

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

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

***10.00a.m, 04<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Caroline O'Reilly, 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:** Philip Traynor

**Meetings Administrator:** Francis Regan

**Assistant Staff Officer:** Stephen Carey

**Clerical Officer:** Kathryn Fox

#### **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**

##### **1.2 Confirmation of GMA Minutes – November 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

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

There were interventions from Cllr O'Connor & Killian thanking the chief executive for following through on his commitment and **praising** the recent budget.

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

##### **Congratulations were extended to:**

Our Pride of Place winners and the teams organizing the events.

To Gillian O'Toole and Aisling Dempsey on their election as TD's and to those reelected from Meath.

To Paul & Mandy Healy of Super Valu on their retirement.

## **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 was noted and the following items raised:**

- Update requested on High-Rider for Dunboyne playground and reported that a seat in the park is broken.
- Hedge cutting to date on the R147 welcomed but asked could trees be cut in Kilmore on the R156.
- Enquired can signs be placed on Maynooth Road warning of potential Deer hazard.
- Referred to works needed in Rooske area for a patch of tarmacadam.
- A call for three trees opposite McElroys pharmacy, Dunboyne to be cut back.
- Enquired when lights and pedestrian crossing at Dun Rioga Crescent will be activated.
- On the R125, the yellow boxes at Manor lands and St. Olivers Estate need repainting.
- Call for a footpath to be installed in Lagore, at Aldi, and at the rugby club opposite Supervalu in Ratoath. General concern about footpaths in Dunshaughlin town centre.
- A sycamore tree causing damage at The Rise, Dunshaughlin
- New bin requested opposite Apache Pizza, Dunshaughlin
- Intentions for the Commmunity lands in Drumee.

The engineer responded accordingly

### **4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

**4.2.1** To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District  
The allocations were noted.

## 5.0 Notice of Questions

### 5.1 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

*"Are there any plans to install traffic calming measures on the L4010 Kilmessan, close to the National School?"*

#### **Response:**

The Active Travel Section has no plans to install traffic calming measures on the L4010 in Kilmessan. Note that in 2013/4 works were carried out to install footpaths, a bus pull-in bay and a signalised pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the school. Traffic Calming road signage has been updated in 2024.

**The response was noted.**

## 6.0 Notice of Motions

### 6.1 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

*"I call on Meath County Council to install lighting at the public park in Ratoath - in the playground at Steeplechase housing estate, adjoining An Chrannog housing estate, due to dangerous anti social behavior in the area."*

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

There are currently no plans to provide public lighting to playgrounds in Co Meath. Currently the Local Authority has little capital funds for Public Lighting schemes due to the investments and commitment to the PLEEP project. Notwithstanding this, while it is acknowledged that antisocial behaviour is unacceptable, the provision of public lighting at playgrounds could attract more instances of loitering at an off road location in the absence of CCTV or adequate enforcement.

The motion and response were noted on the proposal of **Councillor Fionnan Blake** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

Cllr. Blake was not entirely satisfied with the above response as Garda had informed him that lights could help in the above. Director Fiona Fallon suggested that Cllr. Blake & Cllr. Killian approach our new appointed 'Community Safety Coordinator' who may be able to help with lighting and possible CCTV as a means to help address the anti-social behaviour which could form part of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy"

## 7.0 Correspondence

There was none

## 8.0 Any Other Business

There were interventions from Cllr. Murphy and Cllr. Fitzgerald. Matters raised included the following:

- Requested a survey be done to identify if a designated bus stop be proposed Pelletstown Cross.
- Enquired on the status of electric gate installation at Dunboyne graveyard and if there be a caretaker for the site.

- Can the HSE be contacted regarding vacant building and lands and what is the intention for both.

The meeting concluded at 11.58am

Signed:

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Cathaoirleach