is currently awaiting ESB to connect the power supply to the new micropillar. The Council's contractor has completed the lighting works, but we do not yet have a confirmed timeline from ESB for the connection. It is anticipated that the work will be completed within the next two months.

The response was noted.

6.0 Notice of Motions

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

"To call on Meath County Council to construct the continuation of the road from the R147 at the Willows housing estate, through the Lagore Road (L5029) joining to the Ratoath Road (R125)"

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

It is not an objective of Meath Co County Council to construct the road from the R147 at the

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Willows housing estate, through the Lagore Road (L5029) joining to the Ratoath Road (R125) within the life of the current Meath County Development Plan however the review of the CDP 2021-2027 commences next year and land use zonings and future distributor road requirements will be assessed in detail as part of that process.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Fionnan Blake** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** was agreed.

Cllr Blake introduced the motion and said with the new developments and an increase in the population, there is a requirement for this infrastructure to be put in place. Cllr O'Connor stated that this distributor road is a condition of a planning permission for a housing development and will be developer led. Director Fiona Fallon suggested that the members include a submission for the distributor road for inclusion in the review of the County Development Plan next year.

7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

8.0 Any Other Business

There were interventions from Councillors' G O'Connor, G Toole, C O'Reilly, B Fitzgerald, N Killian, M Murphy.

Matters raised included the following:

- Derrockstown graveyard is also named as Ronan's graveyard on Google maps
- Members agreed that Katie Gaynor, Olympian swimmer would turn on Christmas lights in Dunboyne.
- Referred to the construction in Ratoath where there is a traffic management issue.
- Sought an update on what's happening at Collegelands.
- Asked that bollards be installed to deter parking at the car washing facility, Bracetown.

Fiona Fallon Director updated accordingly to the issues.

The meeting concluded at 11.37am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach